



***Raising Jairus' Daughter
and Healing the Woman's
Issue of blood***

***Troparion of the Resurrec-
tion, Tone 3***

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the firstborn of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy!

***Troparion of Annunciation,
Tone 4***

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

***Kontakion of Annunciation,
Tone 8***

O Victorious Leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride!

Weekly Bulletin

Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

November 7th , Tone 3, Luke 8:41-56

The gospel for the twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost teaches us to trust even in cases which seem hopeless. This gospel (Lu. 8:41-56) brings together two episodes. A woman, who for twelve years had suffered from an issue of blood which long medical treatment had been unable to alleviate, touches Jesus and is healed. The ills which affect our bodies and souls are therefore not incurable, however serious and long-established they may be. Even where apparent spiritual death is concerned, still one must hope against all hope.

The daughter of Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, seemed dead, and when Jesus said that she was not dead but asleep, the people ridiculed him. But he, taking the young girl by the hand, commanded her to arise, and she arose. Thus we must not despair, either for oneself or for others, even when the appearance of spiritual death has set in. One must never say: "For me or for this or that person, nothing can be done". In such extreme cases, one can no longer count on human intervention: one must allow Jesus alone to work in a sinful soul. "And he put them all out, and took her by the hand...".

This great message of hope, which coincides more or less with the beginning of Advent, show that portions of the Scriptures which are fixed quite independently of it can harmonize with this liturgical period. The gospel for today also speaks, in its own way, of the victory of light over darkness.

Taken from the *Year of Grace of the Lord*, by a Monk of the Eastern Church

From the Lives of the Saints... THE HOLY MARTYR HIERON AND HIS COMPANIONS

Hieron was born in Tyana in Cappadocia of a good and devout mother, Stratonika, who was blind. Hieron was a very zealous Christian and served his blind mother with great filial love. For two reasons he did not wish to join the army, and he resisted and drove off those who had been sent to take him. Hieron was loath to leave his helpless mother, and it was grievous for him even to consider that, as a soldier, he would be compelled to offer sacrifices to idols. Finally, Hieron was arrested along with other Christians, and they were all taken before the eparch of the town of Melitene. While they were still on the road, a man clad in a brilliant white garment appeared to Hieron one night and said: "Behold, Hieron, I proclaim salvation to you: you shall not wage war for an earthly king, but for the Heavenly King you will complete your struggle, and you shall soon come to Him to receive honor and glory." At

Announcements and

Divine Liturgy for St. Michael the Archangel— Monday, at 9AM.

Great Vespers— Saturday, at 5:30 PM.

Divine Liturgy— Sunday, at 10AM.

Coffee Hours— This week's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Diane and Luci. Next week's Coffee Hour will be our bagels and coffee week.

Church School/Adult Ed.— We will next meet on Sunday, November 14th, at 9AM.

Parish Council— will meet next Sunday, after Coffee Hour.

Pray for... Hierarch Nikolai (Soraich)— battling cancer. Samir's friend, **Johnny, who has been improving in the battle to save his sight.** **Brian,** Sunday's brother. **George and Alex,** health problems. **Reposed Darrel,** Kyle's father. **Diane F. recovering from Surgery.** **Erika and Family.** All those who have lost their lives or are suffering as a result of the current Pandemic . **Archimandrite Alexander**— Fr. Lawrence's long-time father confessor, who reposed. **Kerrie Photine**— recent surgery, **Karen and Scott**— battling health issues. **Mitred Archpriest Basil**— a long-time friend of Father's, newly reposed. **Newly reposed Emiliane (Janie G.) and reposed Vadim.** Our **Vladyka Benjamin**—battling on-set parkinsons. **Tsige Roman and Abraham**— I know we are always mindful of Tsige, but please continue to pray for the work and for Ethiopia, torn by civil war, with all the problems that go with a regional terror. **Newly Reposed Maria S.**—who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, around 11:30 PM. **Reposed Jonathan T. Reposed Vadim, Newly Reposed Donny.** The newly reposed **Protopresbyter Leonid, the longtime chair of the Department of External Affairs for the OCA, and brotherinlaw to Olga H., Brian, Kerrie and family**— asking prayers for family sickness. **Oxana**— traveling. **George and Alesis,** Brother and Daughter of Peter and Irene S. **Matushka Ioanna R., Reposed. Matushka Priscilla, ill. Anya J**— a long-time friend of the parish who is ill. **Stephen F.**— battling back pain. **John F.**— battling cancer. **Archpriest Anthony**— battling cancer. **Julie**— sister of Kathy M., battling health problems. **Archbishop Benjamin**—parkinsons. **Mitred Archpriest Sergei**—who reposed recently. **Rhoda's requests for Douglas and Kayana.** **Reposed Constance**— the mother of Andrew F.

this, Hieron's heart was filled with inexpressible joy. In Melitene they were all thrown into prison and Hieron, with great zeal, strengthened all the prisoners in the Faith, urging that not even one of them fall away, but that all willingly offer their bodies to torture and death for Christ. All but one confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The exception was Hieron's kinsman Victor, who fell away from the Faith. The tormentors cut one of Hieron's hands off, then flogged and tortured him in various ways until they beheaded him and the others. Going to the place of execution, these thirty-three martyrs chanted the Psalm: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord (Psalms 118:1). Here we will name the honorable martyrs whose names are written with his in the Book of Life: Hesychius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodulus, Callimachus, Eugenius, Theodochus, Ostrichius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrichius, Anicletus, Themilius, Eutyichius, Hilarion, Diodotus and Amonitus. A man named Chrysanthus purchased Hieron's severed head and honorably buried it, later building a church over it in the saint's name. The martyr's severed hand was brought to his blind mother. St. Hieron, with his companions, suffered in the year 298 A.D. and entered the glory of Christ.

THE HOLY MARTYR THESSALONICA WITH AUCTUS AND TAURION

This maiden was the daughter of a pagan priest, Cleon, a rich and arrogant man. Because of her faith in Christ, her father drove her from the house and city. Two honorable citizens, Auctus and Taurion, reproached Cleon for his inhuman treatment of his daughter, and he in turn denounced them as Christians. They were bitterly tortured and beheaded for Christ. Thessalonica was then tortured and slain as well. They suffered in the Macedonian city of Amphipolis near present day Kavala. Thus, these martyrs were made worthy of the Immortal Kingdom by their honorable suffering.

THE VENERABLE LAZARUS OF GALESIIUS

A pillar of light appeared above the house where he was born. Lazarus left his village of Magnesia and went to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to the holy places. There, he was tonsured a monk in the Monastery of St. Sava the Sanctified. After ten years, he settled on Mount Galesius and lived a life of asceticism on a pillar as a stylite. Lazarus was a miracle-worker both during his life and after death. Emperor Constantine Monomachus had great respect for him. Attaining old age, St. Lazarus entered into eternity toward the end of the eleventh century.

The Prologue of Ochrid, edited and written by St. Nikolai

“There do not exist many or few, nor small or great problems. The only problem is the absence of Christ from our lives” (From the life and teachings of Elder Epiphanius Theodoropoulos)