



Weekly Bulletin

Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to Thee!

Troparion for 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!

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 30th , Tone 3, Lu. 8:26-39

The gospel for the [21st] Sunday after Pentecost (Lu.8:26-39) describes the healing, in the country of the Gadarenes, of a man possessed by devils...Let us look at some secondary aspects of this episode. Jesus asks the possessed man: "What is thy name?" There is more in this than a simple question, for these words themselves already initiate therapy. Jesus wishes to bring the man, who had spoken as if he identified himself with the demon back to awareness of his own personality and identity. He wants to restore to him a sense of his own personality and independence.

Whenever a sinner is so sunk in habit that it seems as if he is driven by the power of evil, Jesus, above all, wants him to dissociate himself from the powers and to remember his own name — the name given him by God: "I have called thee by name; thou art mine..."(Is. 43:1). In this name, by which God calls us, is found our true liberty and our true vocation. The possessed man answers Jesus: "My name is Legion," and the gospel explains, "because many devils were entered into him". Perhaps the man had seen a Roman legion, that inexorable force, which is both a multitude and a unity. In the same way, if we give in to sin, we become "legion"; or instincts, our mental images, all our psychic elements take on a chaotic independence; the will, weakened by each successive fall, is in no state to regain possession of them and to coordinate them; our whole personality becomes dissociated and disintegrates. God alone can gather these broken fragments and mend them. "Unite my heart..." we ask of him in Psalm 86:11.

Later, when the possessed man is healed, he begs Jesus to let him stay with him; but Jesus tells him to return to his house and to show what God has done for him. And the man returns "and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him" The majority of Christians are not called to follow Jesus in the literal sense of the word and to become itinerant disciples; but they all have an ordinary apostleship to practice in their immediate and daily surroundings, in the circles of their family and their work. This apostleship does not consist of "preaching", it consists rather of bearing personal witness, of sharing with others and authentic experience, of "declaring" and "publishing" what Jesus has done for them. Neither eloquence nor great

Announcements and Activities

Saturday Great Vespers— Saturday, at 5:30 pm.

Divine Liturgy— Sunday, at 10AM.

Church School/Adult Ed.— Sunday, November 6th, at 9AM.

Mortgage Drive— Today we conclude our mortgage drive. Time for our Treasurer to run the numbers and we'll get back to you about the results. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Hours— This week's Coffee Hour is our monthly potluck. Next week's Coffee Hour will be sponsored by Mike Me. And Edie O.

Fundraisers— your fundraising committee met and are making plans for a big push at the end of 2022. We will be working with 3 fundraisers: Online Auction, Christmas Wreaths, and Food Faire. The committee is busy arranging times for food prep for our Food Faire. Let's make a point of getting ourselves ready to plug in and to work for the church in order to then be free in the spiritual work coming through Lent and Pascha. Thanks!

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. **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. **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. **George and Alesis**, Brother and Daughter of Peter and Irene S. **Matushka Ioanna R. reposed. Matushka Priscilla, ill. Anya J**— a longtime 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. **Rhoda's requests** for Douglas and Kayana. **Reposed Constance**— the mother of Andrew F. **Will**— reposed, Michael T.'s brother-inlaw. **Reposed Vadim. Christian**— undergoing some medical testing. The reposed— **Novice Nonna, Robbie**— cancer. **Raphael**, cancer. **Child Aidan**— seizures. **Child Henry. Robbie** the cousin of Brian R., who reposed after a battle with cancer. **Louis Joseph M.**, is now home and, thank God, ready to come to church **Reposed Dn. George. Jobie**, cancer. **Darryl and Laura Beth. Repose: Stavrophore Elizabeth, of Kazan Skete . Pastor Brad**, a friend of Kirk's who is going through a difficult time. **Sarah**, the daughter of Fr. Lawrence's godfather, health issues. **Youseff and Jimmy**— who are ill. **Matushka Ann Hopko**, reposed. **Jonathan**— ill. **Sonja**— Sunday's daughter-inlaw who gave birth through C-section and is recovering. Congratulations! **Reposed Metropolitan Herman**, former Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America. **Reposed Armand**— former member of our parish.. **Reposed Barbara Ranjo. Reposed Matushka Ann Hopko, Tom Wood**— heart surgery. **Fr. And Matushka's Granddaughter Annabella is battling and persistent illness. Reposed: Fr. Maximos of St. Silouan Monastery, Laure**— battling Cancer. **Laure**— battling cancer. **Paul**— ill **Ralph**— ill

intelligence are needed for this ministry. It is open to the humblest — for all it calls for is a spirit of sincerity and devotion.

(Taken from, The Year of Grace of the Lord, by a Monk of the Eastern Church)

From the Lives of the Saints.. THE HIEROMARTYR ZENOBIUS AND HIS SISTER ZENOBIA

They were from the town of Aegea in Cilicia. They inherited the true Faith and great material wealth from their parents. Working zealously for the Faith and with great love, they distributed all their wealth to the poor. Because their hands were so generous, the hand of God shielded them from every evil intent of men and demons. The generous hands of Zenobius, which gave to the poor, were endowed by God with the gift of miracle-working, and Zenobius healed the sick of every kind of infirmity merely by touching them. Zenobius was appointed Bishop of Aegea. During a persecution, the Prefect Lysias arrested him and said: "I offer you two choices: life or death; life if you worship the gods, or death if you do not." St. Zenobius replied: "Life without Christ is not life but death, whereas death for the sake of Christ is not death but life." When Zenobius was subjected to cruel tortures, Zenobia came to the judge and said: "I also want to drink from this cup of suffering, and be crowned with that wreath." After being tortured in fire and in boiling pitch, both were beheaded with the sword in about the year 285 A.D. Thus this brother and sister took up their habitation in the Kingdom of the Immortal Christ the King.

THE HOLY APOSTLES CLEOPAS, TERTIUS, MARK, JUSTUS AND ARTEMAS

They were all numbered among the Seventy. The risen Lord appeared to Cleopas on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-33). Tertius wrote down the Epistle to the Romans for Paul (Romans 16:22), and died a martyr as Bishop of Iconium after the Apostle Sosipater (November 10). St. Mark (or John) was the son of the devout Mary (whose home was a refuge for the apostles and the first Christians), and a kinsman of Barnabas (Acts 12:12). He became the bishop of the Samaritan town of Apollonia. Justus was a son of Joseph the Betrothed. Together with Matthias, he was one of those selected as a possible replacement for Judas the traitor, but he was not chosen. He suffered for the Gospel as a bishop in Eleutheropolis. St. Artemas was Bishop of Lystra in Lycaonia, and reposed peacefully.

THE HOLY KING MILUTIN

Milutin was the son of Uroš I and Queen Helena and brother of Dragutin. He fought many battles defending his Faith and his people. He fought against Emperor Michael Palaeologus because Palaeologus accepted union with Rome and tried to force the Balkan peoples and the monks of Athos to recognize the pope. He fought against Shishman, King of Bulgaria, and Nogai, King of the Tartars, in order to defend his lands. All his wars were successful, for he constantly prayed to God and hoped in God. He built more than forty churches: beside those that he built in his own land--Treskavac, Gračanica, St. George in Nagorič, the Church of the Holy Theotokos in Skoplje, Banjska and so forth--he also built churches outside of his land, in Thessalonica, Sofia, Constantinople, Jerusalem and the Holy Mountain. He entered into rest in the Lord on October 29, 1320 A.D. His body was soon shown to be incorrupt and miracle-working; and as such, it reposes even today in the Church of the Holy King in Sofia, Bulgaria.*)

Taken from the Prologue of Ochrid, Compiled, 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)