

relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Steven Goula, Eileen Gray, James Seman, Fr. Lee Gross, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, and John Ryaby III, brother of Madonna Jaimes.

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that the pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days of precept [holydays of obligation]" (canon 294). This liturgy intention for all parishioners is "For the Intention of Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners who participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue this prayer for one another during the week by remembering several parishioners' families each week. Please remember this week: Ronald and Susan Neff, Christina and Doug Nevitt & family, Carlton Noffsinger, David and Laura Norod & family, Andrew and Katie Nowakowski & family, Carol and Gary Noyes & family, Michael & Laura O'Leary & family, and from the Mission, Tonja Siemucha.

Sunday Liturgy Intentions. One Liturgy every Sunday and holyday of obligation must by canon law be for the intention of parishioners. If a second Sunday Liturgy is offered, an intention can be accepted. Since we have had only one Sunday Divine Liturgy for fourteen Sundays, the Liturgy was for the Intention of our Parishioners. As a result, the intentions requested for the second Liturgy on Sundays have not been offered. The celebrant can pray for additional intentions during the Liturgy, for example, the priest is required to pray for the bishop who ordained him at every Liturgy he offers. The celebrant will pray for the intention parishioners have offered. Please note that this does not persolve the Liturgy

intention requested. The Liturgy intention that had been requested this Sunday is:

Dormition Fast. The Dormition Fast began Saturday, August 1st and continues fourteen days to August 14th in preparation for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. On August 1st, the Procession of the Holy Cross, the relic of the true Cross was taken through Constantinople for two weeks because this was the time plague became prevalent.

Transfiguration. Thursday, August 6th is a solemn holyday, the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. There will be one Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM. Fruit will be blessed after the Divine Liturgy.

Public Liturgies. The Commonwealth of Virginia began Phase Three July 1st. In his episcopal letter of May 13th, Bishop Kurt Burnette announced that churches may reopen for public worship according to the directives of the public health authorities and with the bishop's permission. For churches, Phase Three requirements are the same as Phase One requirements. This means that the Parish Strategic Plan and the Eparchial Checklist is still applicable. This means churches may open at 50% of capacity provided health department requirements are met. It is important for public health not to slacken in observing the Strategic Plan and the requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense from the obligation to assist at Sunday Divine Liturgy so those who are at risk or feel unsafe may remain at home. Please keep in mind that Divine Law still requires us to keep the Lord's Day holy by prayer and by refraining from unnecessary work. The bishop cannot dispense Divine Law. Further, the Bishop had encouraged all to make a good confession later in the year when it is safe.

Live Streaming. In response to the spiritual needs the Faithful of Epiphany, the Divine Liturgy of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

today will be live streamed at 10:30 AM, visit <https://eolbcc.org/live/>. We offer thanks to Brian Jessee, the Epiphany website builder and webmaster as well as parishioner, for all his work for our parish.

Praying at Home Together. If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your homes so that we can be united in praying the same prayers. These are available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, <https://mci.archpitt.org>. The entire People's Molitvennik is available under Publications tab to use when participating in the live streaming Liturgy.

Messages from the Pastor. Father John has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these email messages, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed it and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish office epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net.

Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled. If you have offered a Divine Liturgy for an intention to be celebrated during the suspension, you will be contacted to reschedule.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Shelby Lee and Kelsey Lee upon the death of their mother, Sherri Lee, who passed away Wednesday, July 29. The funeral is from Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday, August 6th at Epiphany of our Lord church from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. Parastas will be at 5:30PM. Mourners will be received Friday at Epiphany church at 9:00 AM. Funeral Divine

Liturgy will be 9:30AM. Interment will be at Fairfax Memorial Park. May God grant His departed servant, +Sherri, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'.

Graduates. Only a few parishioners have responded to our request for the names and schools from which they graduated this year, 2020. We realize that there was nothing normal about the 2019-2020 school year. However, an achievement is an achievement and we want to acknowledge it, ESPECIALLY, this year. So, if you are a 2020 graduate of 8th grade, middle school, high school, college or graduate school or the parent of a 2020 graduate, please submit the graduate's name and school from which graduated to the parish office before Wednesday, August 5th. Please do not leave messages on the office phone. We cannot retrieve voicemail. Email is best: epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net.

EMC Bingo. Due to the Pandemic, Bingo has been suspended indefinitely. Observance of local, state, Catholic Mutual, and eparchial requirements for safe distancing and sanitizing does not make reopening Bingo economically feasible. We will continue to monitor health and scientific information as it becomes available to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons.

Parish Bulletin. The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: www.eolbcc.org. It will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and photograph of the bulletin can be taken.

Executive Order. Governor Ralph Northam announced that Phase Three began July 1st. Phase Three requirements for Religious Gatherings are almost the same as Phase One. Phase Three provides Commonwealth of Virginia requirements to use the parish center.

Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols. In accordance with Bishop Kurt Burnette's and

Governor Northam's most recent Orders, the office hours for Epiphany of our Lord continue to be amended to the following: Monday through Friday - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Jamie, the administrative assistant, will cover the office during those hours from home two days of the week. She will be teleworking Tuesday afternoon and all day Thursday. She will be physically in the parish office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Lucie, the financial assistant, is working in the office only. She will be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Given that response to this crisis is so fluid and schedules can change so quickly, please call the office phone number before venturing out. Please **DO NOT** leave a message on the office telephone. Until the new phone system is installed, we are not able to collect our voicemail messages. Parish staff has established safety and health protocols at the parish office, as well. If you have business at the office, please use the new doorbell. We will respond through the intercom after verifying your presence at the door. Jamie is able to respond to the door from home as well. Please wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer station when you come into the office and observe social distancing.

MiTel Conference Call. The second conference call for the programming of the new telephone system was held Wednesday, July 15th, at which programming design was completed. The workbook was then sent, and Jamie Bacigalupi, Bill Fournier and Father John reviewed it and made comments for changes or corrections. Those changes were made. Now four of the parish phone numbers have to be transferred to MiTel for their system. Then the equipment can be ordered and installed. Fr. John and the parish office staff are very anxious have the new phone system up and running. It will make communication with parishioners so much easier.

Book Store. The Bookstore is open by appointment only. Please contact a Bookstore manager and be prepared to wear a mask and not to use the rest rooms in the Social Hall.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. Epiphany of our Lord exceeded our goal of \$19,800 to donate \$20,548.50. Sixty-nine households including ELG brought Epiphany church to our goal and above. Epiphany Ladies Guild has given a donation of \$3,000. The present total of payment is \$20,548.50. There are no payments on pledge outstanding. Montgomery County Mission parishioners have pledged \$6,800.08, exceeding their goal of \$6,000. Epiphany parish will receive a check for 40 % of our totals. The 2019 Appeal concluded June 30, 2020. Contributions received after June 30, 2020 will be credited to the 2020 Appeal.

Contributions On Line. The Eparchy of Passaic has been accepting offertory and donations made for the parishes of the eparchy. This ended yesterday, August 1st. Bishop Kurt has mandated pastors to set up online donation capabilities with Tithely, an online donation service. Initial contact with Tithely has been made. Parishioners will be notified when the set up has been completed..

Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Bishop Kurt has announced that the Wedding Anniversary Celebration for the Middle States Syncellate for married couples observing their 5th anniversary and every five-year anniversary after that is postponed until 2021 when 2020 and 2021 anniversaries will be celebrated together.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Parish Office Schedule
- Rescheduling of Liturgy Intentions Begun
- EMC Bingo – Suspended Indefinitely
- Bishop's Appeal – Over goal! Waiting for refund.
- Prayers for Graduates
- MiTel Phone Numbers Transfer
- Blessing of Fruit
- Wedding Anniversary Celebration
- On Line Contributions

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

August 2, 2020

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$2,850.00
Building Fund	\$1,126.00
Holy Days	\$30.00
Candles	\$135.50
School of Religion	\$1.00
Seminary	\$50.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$53.00
Online Donation	[\$1,110]
TOTAL	\$4.245.00

Tithing & Giving. Above accounting represents weeks 7/19 and 7/26. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from the chancery. Effective August 1, 2020, the online giving account provided by the Chancery has been closed. At this point the bishop expects each parish to set up their own online giving program, which we are in the process of doing for the parishioners of Epiphany, Annandale and Gaithersburg. Thank you for continuing to use your giving envelopes.

"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobs, Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Paul Vrabel, and Richard Wytko. Please pray for these friends and



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ
Glory Forever!

August 2, 2020

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 2 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Tenth Week after Pentecost

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Aug. 6 Thurs. 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

Aug. 7 Fri. 9:30 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy + Sherri Lee

Aug. 8 Sat. 10:00 AM +Robert Donaldson by Araceli Hughes

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 9 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – August 9, 2020

Aug. 09 Sun. One server will be assigned under Phase Three Reopening Plan.

USHER SCHEDULE – August 9, 2020

Aug. 09 Sun. Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Sunday, August 9, 2020.

All public services in church in Phase Three in Virginia can have 50% of capacity. People in attendance must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation - (Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist). We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is imparted at the same time immediately following baptism

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants – is scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Saturdays or Sundays during the year except certain fast periods. Sponsors must be Catholics in good standing and supply a sponsor card attesting to that from their parish. While two Catholics in good standing is usual, one baptized non-Catholic can function as a Christian Witness with the Catholic sponsor. Both must be at least sixteen years of age. Details are available at the parish office.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults – follows a period of catechumenate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage – According to the Pastoral Policy and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Catholic Church in New Jersey, couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor one year before the date of the wedding and be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Couples will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions – to begin the pre-nuptial investigation, to take FOCCUS, a communications, values and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the pre-nuptial investigation and for a session on the theology of the mystery (sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. In addition, confessions are heard during the Christmas Fast (Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) at other scheduled times. Visiting confessors are also scheduled at special times during the Great Fast. Confessions are also heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord’s Resurrection.

Anointing of the Sick – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and anointing of the sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church before entering the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance of interruption for confession and anointing. If you are unable to come to church, please call the rectory. Families of parishioners who have a medical emergency should contact the rectory office so one of the priests can go the hospital.

Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home by the deacon on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact the deacon or the rectory office by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

Funeral Services – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. The Epiphany Ladies Guild as part of their charity offers a Mercy Meal for families at the Parish Center following the interment. Epiphany of our Lord cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County - Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM; Religious Education & Social Hour 11:15-12:15: 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD; (301) 482-0282.

Parish Administration

“The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization.”

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor
Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

School of Religion - School of Religion classes meet on Sundays between Liturgies (9:20 AM - 10:20 AM) throughout the school year (September - June). Classes are offered for children grades Preschool & Kindergarten - High School

Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.

Registration - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

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Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

GREEN p. 161 Tone 8

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D EXCEPT

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 161 GREEN
Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 162 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 162 GREEN
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17
Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 8 p.163
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i 4n a4 Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i 4n a4i-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravjy, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

SVJATYJ BOŽE – HOLY GOD

Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. (3)
Slava Otcu, i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amin.
Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.
Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjassčej Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiň. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Alliluia. Alliluia. Alliluia.

SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolň nebo i zeml'a slavy Tvojeja: osanna vo vyšnich, blahosloven hrjadyj vo imja Hospodne, osanna vo vyšnich.

TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

Tebe pojem, Tebe blahoslovim, Teb'i blahodarim, Hospodi, i molimtisja Bože naš.

DOSTOJNO JEST' – IT IS TRULY PROPER

Dostojno jest' jako voistinnu blažiti t'a bohorodicu, prisnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Česňijsuju Cheruvim i slavňišuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez istl'inija Boha Slova roždšuju, suščuju Bohorodicu, t'a veličajem.

OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijedet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zemli. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože I my ostavl'ajem dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušenje, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

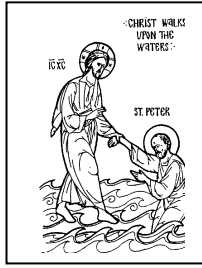
VID'ICHOM SVIT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom svit istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itochom v'iru istinnuju, nerazd'ilnij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklanjajemsja, T'a bo nas spasla jest'.

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojeho Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'ascim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojej. Alliluja.

Meditation on Today's Readings



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

“Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid” Matthew 14:22-33

The gospel passage the holy fathers have appointed for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is the account of Jesus walking on the water and calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee. As such, it follows the miraculous feeding of the multitude in the deserted place that was appointed to be read on the Eighth Sunday. In appointing gospel readings for the Sundays after Pentecost from the gospel according to Matthew, the holy fathers are following the chronology that gospel presents.

After Saint John the Baptist was beheaded, Jesus, hearing that Herod thinks that John has returned in Jesus, departs for a deserted place to pray to God the Father, but the people follow Him. There Jesus heals the sick and preaches. Because they are in a uninhabited place and there is no food available Jesus multiplies the offering of five loaves and two fish and feeds the five thousand men as well as the women and children through the agency of the Twelve apostles. Following this Jesus dismisses the crowd, orders the Twelve back into the boat, and the apostles cross the Sea of Galilee. According to John's account Jesus does this because the people want to make Him king. Then, Jesus goes up the mountain to pray which was why He came here. During the ensuing storm on the lake, Jesus comes to the Twelve, walking on water. These two events, the feeding of the multitude in the desert and the dry passage through the sea had been prefigured by Moses and the Hebrews who pass through the Red Sea and then are fed Manna -- Bread from heaven -- and quail.

The holy fathers understood this passage to refer to the Church of Jesus Christ which, they felt, always lives between the Lord feeding His Body, the Church, through the apostles and their successors at each miraculous Meal, the Mass or Divine Liturgy, and the storms of life that is the state of life here on earth. To be a true disciple of Jesus one has to be “in Peter's boat,” that is, Christ's Church. It seems that after Divine Liturgies or the Mass, Jesus is far away in communion with His Father, but He really is very close when we pray for help. Prayer is a main feature of this gospel lesson, for Jesus, even after teaching and healing and feeding, does not “forget” the reason He came to this place or consider that His time was taken more profitably by works of charity. Rather, He makes time to pray. Also, the Twelve, when they need God, call out in prayer. Peter, as he is sinking, prays, “Lord, save me.” All the prayers are answered because Jesus reveals that He is God when, in order to correct them since they think He is a ghost, says, “It is I.” Really, in the Greek original Jesus says, “*Ego eimi*” “I AM” that is, He pronounces the name of God, the name God revealed to Moses. This is why after they come to land, the answer to what Jesus has said is that they worship Him as God, and worship is another form of prayer. After the dismissal of each Divine Liturgy or Mass, Jesus' Body, the Church, is to pray to ensure and prolong both unions (between God and human and human and human) which occurs through the Bread of Heaven (the Holy Eucharist) until the next Divine Liturgy. The Divine Office, the Liturgy of the Hours, is the official prayer of the Church that maintains both unions between Divine Liturgies.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. 1 Cor 3:16-17

The Christian community in Corinth was a Greek European Christian community, one of the largest churches established by Saint Paul, and was composed of Jews and Gentiles, some wealthy and educated, but most ordinary people. The epistles to the Corinthians indicate there were a large number of women

Christians. Corinth was a cosmopolitan city with many religions and a great variety in living practice. It was known for accepting a loose living code. This ethical and cultural climate had an effect on the Christians. Saint Paul allows the Holy Spirit to speak through him to answer their questions. The Christians are being influenced by the human philosophies in Corinth and they are applying human standards to judge God's Gospel and the abilities of the preachers of Christ's Gospel. The Christians of Corinth are still in spiritual infancy and are judging the preachers of the Gospel by human standards. Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians and us that the role of ministry in the church is not for the clergy. They are not working for themselves, but to build up the Body of Christ. Each Christian does not belong to him-self or her-self or to the clergy but only to Christ our God. The root and source of all apostolic work is the one who gives the growth, God. Saint John Chrysostom preached that Christ is the foundation and we are built on Him, so a Christian must “not only be linked to Jesus Christ, they must, as it were, be glued to him”. Saint Paul extends his metaphor of a building, reminding all, Christians and the clergy who are building Christ in them, that there is a Day of Judgment and everyone must act in a responsible way. While Saint Paul can envision a strict account required of all on that Day of Judgment, He also is optimistic about the divine corrective means God uses to bring us to Him.

From *Ignatius Study Bible: Matthew, The Navarre Bible: Matthew, and Fr. John S. Custer The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspecti*

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Paul warns Christians to build their lives with materials that will stand up under God's judgment. Unscramble the words — 6 building materials mentioned by Paul and 6 attitudes we might build into our lives. Then cross out the 3 materials that would easily burn up in a fire and the 3 attitudes that would not withstand God's judgment.