

"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, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, and Greta Koehl. Please pray for these relatives and friends of our parishioners: Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, Steve Smith, Caleb Joseph Lugo, and Marie J. Stone, sister of Joseph Stone.

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs 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 pray for these parishioners; Charles and Helen Russo, Michael and Carlyn Ryan & family, Sean and Neele Ryan & family, Timothy, Jr. and Tracey Ryan & family, Timothy, Sr. Ryan, Anna Ryjik, Cynthia and Richard Sandridge, and from the Mission, Rosemary Chisarick.

Public Liturgies. The Governor of Virginia has issued the seventh revised Executive Order Seventy-two and Executive Order Seventy-Nine. In these orders the governor has lifted most restrictions according to recent guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control. According to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Emergency expired July 1, 2021, and all executive orders are expired or terminated. Bishop Kurt Burnette issued new directives May 26, 2021, effective May 28, 2021. The Bishop directs observing state laws. Bishop Kurt directs the following: Parishioners are not required to wear a mask as long as it is in compliance with state directives. People may continue to wear a mask for personal protection or as a courtesy to the vulnerable. No one should ask if someone has been vaccinated in order to be admitted. People are still encouraged to practice safe distancing in pews. Clergy and anyone assisting must wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion. Ushers when assisting Individual spoons must continue to be used when distributing Holy Communion. Priest

and deacon must continue to receive from separate chalices from the one used to distribute Holy Communion to the Faithful. The priest, and deacon, must continue to exercise caution in handing the offered and prepared Gifts before they are consecrated and handling, speaking, or singing near the Gifts or the metal ware (chalice, discos, asterisk, zeon) and continue to sanitize hands. The Bishop has not changed the directive on distributing the bulletins or replacing the People's Molitvennik or Bibles in the pew racks yet.

Sunday Obligation. The Bishop has revoked the dispensation regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy on June 6th. watching the live stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that "just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health or the health of others."

Adjustments to Plan. As a response to the governor's amended executive order and Bishop Kurt Burnette's guidelines of May 26, 2021 Epiphany will have certain adjustments in public worship and assembly. Please continue to follow the directions of the ushers. The sanitizing stations will still be at the same places and all are asked to avail themselves of their use. The collection will continue to be taken by the basket in the narthex for the present. Please note that adjustments to pew seating are being made to accommodate the Faithful since the Bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation has been revoked. The Bishop has not made any changes to allow the distribution of bulletins or replacing the books in the pew racks. However, the ushers will have Divine Liturgy books available if you desire. If you ask for a book, please take it home with you and bring it back for use each time you come to church. The sacristans will continue to sanitize surfaces and doors in church after each Divine Liturgy. The chapel will remain closed at present. When the chapel will be opened, the sacristans will have to sanitize it after each use and our sacristans have more work already without adding to their labors. Parishioners do not have to wear masks. Ushers are asked to continue to wear masks and gloves. Please observe the new marks on the carpet when in the Communion procession. Please maintain a sense of social distance.

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>.

Prayerbook in church. The entire People's Molitvennik is available at the <https://mci.archpitt.org> web site under Publications tab to use on your smart phone when participating in the Liturgy.

Two Divine Liturgies. There are two Divine Liturgies, one a Vigil Liturgy Saturdays at 5:00 PM and one Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 9:00 AM. This to include the festival weekend.

Dormition of the Mother of God. Today is the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. Flowers, plants and medicinal herbs will be blessed at the Divine Liturgies Saturday and Sunday.

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.

Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled Now that we have re-established two Divine Liturgies for Sunday, a Saturday 5:00 pm evening Divine Liturgy for Sunday and a 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Sunday, Jamie will begin to reschedule those Sunday requests not persolved in 2020 and through the first seven months of 2021.

Sacraments of Initiation. We welcome into the Mystical Body of Christ William Thomas Jacquier, son of Daniel and Hannah Jacquier, Baptized, Chrismated and received First Holy Communion on Sunday, August 8th. May God grant William Thomas a pure Profession of Faith all the days of his life. Mnohaja l'ita!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Festival Bake Sale: Every year, your generous donations of baked goods make our Bake Sale a success! Every flavor & shape is welcome. Keep in mind that **low calorie or gluten free offerings** are also welcomed! So please pull out your favorite recipes and let the baking begin! Label your donation being sure to include content details (nuts/no nuts, low fat, gluten free etc.) your name, and the words "Festival Bake Sale" on it. Place it in the Parish Center walk-in freezer, or the kitchen refrigerator if

delivered the festival weekend. Thank you in advance! Your donations are deeply appreciated. Maryanne Berezny Smith, Bake Sale Chair. Questions? Please call 703 283 2564 or email me at mbreezy1@verizon.net

Current Ushers: If you did not receive an email from Bob Wargo in the past two weeks regarding scheduling

that means either he doesn't have an email address for you, or the one he has is not valid. Therefore, please email him at bob.wargo56@gmail.com with your email address and indicate which liturgy you prefer to usher at, Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am, based upon the new liturgy schedule effective July 24. Also let him know if you would be willing to usher at your "non-preferred" liturgy occasionally.

New Ushers: Anyone not already an Usher, but who would like to be, please email Bob (see above) with the same information – email address, liturgy preference, and if willing to usher at the other liturgy from time-to-time.

On-line Giving. Bishop Kurt directed that all parishes have online giving service in place with www.tithe.ly.com by August 31, 2020. Both the parish and the mission have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online contribution, go to the church web site. On the home page is a link that says Epiphany of our Lord online donation. Click on that and you will be directed to Epiphany's tithe.ly account. Please note that where you see Offertory, that is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for: Sunday offertory, Building Fund, St. Nicholas Fund, or eparchial collections. Please show care in the category Recurring Giving. If it is not a donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

Tax Planning Opportunities. For those of you currently taking required minimum distributions from your IRA, consider making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) to Epiphany Church directly from your IRA. This will not only benefit our church, but it reduces your taxable income even if you do not itemize. Contact the parish office for more information.

EMC Bingo. New legislation went into effect July 1, 2021 that changes aspects of Bingo in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The new legislation has been forwarded to the eparchial attorney for review to determine how this will impact EMC Bingo. We will

continue to monitor and assess health and scientific information as it is released to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons.

Epiphany ECF-SOR. There are a few classes that still need catechists. If you would be willing to serve as catechist, please see Gayle Dietrich or email at gayledietrich@gmail.com.

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.

Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols. Parish Office hours remain: Monday, Wednesday, Friday-10:00 AM - 2:00 PM The hand sanitizer station remains for your use and safety. You may practice the courtesy of social distancing for safety.

Mission Development. Jack McLaurin and Father John have received the bid on work for the mission and will submit it for acceptance by the Bishop. Jim Dillon, the wood craftsman, has the icon screen prepared to be stained. Christine Uvegyes Loya sent computer generated images of the proposed icon copies for the mission. Father John spoke to Christine Uvegyes Loya this week about the mission icons. We hope Eikona Studios, Jim Dillon, and the contractors for site work and building construction can complete work in time for the twenty-fifth anniversary in October.

Book Store. The Bookstore is open Sunday by appointment. Please contact a Bookstore manager.

Restroom Availability FYI. Please note that the church restrooms are open for the use of our parishioners on Sundays and weekday Divine Liturgies. Rest rooms will continue to be sanitized.

Festival Announcements. Please note the following announcements regarding our Slavic-American Festival.

Holupki. Please start supporting Halupki Making!
Friday, August 27-10:00 am

Making stuffing, rolling over 2000 balls
Prepping cabbages

Saturday, August 28

Early birds 7:30- make sauce, prep pans

8:30- start rolling Halupki

Please help us get these done for the festival.

Daria Parrell & Thom Soyka

Festival Meeting. All chairs and interested parishioners are invited to the next Festival meeting Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 PM.

Silent Auction and Rummage Sale: Did you look at the stuff in your house over the past year and decide to get rid of some of it? We've got the answer for you! Donate it to the Festival Rummage Sale or – if you've decided to get rid of that old, dusty antique Tiffany Lamp (or some other "high end" item) – donate it to the Silent Auction! Donations being taken now! For the Rummage Sale, contact Tony Fazio at 703-323-3650. For the Silent Auction, contact Terry Bell at 703-802-1496.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal Recent Update. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments were accepted through June 1, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2020, must be attributed to the 2021 tax year. The goal for this year's campaign was the same as last year, \$19,800 for the church and \$6,000 for the mission. The parishioners at the church have pledged or given \$22,325. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. Epiphany has received their rebate totaling \$9,030. This is an incredible response in this difficult time. May God bless you for your sacrificial offerings to our eparchy and for our eparchy's donation to European eparchies.

Uniontown Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St. Basil the Great have announced that the 87th Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA will be held Sunday, September 5th. After consulting with the CDC, the Sisters will have the in-person pilgrimage with certain limitations. They request those with compromised immune systems and those unvaccinated to participate by live-stream. Since some people with illness and needs go to the Lady of Perpetual Help asking for a cure, possibly these petitioners could have someone go in their place to pray before her icon.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- Amended Safety Protocols
- Two Sunday Divine Liturgies
- Mission Development
- Bishop's Appeal
- Ushers Needed
- Festival Bake Sale
- Silent Auction and Rummage Sale
- Halupki Baking
- ECF-SOR
- Uniontown Pilgrimage
- SOR - Teachers Needed

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

August 15, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$9,002.00
Building Fund	\$1,905.00
Holy Days	\$575.00
Candles	\$151.00
BCY	\$15.00
SOR	\$135.00
Seminary	\$5.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$31.00
	<u>\$11,839.00</u>

Titling & Giving. This report represents donations made in person during the week 08/01/21. It does not include online donations. This report reflects offertory for 07/18/21 only as counting has returned to pre-Covid 19 practices.

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Summation of the online giving from 1/1/21 through 6/30/21.

General Offertory	\$15,976.94
Building Fund	\$3,208.29
Holy Days	\$184.31
Candles/Flowers	\$78.91
Eparchial Collections	\$96.68
Eastern Catholic Life	<u>\$42.70</u>
Total	\$19,587.83



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Glory to Jesus Christ!		Slava Isusu Christ!
Glory forever!	August 15, 2021	Slava na v'iki!

***VIGIL OF THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD***

Sat. Aug. 14 5:00 PM +Mary Ellen Kepick

***TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD***

Sun. Aug. 15 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirteenth Week after Pentecost

Tues. Aug. 17 10:00 AM +Timothy O'Leary by Monica Koshuta

Fri Aug. 20 10:00 AM +Richard Wytko by Irene Markovich

***VIGIL OF THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Sat. Aug. 21 5:00 PM +Jerry Mattingly by Betty Mattingly

Sun. Aug. 22 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – August 21 & August 22, 2021

Sat. Aug. 21 5:00 PM One server and a sacristan will be assigned.

Sun. Aug. 22 9:00 AM One server and a sacristan will be assigned.

USHER SCHEDULE – August 21 & August 22, 2021

Sat. Aug. 21 5:00 PM Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Saturday and Sunday.

Sun. Aug. 22 9:00 AM

People in attendance can wear masks but do not have to do so if vaccinated. No one will be asked to provide proof. People are requested to 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
<http://www.eolbcc.org>
Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

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ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE:

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1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia
Troparion of Resurrection Tone 3 p. 135-136 GREEN
Troparion of Feast of the Dormition Tone 1 p. 352 RED
Kontakion of Dormition Tone 2 p. 352 RED
4. Scripture readings:
Prokeimenon of Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Phillipians 2:5-11
Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
Gospel: Matthew 19: 16-26 and Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
5. Instead of "It is truly proper...", "Magnification & Irmos of Dormition
p. 353-354 RED

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i Slove Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i prisno-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. Slava Otcu i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amin.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

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

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

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 Bororodicu, prisnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Čestnišuju Cheruvim i slavnišuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez istl'inija Boha Slova roždšuju, suščuju Bohorodicu, t'a veličajem.

OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zeml'i. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'aje dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušenje, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

VID'ICHOM SV'IT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom sv'it istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itocom v'iru istinnuju nerazd'ilňij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklaňajemsja, Ta 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'aščim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojej. Allilua!



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

“When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said, ‘Who then can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19:16-26

Mothers were bringing their children to the Lord Jesus, and after He received them and blessed them a young man came up to ask Jesus about how to plan for his future. Jesus reveals His true identity to the young man and gives him the advice he asked but the teaching is too difficult, and the young man goes away sad.

This gospel passage is appointed by the holy fathers for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Once again, as they did for the Tenth and Eleventh Sundays, the holy fathers are following the chronology given in the gospel according to Matthew following Jesus’ transfiguration. Jesus was transfigured on Mount Tabor forty days before His crucifixion. These Sundays after Pentecost occur annually around August 6th, the observance of the Transfiguration. The Church observes the transfiguration in August, forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, rather than at the beginning of Lent forty days before Great Friday to avoid celebrating a Great Feast during Lent. The holy fathers appointed this passage to be read from the gospel according to Luke on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost although it is not always read at that time because it occurs around Christmas.

Two rich young men meet each other. One of them, Jesus, has the greatest wealth since as Son of God the whole cosmos takes existence from Him and belongs to Him. He was willing to give it all up and become man in order to help the poor human race. The human race was impoverished when the first man and woman lost everything for themselves and their descendants through losing original grace through their Original Sin. Jesus is willing to give even more. In less than forty days He will voluntarily submit to a terrible, violent death. The other, the rich young man, is unwilling to follow this example.

The rich young man approaches Jesus as if He was another great teacher, addressing Him as “Good Teacher.” Jesus’ response is clearer in the Greek original and in Church Slavonic than in English, literally saying, “There is only One who is good, God.” When Jesus answers the question He admits that He is that One God. As a good Physician of souls and bodies Jesus prescribes the cure to fit the patient. The rich young man wants to know what he must do to gain eternal life as if it all depends on his efforts rather than what it really is, a cooperative effort of God and human being. To correct this misunderstanding Jesus prescribes that the young man sells what he thinks is his security, his wealth, and distribute the money to the poor rather than spending it on himself, and then come and follow Jesus. St. John Chrysostom preached that divesting himself of his wealth and giving to the poor were the easy parts of Jesus’ command to the rich young man. The hard part is to follow, to imitate, Jesus.

The lesson is reinforced by the disciples’ question, “Who, then, can be saved?” Like us, they thought that success and accumulation of wealth is security and a sign of God’s blessing. While success and wealth can be a sign of God’s blessing, they must not be used as a substitute for true security which is following God to becoming truly good in order to attain eternal life.

Now I am reminding you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you...
I Corinthians 15:1-11

In the epistle appointed for this Sunday, Saint Paul is addressing the difficulties Christians living in Corinth have, where there are people of many different religions. Some of these other people do not accept that

there will be a resurrection, and this is having an effect on the Christians. Saint Paul writes that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the core belief of disciples. It is to testify to this belief that Christ has commissioned the apostles and for this belief they will give their lives. The witnesses have seen Jesus risen from the dead. This has changed their lives. We accept their testimony and life in hope of being raised with Jesus.

From the Navarre Bible-Matthew, the Ignatius Study Bible-The Gospel of Matthew, John S. Custer, *The Holy Gospel, A Byzantine Perspective*, and the Navarre Bible-The New Testament

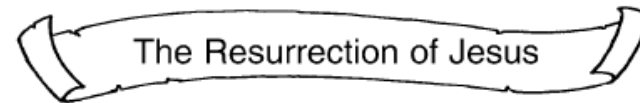
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Ages 7+

August 15, 2021 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



Many people witnessed Jesus after the Resurrection.

The missing words have 1 to 10 letters. Some of the letters are already supplied, while the rest may be found inside the tomb.

Paul wrote, “This message is most

I _____ O _____ A _____! Jesus died and rose from the dead on the third _____ Y. H _____ was seen by _____ T _____ R _____ and James and the _____ T _____ L _____ disciples, by five _____ H _____ D _____ D _____ believers and all the _____ P _____ S _____ T _____ S _____. Finally, _____, who _____ P _____ S _____ C _____ T _____ D _____ the church, saw Him _____ L _____ T _____.”

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