

Liturgy for parishioners 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, Lynn Valko, Anthony Vara, John Vernoski, Mary E. Vieira, Mary Elizabeth Vieira Glenn and Annette Ward, Robert and Deborah Wargo, and from the Mission, Vincent and Joni Kovalick.

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.

Episcopal Guidelines. Bishop Kurt issued directives for his parishes effective May 28, 2021. 1) The Bishop directs that state and local health directives should be observed. 2) Parishioners do not have to wear a mask except for personal choice. 3) Priests, deacons and those assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion should wear a mask. 4) The priest and deacon are to receive from chalices other than the one to be used for the Faithful. 5) Individual spoons must continue to be used to distribute Holy Communion. 6) The priest and deacon must continue to exercise caution in handling the offered and prepared gifts before they are consecrated, and handling, speaking or singing near the Gifts or the metal ware (chalice, discos, zeon) and continue to sanitize their hands prior to touching them. 7) No one should be asked if they have received the covid vaccine in order to allow entrance to the church. 8) People are encouraged to continue to practice safe distancing in the pews and Communion procession. 9) The Bishop has not lifted the prohibition to have the prayer books and Bibles or the bulletins in church.

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."

Parish 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.

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.

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 reschedule those Sunday requests not persolved in 2020 and through the months of 2021.

Church Consecration 10th Anniversary.
Sunday, November 21, 2021, Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving followed by festive meal.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. This legislation allows only those organizations who have corporate offices in Virginia to hold Bingo. Epiphany Men's Club has retained counsel, Attorney John Rodock of Baker, Donalson. EMC is asking parishioners if anyone is interested to work Bingo one Tuesday per month.

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.

BCY Halloween Party. Epiphany teens of the BCY will resume their annual Halloween party for the children of our parish, Sunday, October 31st after ECF classes, in the chapel basement from 12 pm to 1:30pm. Sanitizing and social distancing will be observed. Grab-n-go food will be provided. ECF students can attend in the costume of their choice.

Mission Development. The ground has been cleared for parking and gravel has been delivered and spread. Jack McLaurin was meeting Friday with a gutter and downspout contractor at the mission estate. Father John met with the craftsman Jim Dillon last week. The Holy Table and the icon screen are completed and are ready to stain. The prothesis and diakonicon will now be built.

Book Store. The Bookstore will be open every Sunday after the Sunday 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

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.

Vocations Discernment. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who are fully vaccinated and who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from 5 pm on Friday evening, November 5 through 4 pm on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2021, at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion. The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his

vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is October 13, 2021.

Ft. Mill SC Mission. The Byzantine mission at Ft. Mill, SC offers Divine Liturgy 4 pm Saturday afternoons. The new priest covering the mission is Father Vasyl Sokolovich, Administrator of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Cary, NC. If you know anyone in the Charlotte, NC and Ft. Mill, SC area, ask them to visit the website at <https://carolinabyzantine.com>.

Genesis. Join us as we immerse ourselves in the study of the first book of the Bible, Genesis, with St. Ephrem the Syrian, St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Theologian as our guides, Wednesdays, November 3-17 at 8:00 PM. Dr. Andrew Hayes holds a doctorate in Syriac and Eastern Fathers of the Church from Catholic University and is professor at University of St. Thomas in Texas. Register at www.GodWithUsonline.org

Byzantine Ruthenian Church Assembly. The Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church Assembly is scheduled for Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th at St. John the Baptist Archeparchial Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA. The title of the assembly is "One Body in Christ: Reemerging from the Pandemic." Presenters will include: Bishop Kurt Burnette, from the Eparchy of Passaic; Father Dr. Valerian Minchik, doctor of canon law, from the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh; Deacon Thomas Shubeck, a psychologist, from the Eparchy of Passaic; Christopher Russo, originator of Theosis in Action for Byzantine Catholic young adults, from the Eparchy of Passaic; Archpriest John Kachuba, Father Dr. Andrew Summerson, and Theresa Fetsko from the Eparchy of Parma; and Deacon Basil Balke. For more information and for a registration form, please visit the web site of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh at www.archpitt.org.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- Amended Safety Protocols
- Two Sunday Divine Liturgies
- Mission Development
- God with Us online
- Bookstore open
- Bishop's Appeal
- BCY sponsored Halloween Party

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

October 24, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

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| Adults | \$1891.00 |
| Building Fund | \$1409.00 |
| Holy Days | \$25.00 |
| Candles | \$62.50 |
| BCY | \$10.00 |
| SOR | \$136.00 |
| ECL | \$35.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$20.00 |
| Retired Priests | \$20.00 |
| <u>St. Nicholas</u> | <u>\$484.41</u> |
| | \$4092.91 |

The above figures represent the collections for 10/17/21.

Tithing & Giving. This report represents donations made in person during the week 10/17/21 It does not include online donations .

"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, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, and Greta Koehl. Please pray for these relatives and friends of our parishioners: Eileen Gray, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, Steve Smith, Caleb Joseph Lugo, and Marie J. Stone.

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 Sunday and days of precept [holydays of obligation] (canon 294). This liturgy intention for parishioners is "For the intention of parishioners who attend the Divine



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| Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! | October 24, 2021 | Slava Isusu Christ! Slava na v'iki! |
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VIGIL OF TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Oct. 23 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Oct. 24 9:00 AM +Anthony Glavan by the Pullella Family
Twenty-third Week after Pentecost
The Holy Great-martyr Demetrius

Tues. Oct.26 10:00 AM +Georgette Khayat and Albert Carali by Rafik & Lucie Carali

Fri. Oct. 29 10:00 AM To Overcome All Obstacles & Make Straight
the Path of Missionaries by Bishop Kurt Burnette

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Oct. 30 5:00 PM +George Petersen by Sally & Deacon El Pekarik

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Oct. 31 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 30 & October 31, 2021

Sat. Oct. 30 5:00 PM Michael Sorotniak

Sun. Oct. 31 9:00 AM James Hughes

USHER SCHEDULE – October 30 & October 31, 2021

Sat. Oct. 30 5:00 PM

Sun. Oct. 31 9:00 AM Thom Soyka

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 to 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.

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| <p>Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA http://www.eolbcc.org Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.</p> |
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The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

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

GREEN p. 146 Resurrection Tone 5

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE:

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Except:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia
Troparion of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN
Kontakion of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 147 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
Prokeimenon of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 148 GREEN
Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 148 GREEN
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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 životvorjasšcej Trojč'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

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

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, prisbnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Čestňišuju 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 iskušeniye, 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 Trojč'i poklaňajemsja, Ta bo nas spasla jest'.

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňjatsja 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 Tvojeje. Alliluaia!

Meditation on Today's Readings

22nd Sunday After Pentecost



“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Luke 16:19-31

The gospel appointed for this Sunday, the parable of the Rich Man and the poor Lazarus, is a parable of Jesus that is recorded only in the gospel according to Saint Luke.

The details of the parable that Jesus included are important sources for why Christians believe certain things. First, Jesus teaches that there is an afterlife and that in this afterlife there is reward and punishment for what a person has done or

failed to do in life. The reference “bosom of Abraham” is the place where the righteous departed were waiting until the death and resurrection of Jesus will open heaven for them.

Secondly, He addressed the thought of some people that wealth in this life is a sign of God’s favor and poverty a sign of God’s disfavor. In the parable He shows that it is what one does with wealth or poverty that receives God’s favor or disfavor. The Rich Man can be the instrument of God’s assistance (since everything, including wealth, really belongs to God who created all) by helping Lazarus but he does not help. Lazarus can choose to curse the dogs, curse the Rich Man and even curse God but he does not curse. He endures without complaint. So, Jesus teaches the truth of God that all humans are important, that all life, the weakest most dependent and the strongest all have greatest value. The Greatest Commandment of Jesus is expressed here. After love of God, each person must love him- or her-self, and one’s neighbor as another self.

Thirdly, people in the afterlife have a perception of what is happening to people in this life because the Rich Man speaks to Abraham about his brothers and knows they are not following Sacred Scripture. Hell is a place of hatred. There is strictly speaking no room in hell for feelings of love of neighbor. The Rich Man - who Jesus gives no name since Psalm 9:5 says God does not remember evil people - is not thinking of his brothers but of himself when he wants Abraham to send Lazarus, who he now notices, back to life to warn his five brothers. If they enter hell, it will increase the misery of the Rich Man.

Lastly, Jesus says that Abraham - the man of Faith who went wherever God told him to go and did whatever God asked even to be willing to sacrifice his son Isaac and who was the man of hospitality who welcomed strangers and fed them - says that people should listen to Sacred Scripture to enter heaven and avoid evil. However, for those who use their free will to deny God and God’s teaching they will not even believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

...May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world...Peace and mercy on all those who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.
Galatians 6:11-18

Saint Paul writes to the Galatians in his own handwriting in order to give emphasis although he usually dictates. Circumcision was a sign of sacrifice only until Christ came and offered the sacrifice of His Body, a sacrifice that has infinite effects. Some wanted to continue circumcision since it would be a sign of a religion approved by Rome because Christians were being persecuted since it was an illegal religion in the Roman Empire. However, Saint Paul counters by saying that no human can trouble a baptized person, even when someone is giving a baptized person trouble, for the Christian bears the marks of the crucified and risen Savior which defends them from any attacks. Do not be embarrassed or afraid to profess Jesus as God or to live according to His teachings. He loves you and is not ashamed of you. He died for us. He did not renounce us.

From Ignatius Study Bible: Luke, The Navarre Bible: Luke, and The Navarre Bible.

Children's Corner

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Paul did not pay attention to the things this world counts as important.

Think of 3-letter words to fit the clues.
Use the letters to find what Paul thought was important.

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| ◆ | △ | × | the source of daylight rhymes with "done" |
| ★ | ■ | ◇ | armed conflict rhymes with "four" |
| ☆ | ○ | ◄ | high temperature rhymes with "cot" |
| ▲ | □ | ● | frozen water rhymes with "slice" |

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