

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." 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 remembering several parishioners and families each week. Please remember this week: David and Stephanie Andrejcek & family, Julie and Eddie Ankers & family, John and Mary Ann Anthon, Victoria and Alex Augustine, Becky and Daniel Bacher & family, George Bagay & family, William Baranowski, and from the Mission, Jack and Lisabeth McLaurin..

Public Liturgies. The Governor of Virginia has issued the seventh revised Executive Order Seventy-two and Executive Order Seventy-nine. 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. 10 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 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 or Bibles or bulletins in church.

Sunday Obligation. The Bishop has revoked the dispensation regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy on June 6, 2021. Watching a 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 have been 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 regularly. The chapel continues to 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 we can be united by the same prayer. Visit 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.

Christmas Fast. The forty-day Christmas Fast began November 15th and continues to December 24th. Another name for the Christmas Fast is St. Philip's Fast because the fast began last Monday The Christmas Fast offers several feasts: the Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple, November 21, Saint Nicholas, December 6, Conception of Saint Ann (Immaculate Conception) December 8, two special commemorative Sundays before Christmas and several aliturgical days which are days when the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated, usually on the day of an Old Testament prophet to recall that the prophets predicted the coming of the Christ while the people of the Old Testament time waited for the coming of the Messiah. The first mention in liturgical hymns of the coming birth was November 21. The next liturgical mention is on the feast of St. Andrew this week. Fridays remain as days of penance and in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States the other fasting prescriptions of the Christmas Fast are left to the ability of the individual.

Church Consecration 10th Anniversary. The tenth anniversary of the consecration of the new church and holy table and the blessing of the bell tower and the iconostasis continues today. We have the honor to welcome back our Archbishop William Skurla who consecrated the church and altar ten years ago. Mnohaja l'ita Vladyko. Many years, Most Reverend Archbishop.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toys for Tots. Epiphany School of Religion, through Quantico Marine Base, will sponsor a Toys for Tots drop site at Epiphany of our Lord. New unwrapped toys may be dropped at either one of the two Toys for Tots drop boxes in the Parish Center main entrance. The drop boxes became available last Saturday November 13. The last day to donate is Sunday, December 5, 2021. Access to the donation boxes is available Saturdays 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM and Sundays 8:AM – 7:00 PM. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

EMC Awards Club. The EMC Fall Awards Club 300 raffle drawings have begun. The prize for the first nine weeks is \$50. On the tenth week, the winner will take home \$1,000. The weekly winners are: 1. Sally Green, #074; 2. Sally Green, #074; 3. Donna Reid, #259; 4. Michael Dalton, #243; 5. Cesar Jaimes, #034; 6. Terry Abel, #198. The seventh drawing will be held today, Sunday, November 28th.

Epiphany Ladies Guild Christmas Party. The ELG Christmas party will take place Saturday, December 11, 2021, in the Parish Center. The party will begin at 6:30 PM and feature dinner, refreshments, dessert bar, a live string quartet, Christmas Carols, fun and conversation. ELG members are free. Guests of ELG members are \$10. Bring a wrapped ornament for an ornament exchange. Please RSVP to Daria Parrell by email to DTParrell@gmail.com or phone 703-255-2221.

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. A subcommittee of lawmakers has been formed to study the negative impacts of the legislation. Members of EMC Men's Club plan to meet with members of the subcommittee to share the impact the legislation has on our Bingo. 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.

Mission Development. The front entry stoop is completed. The fire rated door and wall are in progress. Jack explains that this is an important part of the work. The adjacent property has completed their septic work and resodded part of the area. The other tree removal damage has been repaired. The electrician will be installing exits signs and emergency lighting. However, chandelier has not been received yet. been poured according to approved grade angle to the entrance. Jack said he will be working on some landscaping and enhancing safety features around the parking. Great progress is being made.

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

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2020. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began November 1, 2021. The goal for Epiphany of our Lord, Annandale is the same as last year, \$19,800.00. The goal for Epiphany of our Lord Montgomery County Mission also remains the same as the previous year, \$6,000. Parishioners should be receiving your Bishop's Appeal forms shortly. If you do not receive your Appeal information, please call the parish office at 703-573-3986 or email to epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2021, must be attributed to the 2022 tax year. As in previous years, if we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Spring. It is time to register for the Spring Semester offerings at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA. While seminarians are enrolled in the M. Div. track, the seminary offers the Master of Theology (M.A.T.) program leading to the MAT degree for other interested persons. One may choose from one of four concentrations in the MAT program: Chaplaincy, Liturgy, Dogmatics, or Sacred Scripture. The Spring Semester is January 12 to May 6, 2022. Online courses are available. For more information, please visit www.bcs.edu. The deadline for registration is December 1st.

God With Us Online Rejoice All Peoples: The Feasts of the Old Testament, Wednesdays, December 1 and 8, 8-9 PM with Fr. Dr. Sebastian Carnazzo, pastor of St. Elias Melkite Greek Catholic Church, San Jose, CA. Father Carnazzo hold a doctorate in Sacred Scripture from the Catholic University of America. As we prepare for the Nativity of our Lord, we turn to the feasts of the Old Testament, seeking to understand how they foreshadowed the coming of Christ and paved the way for salvation and the restoration of mankind to paradise.

27th 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
- Toys for Tots
- ELG Christmas Party
- EMC Awards Club Winners

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

November 28, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$3580.00
Building Fund	\$1419.00
Holy Days	\$530.00
Candles	\$82.00
BCY	\$10.00
SOR	\$186.00
Military Services	\$180.00
Christmas	\$300.00
Catholic Charities	\$95.00
St. Nicholas	\$60.00
	\$6487.00

Tithing & Giving. This report represents donations made in person during the week 11/21/21 It does not include online donations. Building Fund is a pass through item from other accounts to be transferred to Building Fund and is not General Fund income.

"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 Dobes, 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.

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that " the pastor



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Very Rev. John G. Basarab – Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

November 28, 2021

Slava Isusu Christ!
Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Nov. 27 5:00 PM Health & God's Blessings on Teresa Seay and
Marlene McCracken by Jamie Bacigalupi

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun Nov. 28 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost

Mon. Nov. 29 Aliturgical Day

Andrew - Apostle

Tues. Nov. 30 10:00 AM +John Basarab by Fr. John Basarab

Wed. Dec. 01 Aliturgical Day

Thurs. Dec. 02 Aliturgical Day

Fri. Dec. 03 Aliturgical Day

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Dec. 04 5:00 PM +Louise and +Jimmy Cason by Monica Koshuta & Family

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun Dec. 05 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 3 & December 5, 2021

Sat. Dec. 04 5:00 PM Michael Sirotniak

Sun. Dec. 05 9:00 AM James Hughes

USHER SCHEDULE – December 4 & December 5, 2021

Sat. Dec, 04 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Dec. 05 9:00 AM Volunteers

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
Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

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

GREEN p. 130 Resurrection Tone 2

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 2 p. 130 GREEN
 - Kontakion of Resurrection Tone 2 p. 131 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 2 p. 132 GREEN
 - Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17
 - Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 2 p. 132 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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 Troje'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 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 prijdet 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.

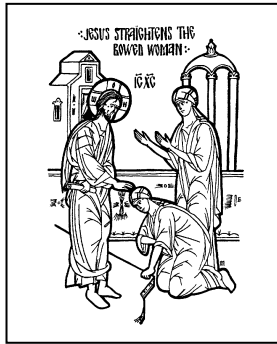
VID'ICHOM SV'IT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom sv'it istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itocom v'iru istinnuju nerazd'ilňij Svjat'ij Trojc'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 Tvojej. Alliluia!

Meditation on Today's Readings



27th Sunday After Pentecost

“The whole crowd rejoiced at the splendid deeds done by Him”
 Luke 13:10-17

As Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem with the Twelve and the disciples, large crowds gather around Him. Every Sabbath Jesus participates in Sabbath worship and preaches after the reading from Sacred Scripture. One time, according to the account appointed for today, Jesus sees a woman crippled and doubled over. She does not ask for a cure because it is the Sabbath and the third commandment prohibits work. However, Jesus simply cannot wait. He calls her to Him, puts His divine hand on her and cures her. The president of the Synagogue does not want to directly confront Jesus so he warns the crowd that curing people on the

Sabbath violates the third commandment which God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The official was really stretching it, but his anger reveals the opposition Jesus had caused among Pharisees and Sadducees and also shows that scholars through the centuries had spent much study on defining what “work” was and was not. By the first century, the purpose of the Sabbath rest God commanded as a sign to the People of God that they were not slaves but free sons and daughters of God who should imitate God their Father who “rested” to appreciate His good work, His creation, was hidden under the complication of rules as to what was and was not work.

Jesus Himself describes the situation He just remedied in terms of liberation just like the time when He, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, liberated the Hebrews from slavery to Egypt. Here He says that the woman in her infirmity was bound by the suffering caused by Satan who tempted the first man and woman and in so doing brought the world and its inhabitants to this suffering state. Jesus makes a stinging justification for His action by reminding the congregation that the commentary about what is or is not work on the Sabbath allows them to untie their ox or donkey to bring it to water and food yet they do not see that God would want to free this woman, a human being, made in the image of God?

In his apostolic letter *Dies Domini* or *Day of the Lord*, Saint John Paul II - Pope emphasized that Sunday, the weekly Easter, is made holy by gathering for the Eucharistic Divine Liturgy where the Risen Jesus is present. He continues to remind the reader that the Divine Liturgy does not end at the dismissal. Remember the Byzantine Liturgy dialogue: Let us go forth in peace. In the name of the Lord. Saint John Paul reminds “Once the assembly disperses, Christ’s disciples return to their everyday surroundings with the commitment to make their whole gift a gift, a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God (Romans 12:1)”. They do this, the pope wrote, by evangelizing and by bearing witness of service in their lives.

...Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power...In all circumstances hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:10-17

In the epistle to the Ephesians Saint Paul explains that due to sin all human beings, and in fact, all creatures are disoriented and divided among themselves and against God, but now, through the redemption worked by Christ, they have been led back to unity with one another and with God. Christ has made the Church, His Body, the universal means of salvation. Saint Paul then writes about practical aspects of married life, children and servants.

The conclusion of the epistle read here is a reminder that the world is under the domination of the evil one and the angels who have rebelled against God as he writes that our struggle is, “with the principalities, the powers with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.” In this the apostle Paul is faithfully holding and teaching the apostolic teaching received from Christ who said on Holy Thursday that His coming passion is the hour of the ruler of this world but by His death He would drive him out.

Because the struggle is spiritual warfare Saint Paul writes that humans must not trust their own ability to resist but the spiritual grace from God and the virtues, described by Saint Paul as armor and shield and sword. Christ has conquered the evil one and the rebellious spirits by His death and resurrection. Joined with Christ in baptism and with His angels and the members of the Church in heaven and earth, we can find protection in their camp through Christ the victorious Ruler. The virtue of faith is both a virtue infused by God in every human and it is also the response a human gives to God revealing God’s self. Therefore, it is both a divine gift of God and a human response.

From Fr. Jack Custer, *The Holy Gospel, A Byzantine Perspective, The Navarre Bible:Luke* and *The Navarre Bible*.

Children's Corner

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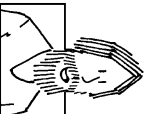
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How did Jesus answer?

Break the code below. Then fill in the blanks.

Fill in the blanks in alphabetical order. The A is given to you.

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