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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m. Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 21-28, 2018

Sunday, October 21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE GAL. 6:11-18; GOSPEL: LK.16:19-31 TONE 5

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

In memory of +Arthur O'Connell from Fr. Alexander & his family

Sunday, October 28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE EPH. 2:4-10; GOSPEL: LK.8:26-39 TONE 6

8:00 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For good health of Robert & Mary Jo Bergkamp from Ann Woroniak

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The 22st Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday again we hear a very familiar parable about the Rich Man and the poor man named Lazarus. From this Gospel reading we learn that if we give our love to money and to the things of the world that it buys and not to God, we suffer, we are committing sin, because we are choosing to live against God and against the principle of our nature. The reason it is "sinful" to love money and the things it can buy is because it goes against the law of

our nature. The law of our nature is to love God in whom we were made. Only when we love God are we truly healthy, whole and alive. When we give our love to money and to the lusts of the flesh that money can buy, we give our love to that which has no life, to what passes away. We are then giving our love to death. This is why we are sick in soul and body. In our love for money, we have become disconnected from ourselves, disjointed, fragmented. The Rich Man in this morning's parable represents anyone who loves money and the things of the world it can buy. Perhaps the Rich man in this morning's Gospel represents especially us who call ourselves Christian. We say we love God with our lips; but what do we love in our secret heart? Outwardly, we attend the Divine Services. Outwardly, we say our prayers. We may even say them regularly, faithfully. But in our heart, who, what do we love? According to this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, the chief distinguishing mark of the lover of money is indifference to his neighbor in need. Engrossed in the endless chase to get ahead, he is in total disregard to the suffering and the needs of others. On this Sunday let us renew the vision of the Gospel that the Church through her prophets, her preachers and teachers, cries out to all of us: "In the fear of God, with faith and love draw near." Turn away from the love of money and from the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life; for these are not of the Father but they are of the world, and the world passes away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever. Serve God as your only Master. Take up your cross is to take up the work of learning to love Him with all your heart and your neighbor, even your enemy, the suffering and the needy as yourself; and so you may live and go in and take possession of the land, the Kingdom of Heaven, that the Lord, the God of our fathers, has given to you.

