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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 04-11, 2018

Sunday, November 04 24th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE EPH. 2:14-22; GOSPEL: LK.8:41-56 TONE 7

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

& in particular for +Mary Ellen Springler from Ann Woroniak

Sunday, November 11 25th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE EPH. 4:1-6; GOSPEL: LK.10:25-37 TONE 8

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

& in particular for good health for David Faulkner from Ann Woroniak

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The 24th Sunday after Pentecost



Last Sunday's reading from the Apostle told us that we are saved by Grace, and that Grace is received through faith, and this is the gift of God. And we were shown what faith is in a striking example.

And here, even today's Gospel speaks about faith. To some degree we all possess it. But because it is imperfect, our faith is often subject to temptations. And the most terrible, the strongest of such temptations, is the death of a person near and dear to us. I think that the majority of those present here have already lived through, or are now living through, this incurable grief. But if not, it is something which will inevitably come. Today's Gospel gives us a classic example of how, in spite of all the difficulty of such an experience, it is possible to endure it. And at the same time it shows us again how much we need faith. For only through faith does God give us and will give us His power of Grace not to fall

spiritually in such a terrible moment. Jairus approached Christ; his daughter was near death. He fell at the feet of Jesus and asked Him to enter his house. Christ agreed, but the people were crowding Him. On the way, the woman with an issue of blood was healed.

Jairus accepted within himself His words: "Fear not: believe only!" From this very moment he lived only by these words and continued following after Christ. In the soul of Jairus there was an unspeakable calm. He had faith. And faith conquered. "Maid, arise!" exclaimed Christ, and her spirit returned into her and she immediately got up and was united with her father (Lk. 8:52-55).

Every day in our Confession of Faith we read, "I look for the resurrection of the dead." And this will happen, it will! Not as soon as it happened for Jairus, but it will happen! Pay attention to the following moment. Jairus already knew that his daughter was dead, but all the same he followed Christ, believing His words. How long this walk in faith lasted is not important; but what is important is that it took place.

Let us also believe in the words of the Gospel that the dead will rise; and like Jairus, let us follow Christ in faith. Mystically, this walk of Jairus after Christ did not end and will never end. It goes on even now, and we can all participate in it. Let us hasten to join Jairus. Then the words of Christ, "Fear not: Believe only, and she shall be made whole," will refer also to us. But for this to happen, like Jairus, we must hold fast to the robe of Christ and endure everything that God sends to us on the road of our life. The way of Jairus was comparatively short. Ours might be long, very long. It will go to the end of our life. But let us believe that there will be the resurrection of the dead and that we will be united with those dear to us who are already with the Lord.

Homily From "The One Thing Needful," Sermons of Archbishop Andrei (Rymarenko)

• **BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY** St Mary's Parish provides for the spiritual needs of Eastern Christians in the Manassas area. All are welcome to worship with us without regard to ethnic heritage or ecclesial ascription. As members of the same parish, not only do we worship God together, but we strive to help one another in other ways, both spiritually and practically. Please practice stewardship by giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure. Your voluntary service and financial support are essential!

• **Worship:** The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in English/Ukrainian. Fulfills Sunday obligation of all. • **Confessions:** The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation is available before the Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. in the Confession Room.

• **Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or death, when a priest is needed, please ask the hospital to contact the local Catholic priest responsible for the hospital or call Fr. Alexander at 301-421-1739

• **Bulletin Information:** In order to add items to the bulletin, please send the info with details to Mark Scafona: mscafona@yahoo.com no later than Wednesdays by 5:00PM

Announcements

• **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Our parish is collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and monetary donations for local food banks. Please leave donated items in the designated boxes in the back of the church. The last day we will be collecting for this food drive 11 November.

• **Christmas Liturgy Schedule:** The Liturgy for Christmas will be held on Christmas Eve (24 December) with a 7:30PM Compline and the Divine Liturgy at 8:00PM.

• **FROM OUR ARCHEPARCHY** November 1, 2018 is the 74th anniversary of the falling asleep in the Lord of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. Bishop Andriy has asked that the clergy sing a panakhyda in our parishes this weekend for the repose of his soul as we remember this spiritual leader of our Ukrainian Catholic Church.////// Our Byzantine Church Supplies Store has available for sale "Christ Our Pascha" the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in English (\$25) and a text entitled The Rosary, the Prayer Role of the Mother of God in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in English (\$10).

Church Income: Collection: 10/28 -

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

Angels and Their Roles

From the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelations, Scripture bears witness to the existence of angels. They are pure spirits, part of the created world. Saint Augustine

describes an angel as follows: "Angel is the name of their office, it is 'angel,' from what they are, 'spirit,' from what they do. With their whole being the angels are servants and messengers of God.

Because they 'always behold the face of My Father who is in heaven,' they are the mighty ones who do His work, attentive to the voice of His word.

The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. As purely spiritual creatures, angels have intelligence and will; they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

From the Incarnation to the Ascension, the life of the Word Incarnate is surrounded by the adoration and service of angels. When God brings the first born into the world He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him." They protect Jesus in His infancy, serve Him in the desert, and strengthen Him in His agony in the garden, when He could have been saved by them from the hands of His enemies as Israel had been.

It was the angels who proclaimed the Good News of Our Lord's Incarnation and Resurrection. They will be present at Christ's return, which they will announce, to serve at His judgment. In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels.

