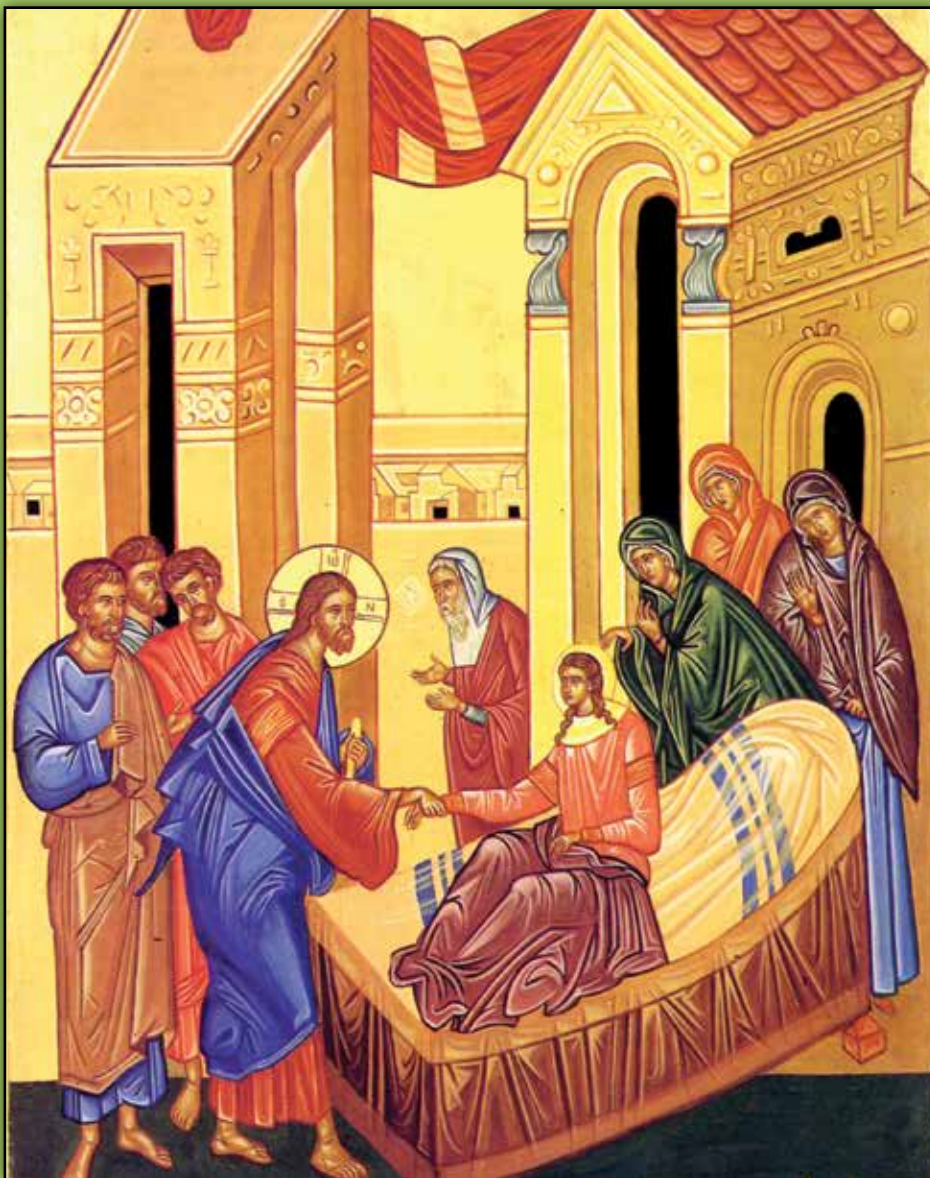


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of Jarius' Daughter

Nov. 5, 2023: Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Eph. 2: 4-10		Gospel: Lk. 8: 41-56
This Weekend	4:00	For Our Parishioners
	10:30	+ Jimmy Maslar (Family)
Mon., Nov. 6	No Divine Liturgy	
Tues., Nov. 7	9:00	+ Roman Kushner (Jule Harris)
Wed., Nov. 8	Archangel Michael and All Angels (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Micky Klapatch (Marcella & Family)
Thurs., Nov. 9	No Divine Liturgy	
Fri., Nov. 10	9:00	+ Andrew & Julia Evanina & Family (Howard Smith)
Sat., Nov. 11	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Michael J. Clark (Sharon Sembrat)
Sun., Nov. 12	10:30	For Our Parishioners

THERE'S MORE TO ANGELS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Angels were the first of God's creation. As the Apostle Paul tells us "By Him all things created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers." (Col. 1:16)

The work of the Angels is twofold: in heaven to glorify God, and on earth to carry out God's orders concerning men. The word "angel" itself means herald or a messenger.

You might have noticed they are

often referred to as the "Bodiless Powers." Even though angels are bodiless and invisible to our physical eyes, every day during Divine Liturgy we affirm their existence. In the Creed we say, "I believe in one God... Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible."

We often don't pay attention to the words of the prayers our priests recite in silence, although they are printed in our prayer books, yet during the prayer of the Anaphora, in the Liturgy of St.



Basil the Great, the nine ranks of angels which were revealed to us are recalled: Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many eyed Cherubim and Seraphim.

In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the the priest

says, "... there stand before You thousands of archangels, and tens of thousands of angels, ... six-winged and many-eyed hovering aloft on their wings."

Our Church dedicates every Monday to the holy angels. We are reminded of the holy angels with praise and prayer in other ways, too: "He makes the spirits His angels, and flaming fire His ministers." (Ps. 104:4)

Angels are active, intelligent spiritual beings with will and knowledge. They serve God to carry out His will and glorify Him. They have no bodily needs or desires and passions, no cares about food, drink, clothes or shelter. Although God created them before man-

kind, they are neither aged or aging, but unchangingly youthful, beautiful and strong.

Of these nine ranks, we are most familiar with the Cherubim and the Seraphim. The Seraphim, which means “flaming,” are burning with love for God and kindle others to such love. They are closest to God as the prophet Isaiah says: “And the Seraphim stood around Him, each having six wings” (Isaiah 6:2).

After the Seraphim are the many-eyed Cherubim, which means “great

understanding.” They are aglow with the knowledge of the mysteries of God and the depths of His Wisdom. Through the Cherubim wisdom is sent down to others and spiritual enlightenment is given. The Cherubic Hymn is the song of the angels, sung during every Divine Liturgy of the year except those of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. It occurs after the Gospel reading, and before the Gifts are brought to the Holy Table.

-- by **Phyllis Muryn Zaparaniuk**

WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

Many people who rarely attend church have a kind of consumer’s attitude towards church. They come to church, for instance, before a long trip – to light a candle just for the sake of it, so that nothing would happen on the road. They come for two or three minutes, hurriedly cross themselves and, having lit a candle, go on their way. Some, entering a church, say: “I want to pay money so that priest would pray for such-and-such” – and pay money and leave. The priest needs to pray, but these people themselves do not participate in the prayer.

This is a wrong attitude. The Church is not a machine for buying

“Snickers”: drop your coin and candy falls out. The Church is a place to go to live and study. If you are experiencing certain difficulties or if one of your neighbors has fallen ill, do not limit yourself to going and lighting a candle. Come to church for the Divine Service, immerse yourself in the elements of prayer, and lift up your prayer for your need along with the priest and the community. It is important that attendance at church be regular. It is good to attend church every Sunday. The Sunday Divine Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy on great Feast Days, is the time when we can, by giving up one or two hours of our earthly affairs, plunge

ourselves into the elements of prayer.

It is good to come to church with one's entire family, in order to receive Confession and Communion. If one learns to live from Sunday to Sunday, in the rhythm of the church services, in the rhythm of the Divine Liturgy, then one's whole life will change dramatically. Above all, it will become disciplined. The believer knows that next Sunday he will have to give an answer to God, and he lives differently: he does not allow himself many sins that he would otherwise allow himself if he did not go to church. Moreover, the Divine Liturgy itself is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, that is, to unite with God not only spiritually, but

also physically.

Finally, the Divine Liturgy is a comprehensive service at which the entire church community and each of its members can pray for everyone that troubles or worries him or her. The faithful during the Liturgy can pray for themselves, and for their neighbors, and for their future, bringing repentance for their sins and asking God's blessing for their further ministry. It is very important to learn to participate fully in the Divine Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the center of church prayer, AND IT SHOULD BECOME THE CENTER OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

AN ELECTION PRAYER TO MARY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone

is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

A LITTLE HUMOR

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do."

The mother exclaimed, "But that's

terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?"

The little girl replied, "My homework."

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day (November 11th) is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by each and every member of the Armed Forces, who have served or who are serving now and who bear the wounds of war.

To these brave men and women we say: **Thank you for your service!** Please spend a moment in silence to pray for each of them, especially those wounded and ill warriors still suffering for our freedom.

DUNMORE CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS/ BISHOP OHARA HS...50TH CLASS REUNION SET

The class of 1973 from Dunmore Central Catholic HS/Bishop O'Hara HS will celebrate its 50th Class reunion on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at LaBuona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore, PA. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person, including Buffet, Dessert table, coffee, tea, soda

with a cash bar, and entertainment by "EJ the DJ" Please respond before October 10, 2023. For additional info: contact Michele Gerrity Druther at 570-587-2867 or Lauren Telep 646-241-9443.

STS. PETER AND PAUL UGCC 2024-6 MONTH LOTTERY CALENDAR

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For more information contact Marge 570-282-5680
or Dorothy at 570-282-2084

FALL FUNDRAISER

Our Parish will be hosting a Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Saturday, November 18th from 1:00 to 6:00 and Sunday, November 19th from 11:30 to 4:00 (or until sell-out). In addition to the baked goodies, there will be two food vendors: Chili/Cornbread Lady and Street Food Cart, and a basket raffle. *We are asking all parishioners who can to bake some favorites for this sale.* This event will be advertised in the community, so the more we have available the better chance we

have of making this another successful fundraiser. If you can bake, please call Michaelene 570-209-2026, Julie 570-357-6171, or Mary Ann 570-489-4648. Messages are fine.

During the **Thanksgiving Bake Sale** we will be hosting a **Winter Coat and Food Drive**. We will be collecting new or gently worn winter coats and non-perishable foods to be given to local charities. Please help our neighbors in need by donating to this worthy cause.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2023 is Team

#3: Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for Oct. 28 & 29, 2023:

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Two Miracles Attest that Jesus is the Resurrection and Life

Christ foreknew His mystery, even before the foundations of the world. It was in the last ages of the world that He arose for the inhabitants of earth. Having borne the sin of the world, He abolished both it and death, which is its consequence and was brought upon us by its means. He plainly said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and "he who believes in me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death unto life." We will see this fulfilled in facts. The ruler of the synagogue of the Jews came near and, embracing the Savior's knees, begged Him to deliver his daughter from the bonds of death. Look, she already was brought down to this and was in extreme danger! The Savior consented and set out with

him. He was even hurrying on to the house of the one who invited Him and was aware that what was being done would profit many of those who followed Him and would also be for His own glory. On the way, He saved the woman who was the victim of a severe and incurable malady. No one could stop her issue of blood that ruined the art of physicians. No sooner had she touched the hem in faith, than He immediately healed her. A miracle so glorious and revealed was, so to speak, the work merely of Christ's journey.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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