

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —Tone 7.
Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene: Hieron, Hesychius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodulus, Callimachus, Eugene, Theodochus, Ostrychius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrychius, Anicletus, Theomelius, Euthychius, Hilarion, Diodotus, and Amonitus (3rd c.). Ven. Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus (1053). Ven. Zosíma, Abbot of Vorbozómek. Finding of the Relics of Ven. Cyril, Abbot of Novoezérsk (Vologdá—1649). Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303). Martyrs Melasippus, Carina, their son, Antoninus, and forty children converted by their martyrdom, at Ancyra (363). Martyrs Auctus, Taurion, and Thessalonica, at Amphipolis, in Macedonia.

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death. To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

(Tone 4) Your thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //

Through their intercessions, save our souls!

(Tone 8) You watered your pillar with prayerful vigils and flowing tears; / You brought forth fruit a hundredfold with sighs from the depths of your soul. / You were a shepherd, granting the requests of all. // Entreat Christ God, venerable Lazarus our father, that our souls may be saved!

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 6) Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our

petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:14-22)

Brethren: For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia, Tone 7

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE (8:41-56)

And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for

twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

WHAT IS PROPORTIONATE GIVING?

The "Shame-On-You" Approach

The "Shame-an-You" approach is the second of the three ineffective avenues to church funding. The message comes across something like this: as a nation we spend

\$3 billion on cosmetics

\$3 billion on tobacco

\$10 billion on entertainment

\$12 billion on alcohol

\$1.5 billion on churches and charities

The climax of all this is the question, “Aren’t you ashamed of yourself?”

Obviously this is all too true. The priorities of most Americans are not what they should be. But this approach, like the one above, puts the emphasis on the wrong place.

As a nation we are comfort-loving and pleasure-seeking. We must learn to recognize this as a sign of spiritual disease, to beg God’s forgiveness, and with His help to begin loving Him more than our own selfish desires.

But to play on people’s guilt -which very likely caused them to be spending their money on comfort and pleasure in the first place -can only increase their involvement with “how I feel.” It may get an increase in offerings, but almost certainly because the parishioners are thinking, “Give him some money and he’ll be quiet and I’ll feel better.”

The “Cry Poor” Approach

The third tactic we’ll call the “Cry Poor” approach. The message comes out like this: “Friends, we are living in difficult times. Our parish is in grave danger .” And then are listed all the desperate needs of the parish which might include leaks in the roof, cracks in the parking lot surface, the need for secretarial help, janitorial help, a whole new Church School curriculum, etc. It all adds up to a message that says, “Poor old St.... .Won’t you all please dig a little deeper to help her out in this time of crisis?” The theory, of course, is that very *few* people can resist such a plea from their own parish, but this approach seems to have some severe liabilities.

This approach also plays on feelings, this time a feeling of pity. And pity is no more an appropriate basis for Christian stewardship than is guilt. Certainly, when there is a special need, one beyond the resources of the parish budget, a special appeal must be made and all should, from compassion, from divine love, respond generously. But to “cry poor” routinely, to make the Church, the glorious Body of Christ and His all-radiant Bride, into a beggar is to sinfully misrepresent reality.

Suggested Questions

1. If our parish desperately needs funds and the parishioners insist that giving money regularly is un-Orthodox, are we justified under these circumstances

in appealing to guilt, pity, pride, or whatever else will get them to give?
**From *What is Proportionate Giving?* by Father Joseph Hirsch published
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS

Health & God's blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Diane Todorovsky, Anne Smith.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health for Michael Panoff on his birthday Oct. 29.....	Mom & Dad
Special Intention Diane, Art Zambito & Family, Maggie, Nancy & Ken Laycock, Olga Elasiwich, Patricia Miculka, Fred Oginsky, Gloria & John Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Carol Alden, Anne Smith.....	Anne Smith
Happy Birthday & God's blessing Bosa Kantar.....	Rosemary Vuckovich
Health & God's blessings Olga Haw & Family, Helen & Doug Phillips, Families of Oginsky, Miculka, Kuptz, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....	Anne Smith
Special Intention.....	J. Tome
Health & God's blessings John & Gloria Zelenko, Gladys Edwards, Diane Todorovsky, Anne Smith.....	Mary King
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Debbie Neely, Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar.....	Anne Smith
Dear Lord bless my Gloria.....	John
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Bosa Kantar.....	Mary King
David Tome, Michael Berkey, Anne Smith, Dick Phillips, Walter Sudia, Alex Ruggieri, Flossie Bayoff, Anna Branoff, John & Gloria Zelenko, Ted Weston, Fr. David, Gladys Edwards, My family & friends.....	J. Tome
Health & God's blessings Bosa Kantar Happy Birthday, Nov. 10 th	Sredich Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Carl Smith & our son, Kathryn & Arthur Zambito Sr., Frances Fekin, Luba Stevens, Frank Evanoff, Josephine Vuckovich, Mildred (Ljiljak) Reynolds-Memory Eternal, Bob & Jean Bulman.....	Anne Smith
In memory of our infant brother Victor Brown, Nov. 8, 1924 (86yrs).....	Helen, Evanka, Dorothy, Phillip & Families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for lunch in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross.

Elections for the parish council and auditors will be held today Sunday, November 7, 2010. ONLY members in good standing may vote.

As of November 1, 2010, the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees:

Linda Branoff
 Dennis Goodman
 Marla Houser
 Reggie Jehnsen
 Sharon Jernigan
 Cathy Steiner
 Julio Vázquez

Auditor Nominees: two need to be elected

Rosemary Vuckovich

Parish Council will meet tomorrow, November 8 at 6:45 pm. Please call the office if you are unable to attend.

The Russian gentlemen will be here on Monday at 9:00am, please come around 9:15- 9:20 in order to give them time to set up their display of Russian Art such as Icons, Ornaments, Jewelry and Pysanky. They will only be here for an hour or so, as they need to be at St. Michael's at 11.

Tradition and traditions, a pan-Orthodox adult education class, will be held at our church on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm. Please join us and learn more about the Tradition we share and the traditions that differ.

Diocesan Congress-Sobor is this week, November 12 and 13 at St. George Cathedral, 738 Glenwood Rd, Rossford, OH. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, November 12

6 pm Great Vespers for the feast of
St. John Chrysostom
Retreat by Hiermonk Calinic (Berger)

Saturday, November 13

9 am Divine Liturgy – Bishop Melchisedek
Brunch
Congress-Sobor business session

Fr. Matthew will be away Thursday evening, November 11 through Saturday evening, November 13 for the Congress-Sobor. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Joe Abud at 810-444-9108 or Fr. Angelo Maggos at 810-471-0316.

Joe Eckert Sr. has moved to a new facility (Waltonwood at Carriage Park) in Canton, MI to be closer to his son Joe Jr. Joe's new address is 2000 N. Canton Center Rd # 101, Canton, MI 48187.

Schedule of services and events for the week of November, 7

Monday, November 8 **SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELS**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy at St. George Church

Wednesday, November 10

11:00 am 40 day Parastas for +Mildred Bladecki at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home, Bay City
6:30 pm Adult Education Class: **“Tradition and traditions”**

Saturday, November 13

No Vespers

Sunday, November 14 **25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:30 am Third Hour
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Church School