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Gospel Reading ~ Luke 8:41-56
Epistle Reading ~ Galatians 6:11-18
Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries

Gospel Meditation

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.

This story of the resurrection of Jairus' daughter is amazing. Some may say that such miracles do not happen now. True. But the same miracle has been promised to all of us. 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!

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.

- Archbishop Andrei (Rymarenko, 1893-1978)

This Week at a Glance

Monday, Nov. 6th

6:30pm - Parish Council Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 9th

9:30 am - Akathist to the Mother of God, "Healer of Cancer"

Sat, Nov. 11th

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sun, Nov. 12th

9:00 am - The Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
 Adult Education Coffee Hour

Stewardship

Weekly collection for 10/22/17: \$861.

Needed to make

budget: \$3000.

Shortfall: +\$2139

Thank You!

To everyone who volunteered and attended the International Dinner. It was another great success.

Annual Turkey Drive

Our Annual Turkey Drive benefiting St. Herman's House of Hospitality will take place again this month. Equity Trust has graciously offered to once again team up with our parish to provide food for Cleveland's hungry. If you would like to donate frozen turkeys, hams or other holiday canned foods, please bring them to church no later than Nov. 21. If you are baking your turkey, please drop it off at the rectory on Wednesday, Nov. 22 before 11am. They will be loaded up and delivered to St Herman's later that evening. See Sam J or Fr Joseph for more info.

Brown Glove Collection

Matushka Nadean is collecting brown gloves to be delivered to St. Herman's. They can be purchased at Marc's for 99 cents. There is a box in the hall for your donation.

ZOE for Life

ZOE for Life is in need of supplies. Dawn K is collecting children's clothing in sizes up to three, (new and gently used) and diapers for Zoe house. Please let her know if you have brought things for her to deliver.

Women's Clothing

Joann R is collecting women's clothing that she will deliver to a woman's organization. Please see her if you have anything to donate.

Cheese Buckets

The P.T.O. will be making holiday cheese buckets on Friday, November 17th. The same delicious, spreadable cheese 'ball' will be packaged in a convenient 'bucket' and topped with nuts. Cost is \$10.00 Cheese buckets will be ready for pick-up from noon to 2:00pm. Sign-up sheet can be found on bulletin board or see Shelley or Donna to place your order. Place your order now!

Annual Turkey Dinner

St. Cyril and Methodius will be hosting their yearly Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 12 around noonish. Cost is \$15 per person and children under 12 are \$5.00. Please e-mail her at njbanjoff@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries

The Holy Unmercenaries (in Greek, οι Ανάργυροι, literally without silver), are those Saints that were physicians by trade, but used their training to heal everyone free of charge, and used their faith in Christ to spread the Gospel. Each Unmercenary Saint has his individual feastday, but all of them are celebrated together (i.e. the Synaxis of the Unmercenaries), either on October 17th (the Greek tradition) or the Sunday after November 1st. The most well known Unmercenary Saints include Ss Cosmas & Damian, Ss Cyrus & John, and St Panteleimon. If you or a member of your family is sick. Ask one of these saints for help.