

Whatever Their Size, Carry Them

“Whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel’s will save it.” One who knew the meaning of Jesus’ words so well was Flannery O’Connor, the distinguished Catholic novelist who died in 1964 at the age of 39. From the age of 25 she lived with the knowledge she had a terminal disease, Lupus, – not to mention her sufferings from bone disintegration, shingles, anemia, and a tumor. Yet it was during fourteen years of sickness and suffering that she produced her greatest works of literary art. Her strong faith enabled her to say: “I have never been anywhere but sick. In a sense sickness is a place, more instructive than a long trip to Europe. Sickness before death is a very appropriate thing and I think those who don’t have it miss one of God’s mercies ...”

Those are strong words! How could a young woman call sickness one of God’s mercies? Yet Jesus’

words in the Gospel are just as strong: “If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps.”

In some way Flannery O’Connor was able to accept the cross of her sickness and follow in the Lord’s footsteps. But she didn’t do it with a nice sweet smile on her face. She did it with strong courage and conviction. She realized that her own sickness was the very thing that helped her to look at life around her with the eyes of faith; and to translate that life into literary pages that would win her international fame as a writer. Each one of us is called upon to carry a cross in our life at some time. For some it may be the cross of emotional or spiritual suffering, rather than physical suffering. Sometimes there are big crosses, sometimes small. Whatever their size, Jesus calls upon us to carry them.

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Sunday – September 20, 2020

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday September 20 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Alexandra Lucyk from the Lucyk-Balko Family)
Sunday September 27 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Nestor Bazarko from Family)

THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

ARE ON SPIRITUAL RETREAT THIS WEEK IN N.J.

Fr. Robert is away this week on the Annual Priest Retreat of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia from Monday to Friday. If there should be an emergency; please ask the hospital to call any Catholic Priest to administer the Sacraments. If there should be a death in the parish; please call the parish emergency number at 202-262-5040, and leave a message. We will make arrangements for the funeral as soon as possible.

Pray the Rosary Together!

Come join us in the comfort of your own home and rediscover the Rosary. It's the prayer of saints and the prayer for you! Our Rosary Prayer Group is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Fatima and with these uncertain times that we all live in, let us turn to her for help to bring peace for our country. All you need to have is a telephone! The prayer participants receive a special toll-free number and access code and you dial in at the appropriate day and time. **We meet each Tuesday at 6:15 PM.** No matter where you live in the country, you are invited to join us in praying the Rosary. For more information and to join us in prayer, please contact Mary Ellen Keyes at mekeyes1@yahoo.com or call her at 301-431-1069.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Fr. David Clooney, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Gerald Stasko, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Nataliya Wozniak, Michael Zabych.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.