

The Power of Prayer

The youngest daughter of a very wealthy man was seriously ill. He had taken her from doctor to doctor but they could not cure her. Next, he had taken her to the most renowned specialists and to the finest clinics throughout the world, but without success. Finally, one doctor, realizing that he could do nothing more for the little girl, said to the father “I promise I’ll remember your daughter in my prayers.” The father replied, “Don’t say that! I’m not ready to give up!”

Sadly, many people save the power of prayer only as a last resort when all else has seemingly failed. They say, “All we can do now is pray.” Yet, prayer is simple but powerful conversation with God. Two thousand years ago, the daughter of an influential man named

Jairus became ill. His first response was to seek out Jesus in the synagogue and ask His help. Asking help of Jesus even in the most simple way is prayer. Saint John Chrysostom tells us that we should converse daily with God “telling Him of our needs not with endless words, but with simplicity.”

If we converse daily with God, then God knows all our needs. Nothing is unimportant to Him if it is important to us. Thus, prayer should not be the last resort in desperate situations. Rather, prayer should be the first resort in every situation, serious or not. Should the conflict grow more serious, the Desert Fathers tell us to simply cry out “Lord have mercy!” because the Lord knows very well what we need and will show us His mercy.



Icon of the Healing of Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:41-56)

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

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. 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.

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

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday November 7 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Parents of the Knysh-Bazarko Family from Family)
Monday November 8 9:00 a.m.	(+Fr. David Clooney from Friend)
Tuesday November 9 9:00 a.m.	(+Michael Homa from Ellen)
Wednesday November 10 9:00 a.m.	(+Pauline Fedak from Ruth)
Thursday November 11 9:00 a.m.	(+Anna Sliwka from Olena Chalupa)
Friday November 12 9:00 a.m.	(+Orysia Dackiw from the Tchoryk Family)
Sunday November 14 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Maria Slota from the Stransky Family)

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

District of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced July 29 that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk , Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** 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.

God With Us Catechism

The Gospel today reminds us of the power of faith. To the woman who was hemorrhaging, Jesus said “go, daughter, your faith has healed you.” To Jairus, Jesus says “believe, and your daughter will be well.” In both cases presented to us today we learn that faith has the power to heal and restore one to health. However, there is something more hidden in the text that we should notice. It was because of the faith of the father, Jairus, that his daughter was healed. Our faith has the power to affect not only ourselves, but others as well. Yes, faith/belief is a most powerful gift. What is it? We speak often about faith, we say “I believe” every Divine Liturgy, but do we really know what it is? Faith is the total gift of our self to the one in whom we believe. When faith is directed at the Lord, when we entrust ourselves totally to God, we can then say with Saint Paul “It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me.” And suddenly, in the moment of faith, our whole life becomes filled with his life – divinized. It is for this reason that faith has the power to heal – and not only heal the one who believes but also others for whom the believer intercedes. In that moment of faith, God’s life fills up my illness, my weakness, and my sinfulness with his life and heals me from the inside out. When I am filled with Jesus’ life then I can begin to do for others what Jesus has done for me, namely become an instrument of healing by the sharing of God’s life.

Practical Questions:

1. What are some other words that I can use to describe faith?
2. How has faith in Jesus Christ healed you or changed your life?
3. What are some ways in which we can bring healing to others through our faith in the Lord?