

Reflection on the Good Samaritan

First, we must pity the ill fortune of the man who fell unarmed and helpless among robbers, and who was so rash and unwise as to choose the road in which he could not escape the attack of robbers. For the unarmed can never escape the armed, the heedless the villain, the unwary the malicious. Since malice is ever armed with guile, fenced round with cruelty, fortified with deceit, and ready for fierce attack...

He poured in wine, that is, the blood of His passion, and oil, that is, the anointing of the chrism, that pardon might be granted by His blood, sanctification be conferred by the chrism...

The wounded parts are bound up by the heavenly Physician, and containing a salve within themselves, are by the working of the remedy restored to their former soundness. Having

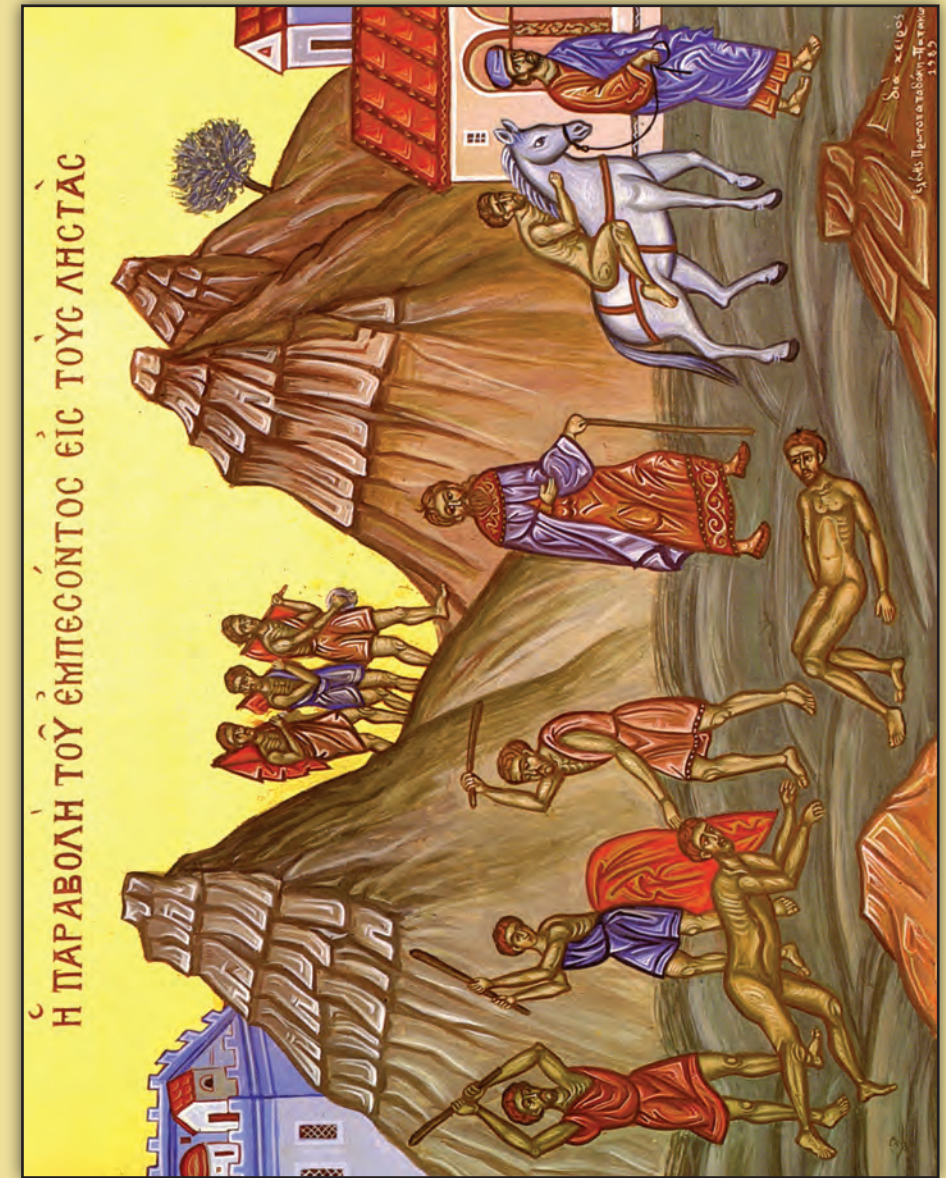
poured in wine and oil, he placed him upon His beast...

For the Inn is the Church, which receives travelers, who are tired with their journey through the world, and oppressed with the load of their sins; where the wearied traveler casting down the burden of his sins is relieved, and after being refreshed is restored with wholesome food. And this is what is here said, and took care of him. For outside is everything that is conflicting, hurtful and evil, while within the Inn is contained all rest and health...

He said, if you see any one oppressed, say not surely he is wicked; but be he Gentile or Jew and need help, dispute not, he has a claim to your assistance, into whatever evil he has fallen.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

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Sunday – November 14, 2021

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 14 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Maria Slota from the Stransky Family)
Monday November 15 9:00 a.m.	(+Dorothy Saboe from Ellen)
Tuesday November 16 9:00 a.m.	(Special Intention from Ruth)
Wednesday November 17 9:00 a.m.	(+Walter and +Harry Fedak from Family)
Thursday November 18 9:00 a.m.	(+Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday November 19 9:00 a.m.	(+Eugenia Osgood from Friend)
Sunday November 21 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple (For the Parish) (+Ulana Hlynsky from Family) Fr. A. (+Orysia Dackiw from Marijska Druzhyna) Fr. R.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER, CYNTHIA CLARE MULVEY

We welcome our newest parishioner, Cynthia Clare Mulvey, infant daughter of Ryan and Olya. Cynthia was baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 14. May God grant Cynthia and her family many happy years – Mnohaya Lita!

ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2021 (NOVEMBER 15)

In preparation for Christmas and the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas – Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

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

In the Gospel that is appointed for today, we hear the famous story of the “good Samaritan.” While there is much to say about the meaning of this parable and its call for charity to one’s neighbor, it is important to remember that this story is rooted in Jesus’s original response to the lawyer who was “testing” him with the question “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” To this question, Jesus responds that to gain eternal life, to go to heaven, a person must first love God with his whole self and his neighbor as himself, quoting the book of Deuteronomy. Why is the way of love the path to heaven? The answer to this question is simple and yet beautifully profound. In the first epistle of St. John, the Evangelist states that “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). A simple definition of love is that it is the giving of one’s life to the beloved. From all eternity God has lived a life of loving communion, the Father pouring out his life in the Son through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This beautiful understanding of God as love allows us to understand why love is the only way in which we will find eternal life. As we are made in the image and likeness of God, we have the created capacity to live as God does. The one who chooses to live this “way of love” chooses to make God’s life his own life. As God’s life is eternal life, the one who lives a life of love will, through the giving of his life, find his way to life eternal.