



Icon of Christ Raising the Widow's Son

Jesus, the Lord of Life

How do you respond to the misfortunes of others? In a number of places the gospel records that Jesus was “moved to the depths of His heart.” Our English word “compassion” is a weak translation of the Hebrew word for “sympathy.”

Why was Jesus so moved on this occasion? Jesus not only grieved the untimely death of a youth, but he showed the depth of his concern for a woman who lost not only a husband, but an only child as well. The scriptures make clear that God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (e.g., Ezekiel 33:11); God desires life, not death. Jesus not only had compassion, He also had power – the ability to restore life and make whole again. Jesus, however, incurred grave risk by approaching the bier, since contact with a

dead body made one ritually impure. His touch not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body.

This miracle is reminiscent of the prophet Elisha who raised another mother's son (see 2 Kings 4:18-37). Jesus claimed as His own one whom death had seized as its prey. By His word of power He restored life for a young man marked for death. Jesus is Lord not only of the living but of the dead as well. Jesus triumphed over the grave and He promises that because He lives, we also shall live in Him (John 14:19). Do you trust in the Lord's power to give life and hope in the face of misfortune and despair?

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Sunday – October 8, 2023

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

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

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Sunday October 8 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Anna Shashkewych from Family)
Wednesday October 11 9:00 a.m.	(+Cathleen Jacobson from the Fedack Family)
Thursday October 12 9:00 a.m.	(Living of the Nagurney Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday October 13 9:00 a.m.	(+Judy Wroblewski from Ruth)
Sunday October 15 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Mary Ann Kuchmy from Lorraine) (For the Parish)

FALL CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 HAVE BEGUN

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Catechism classes this fall with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

ALL UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 – ONE LITURGY 10:30 A.M.

Visit of the All Ukrainian Council of Churches will take place on October 29. The AUCC represents more than 95% of all religious organizations in Ukraine, including representatives from the Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical churches as well as Jewish and Muslim religious unions. The Delegation will share details of the state of religious freedom in Ukraine, how religious communities across Ukraine have responded to Russia's invasion, and the high toll Putin's aggression has taken on religious life inside Ukraine. Archbishop Borys Gudziak will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and there will be an opportunity to meet the representatives after the Divine Liturgy in the Large Church Hall with a robust coffee hour.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Olena Chalupa, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Fr. Nestor Iwasiw, Nila Iwaskiw, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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

Right before Jesus died on the Cross, He gave John the Apostle to Mary, to care for her, since she had no other sons. In this way, the Lord ensured that His Mother would be protected in a society hostile to widows without children. In the Gospels, the Lord Jesus raises only three people from the dead: Jairus' daughter, Lazarus, and this son of the widow of Nain. These are extraordinary examples of the great mercy and the great power of God. The same Lord Who protected His Mother at His own Crucifixion by ordaining her as the Mother of the Apostles, is now raising the only son of the widow of Nain. He does this so that the Widow of Nain might also be protected and honored, just as He did with His own Mother at the Crucifixion. The Lord has raised the son of the widow so that He may continue to protect her in this life, and He will raise him again for everlasting life at the Second Coming. The Lord comes to us at our lowest point, and raises us into His loving embrace, even when we have distanced ourselves from Him. Jesus destroys the death of humanity, and He restores true life in our own lives. Christ renews because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is our Creator, but He also has compassion for us. Through His love, we are called to be compassionate to one another. With deep faith, we pray for the salvation of every human being. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He created all things. He also recreates and renews us even in the darkest hours of our life. Christ, who died and rose from the dead, also gives us life in our despair through the sacramental life of the Church. God cleanses us through the Holy Baptism. He gives us His own Holy Spirit at Holy Chrismation. We become one with Him at Holy Communion. We are reconciled with Him when we seek Holy Confession. And He heals us of our physical and spiritual infirmities with Holy Unction. His compassion for us is limitless, and because of His love, He is ready to meet in our darkest hours and, through His love, restore us. He is the Life and the Life-giver by nature. In every circumstance, Christ sees us and comes to us, as He does to the widow, to wipe our tears and restore our lives.