

ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

THE HOLY BODILESS HOSTS

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

OUR HOLIDAY BAKE SALE, LUNCHEON & MARKETPLACE will be held on **Saturday, November 21st**. Please look at the detailed announcements in the Bulletin.

OUR NEXT PITA BAKING SESSION is **Saturday, November 14th** beginning at **9am**. Assistance is needed with setting the hall, the pita making and baking, cleaning the hall and kitchen and then resetting the hall for church on Sunday. Plenty to do for bakers and non-bakers, alike, and all to support our church. We need everyone's support in this effort so please see or contact **Chris Toda** and let her know if you will be able to participate. **No experience necessary!**

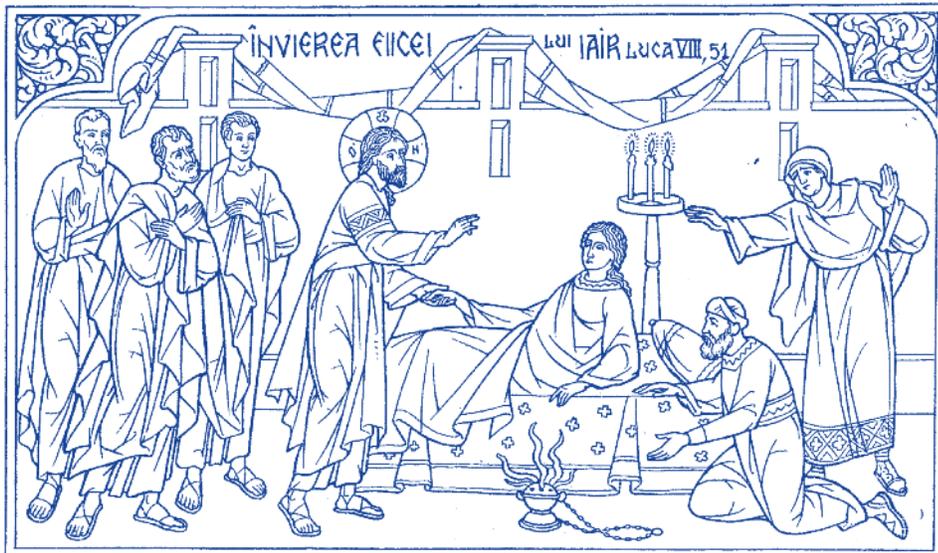
AN ELECTRONICS/WHITE GOODS, ETC. RECYCLING day is set for **NEXT Saturday, November 14th**. If you're able and willing to help, please speak with Gerry Belba.

THE FEASTDAY RAFFLE is in the works. We need help with stuffing and sealing envelopes to get the mailing ready. We also have tickets to sell, apart from the mailing. Dean Valoras is heading up this effort, please see him in Coffee Hour.

GREETERS TEAM 3:
EVANS TSOULES AND TOM FITZPATRICK

COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW A:
MARGARITE LANDRY,
CHRISTINE MASTERJOHN

ALL ALTAR SERVERS INVITED



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EPISTLE: **EPHESIANS 2:14-22** ☩ GOSPEL: **LUKE 8:41-56**
(JESUS HEALS THE WOMAN & RAISES JAIRUS' DAUGHTER)
TONE 6 ☩ MATINS GOSPEL: 1

THANKS TO THE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS for working the Orthodox Food Center on behalf of our parish yesterday. Our regular commitment is the first Saturday of the month from 9am to noon. About 4 people are needed. If you can help in this worthwhile ministry, please speak with Lisa Mielnicki or Nicole Apostola. Our next Saturday is December 5th.

THANKS TO Mrs. Mary Cocaine for sponsoring the **October Mustard Seed** meal. *May God bless her and her whole family!*

COFFEE HOUR this week is sponsored by **Dorothea Vasil** in memory of her parents **Michael and Cynthia Vangel**.

UPCOMING

FEASTDAY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON, Sunday December 6th after Liturgy. Before we plunge into the frenzy of the holidays, let's pause for a moment and gather for a few hours to enjoy

a relaxing potluck luncheon. Please speak with Lisa Mielnicki or Chris Toda for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A HOLIDAY BAKE SALE sponsored by The Women's Guild at **St. Mary's Assumption on Salisbury St** will be held on **Sunday, November 22nd** at 12:00 pm. Kules, baklava, and kurabia galore! Plus cakes, cookies, cupcakes, pies ... just in time for Thanksgiving!

AN ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE, sponsored by the Shrews-

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sat, Nov 7 Orthodox Food Pantry, 9am-12pm
- Sun, Nov 8 Thanksgiving Orders Deadline
- Sat, Nov 14 Pita Baking, 9:00 am
e-Recycling, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- Sat, Nov 21 Holiday Bake Sale, Luncheon & Marketplace
- Sun, Nov 22 Shrewsbury Ecu Thanksgiving Service
St. Mary RC Church, 7:00pm
- Dec 6 St. Nicholas Feastday Celebration

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A Parish of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas

bury Clergy Association will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center & Holy Trinity Hospice are Orthodox Charities and rely on your donations to continue the mission of providing the best care possible.

NAMEDAYS

November 8

The Holy Archangel Gabriel

Inva Gabriela Durmillari

Gabriela Gavala

The Holy Archangel Michael

Kenneth Michael Anderson

Michael Bourisk

Michael Walter Clem

Mihai Gavala

Michaela Ionete

Michael Keimig

Mikel Lolo

Corey Michael Maynard

Scott Michael Maynard

Tyler Michael Maynard

Michael Anthony Prizio

Michael Soter

Michael Spataro

Michael Peter Toda

The Holy Archangel Raphael

Raphaella Zaruha

The Holy Bodiless Hosts

Angela Demake

Angeliki Soter



HOLY BODILESS POWERS

NOVEMBER 8

All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8); and while one Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is also appointed to protect each Christian individually. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw nigh to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias

6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honouring these divine ministers, our protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty." The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures, where Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him (Dan. 7:10). But all of them are divided into nine orders which are called Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

A PRAYER OF FR. LAURENCE

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD,

OLORD, God of peace and tranquility: Your coming into our lives is never accompanied by anger, confusion, distress, or turmoil of any kind. But our nature complicates matters. Even when we are not in a state of anger, we can be extremely high-strung and anxious, actually increasing the stresses already imposed on us daily by society. Help us to calm down, to attain peace within ourselves, and to dispel all anger and resentment from our hearts.

For you are a God of serenity and peacefulness, and we give you glory, Father Son, and Holy Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

FINANCIAL FACT

"Burning the Mortgage"

**Our monthly mortgage payment is \$4,719.99.
39% goes towards the principal, and the
remaining 61% is interest paid to the bank!**

GIVING TO EACH WHAT IS NEEDED FOR SALVATION

THE Gospel lesson this week is from St. Luke (8:41-56). He tells us of two miracles that while separate and distinct have an inner spiritual unity. They complement one another.

The story opens with the leader of a local synagogue, Jairus, coming to meet Jesus. Falling at his feet, he begs Jesus to come to his house because his twelve year old daughter was dying. (v. 41-42) St. Matthew adds that he asked Jesus to “come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” (Matthew 9:18) This is an important detail.

At the same time, amidst the stifling thrust of the crowd, a woman who had been suffering for twelve years from constant hemorrhaging came up and touched the fringe of his garment (v. 43-44). According to ancient sources this woman was very wealthy. The Gospels say that she had spent a great deal of money on physicians who could not cure her. Her final hope was in Jesus whom she knew little about.

Jesus stops and asks: “Who touched me?” Peter and the other disciples respond by saying that the crowd is pressing on all sides, suggesting that he’s feeling the push of the crowd, not a deliberate contact. Jesus insists, because he noticed that power had gone out of him. (v. 45-46) Then, the woman, embarrassed by her illness (her bleeding made her ‘unclean’ according to the Jewish Law), falls down before him trembling and admits in front of everyone why she had touched him and how she had been healed. The Lord tells her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” (v. 48)

Meanwhile, someone arrived from Jairus’ house to tell him not to bother imploring the Lord, because his daughter had died. When Jesus heard this He turned to Jairus and said, “Do not fear. Only believe and she will be saved.” (v. 50) When they got to the house Jesus



would not allow anyone to enter with him except for Peter, John and James (the same three disciples who would be present at the Transfiguration) and the girl’s mother and father. As you might imagine, the house was filled with weeping and wailing, but Jesus told them all to stop because she was not dead, but rather sleeping. The mourners laughed in response. Suffering the unbearable pain of their loss, and knowing the finality of death, that claim seemed ridiculous. Paying no attention to them, He went to the place where she lay, took her hand and said: “Child, get up!” (v. 54) Her spirit returned to her. Then He told her parents to get her something to eat.

Now, let’s look at how the two incidences complement one another. Jairus comes to Jesus with a little faith, but mostly out of desperation. He asks Jesus to not only come to his house but to lay His hand on his daughter. (Remember the story of the Centurion in the Gospel of Matthew 8:5-13 that we heard a few weeks ago? The Centurion asks Jesus to heal his servant only with his word!) It was while Jairus was asking for Jesus’ help, that the woman with the hemorrhage secretly touches Jesus in order to be healed.

In questioning the woman, Jesus

forces the woman to reveal herself. Jesus has his reason. First, Jairus needed his faith strengthened. Remember, Jesus says to him, “Only believe, and she will be saved.” Moreover, Jairus needed a physical sign; he wanted Jesus to come and touch his daughter. By contrast, Jesus shows how the silent and hidden faith of this woman effected her healing.

The woman needed something else. She touched Jesus surreptitiously, out of shame. He asks her to publicly acknowledge her healing not simply to strengthen the faith of Jairus, but also to comfort her tortured soul. If she had received her healing and gone home silently, would not she have felt as though she had “stolen” God’s grace? Jesus comforts her by prodding her to acknowledge the healing and then telling her that it was her faith that made her well.

Unlike the woman, Jairus made a public display of his grief and requested a physical sign of Jesus’ power. However, Jesus always heals both spiritually and physically. He desires our salvation, but he also heals our suffering. Sometimes this requires that he make secret requests public, and public displays secret, as we see in today’s Gospel lesson. For her own well-being the woman needs to tell everyone of her healing. Jairus and his wife need to keep the raising of their daughter to themselves.

What can we learn from this? Even when we are desperate, embarrassed, and ashamed, we can come to the Lord with our pain and He will heal us. Even when we have so little faith that we need outward signs of God’s presence, He will come to us, visit us, lay His hand on us and raise us from the dead. God meets us on our own level, but He urges us upward, inviting us to meet Him on His.

FR. NICHOLAS APOSTOLA



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE, LUNCHEON & MARKETPLACE

Saturday, November 21

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

BAKE SALE & LUNCHEON

- **We are asking for donations of home baked goods to sell.** We need to know in advance what you are bringing, and it must be brought to the church during the day on Friday, Nov. 20
- **We also need volunteers to help with set up and packaging of items for sale on Friday, Nov 20** and with the sale and luncheon on Saturday, Nov 21. If you have questions please speak to or email: Chris Toda or Deb Sedares.
- **There is a sign up sheet** on the bulletin board and at the candle stand for donations and for volunteers to help with set up and with the sale.

PITA & PASTRY HOLIDAY ORDER DEADLINES

- **Help is needed with the ongoing baking effort** of pitas and pastries here at the Church and for help with packaging pastries — For specifics, see **Chris Toda and Betty Anderson.**
- **We need everyone's to help to sell our pastries and pitas** to our family, friends, coworkers, and anyone else you can think of — for more information, see **Betty Anderson.**
- **Thanksgiving Orders** need to be in by November 8, for pick-up Sat/Sun November 21 & 22.
- **Christmas Orders** must be in by December 7, for pick-up Sat/Sun December 19 & 20. We are only able

to make a certain quantity of pitas and pastries. To ensure that we will be able to fill your orders do not wait until the last minute to get your orders in. ***Absolutely no orders will be accepted after the order deadline.***

- **You may download flyers** using the links in the e-mail Bulletin or pick up hard copies here.

HOLIDAY MARKET PLACE:

- **A Holiday Market Place** will once again, be part of our annual Holiday Bake Sale and Luncheon. We are seeking Vendors to rent table space at a cost of \$25 per table. If you or a vendor you know is interested in participating, please contact **Tim Rucho.** We would like to include a variety of vendors and ensure there is no duplication of products or services.

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE:

- **Gift-Basket Raffle:** A new feature at our Holiday Marketplace this year will be a raffle of specialty gift baskets to benefit our Church. Donations are welcome! You may be creative and design your own gift basket, contribute complimentary items and we will assemble them into a gift basket, or donate gift certificates, gift cards, or money to purchase needed items. For more information, speak with Tim Rucho.