

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (6:11–18)

Brethren: see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:41–56)

At that time, a certain man named Jairus came to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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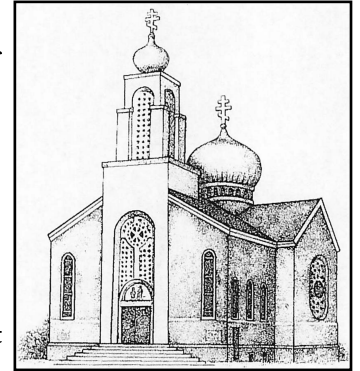
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22nd Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 5
Synaxis of Unmercenary Physicians
November 5, 2023

Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book). The most significant hymns and responses specific for today are printed inside this bulletin.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Nov. 4	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Nov. 5	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Endowment Fund Commemoration Service	
	“Questions after Coffee”	12–12:30
Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 5	Metropolitan Tikhon has designated this Sunday to support the Stewards of the OCA. Just as we are called to be good stewards of our own parish and the local mission of the church, we also have responsibility for the good work being done throughout the Orthodox Church in America. The liturgical texts we rely on, the choir training we receive, the National Priest Retreat which just took place in Chicago—all these and more are made possible through your faithful support. https://www.oca.org/become-a-steward	
Tuesday, Nov. 7	Great Vespers—Eve of St. Michael	6 PM
Wed., Nov. 8	Divine Liturgy—St. Michael & All Angels	9:30 AM
Saturday, Nov. 11	Reception of Christopher Cardia into Orthodoxy by Holy Chrismation	4 PM
	Great Vespers followed by confessions	5 PM
	Supper & Fellowship—bring games and hobbies to share, or just enjoy each other’s company. All welcome!	6 PM
Sunday, Nov. 12	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Thanksgiving Feast after Liturgy	
	Our annual Thanksgiving Feast has been a long standing parish tradition open to all. Please see Donna to volunteer to bring a dish.	
Wed, Nov. 15	Nativity Fast begins	

The cross is lit by Laura Panico in memory of her parents **Rose (Wesnefski) and Eugene Westermeyer**. May their memory be eternal.

We Ask Your Prayers

For Priest-Monk Benedict (Churchill), nominated as Bishop of New England.

For those celebrating as their patron saints Martyr Karina at Ancyra (Nov. 7) or the Archangel Michael (Nov. 8).

For those celebrating anniversaries: Michael & Rebecca Pannone (Nov. 8).

For the Sick & Suffering:

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Starr (Sarrazin)—friend of Robin Levesque

Michael (Bongoll)—first-floor tenant of parish apartment house

Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich) Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter) Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges)

Irene Lorraine Jacob

Juliana Katelyn Crystal

Angela Innocent

Cyprian and Dana Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik) Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

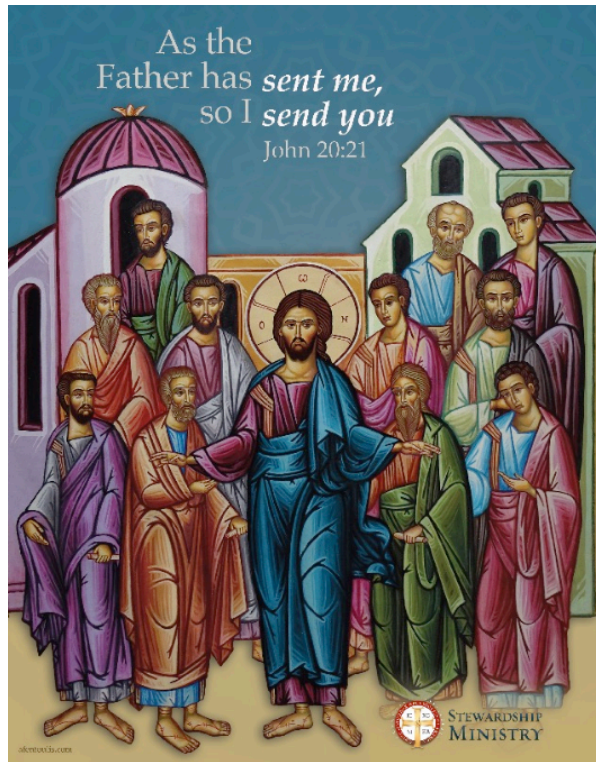
If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

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A strong parish provides opportunities for sharing the Good News of Christ, for welcoming those that are searching for a spiritual home, and a base from which we are sent out into the world. The parish also provides a place for worship, community and education in the faith. To be stewards of the Gospel, we need to be stewards of our parish. This requires the vision and inspiration to see the parish, not as it is, but as it could be. We are called to offer ourselves and our treasure to make our local church all that is can be.

“Stewardship is the application of our spiritual life to the realities of the fallen world.

“Creation itself is in need of healing, but those of us who dwell within that creation are also in need of healing, since it is on our account that creation fell. And healing requires a therapeutic method of treatment, which the Church offers to us through the Holy Mysteries and the liturgical and sacramental life by which we become true human beings and, by God’s grace, saints. If Christ is the Divine Physician, then He is the Physician for all of us and for all of creation. His Body, the Church—reflected in her monasteries, parishes, and communities — serves as a hospital for the souls of all who are broken, beaten down or wounded.”

His Beatitude, Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada
Of What Life to We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church
“Pillar Two: Stewardship,” page 30

Hymns of the Day

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 3 Troparion *(Unmercenary Physicians)*

Let us praise the Radiant band
of the Unmercenaries
the twenty-numbered divinely-inspired phalanx,
that shines with grace from heaven,
for they deposed the power of the evil one,
and with sympathy alleviate the illnesses
of all those who cry out with reverence://
Glory to God in Trinity.

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Unmercenary Physicians)*

You have received the grace of remedies,
spread strength over those in need,
glorious, wonderworking Physicians;
by your visitation, cast down the insolence of enemies,//
healing the world by wonders.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion—*Steadfast Protectress*

Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! *(Ps. 11:1a)*

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Unmercenaries) (from Nov. 1)*

The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His
land. *(Ps. 15:3a)*

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will
proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. *(Ps. 88:1-2)*

Verse: For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will
be prepared in the heavens. *(Ps. 88:3)*

Verse: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
(Ps. 132:1)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Notes on the Week

Our Church keeps the memory of particular assemblies of saints: martyrs, hierarchs and monastics, for example. This first Sunday in November, we honor the Synaxis (assembly) of Unmercenary Saints, often known as Physicians or Healers. They are revered for their generosity and self-sacrifice, ministering to the suffering without requiring a fee, and often working wonders of healing in Christ's name. This company of Unmercenary Saints is remembered in the Proskomedia before each Divine Liturgy and especially during the Mystery of Holy Anointing, where many of these wonderworkers are named as the sick person is anointed for the healing of soul and body. Saints Cosmas & Damian of Mesopotamia (Nov. 1) are among the best known. On the eve of this feast, we remember many of their names (though even more could be included!): starting with the Apostle and Evangelist Luke the Physician, Hieromartyrs Antipas, Charalampos and Blaise, Cyrus and John, Panteleimon, Sampson and Diomedes, and others. Through the activity of the Holy Spirit, may they bring healing to all!