

*Christ The Saviour Orthodox Church
American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
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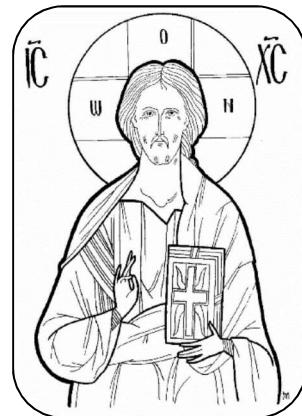
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Schedule of Services:

Sunday September 23rd: Obednitsa Service at 10 am

Sunday September 30th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am & Council Mtg.

Sunday October 7th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am & Parish Meeting

Sunday October 14th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am

For more dates of services check out the parish website's calendar.

If you wish to have someone added or removed from the Prayer list, please contact a member of the Royko family or send an email to:

- christsaviour@live.com

Prayer List:

Living		
Theodore (Bunevich)	Theresa (Popovich)	Frank (Popovich)
Penney (Royko)	Sally (Hubiak)	Ethel (Rusyniak)
Eileen (Bunevich)	Virginia (Shymske)	Rosalie (Strachan)
Kathryn (Royko)	Thomas (Royko)	James (Strachan)
Tiana (Hosta)	Logan (Gatchell)	Doris (Gatchell)
Marsha (Will)	Emerson (Sirilla)	Fr. Andrew (Harmon)
Dolores (Royko)	Pani Donna (Smoley)	Jane
Gerard (Mosback)	Thomas (Sirilla)	

Departed		
Matushka Catherine (Jula)	Very Reverend Father Doctor Stephen (Jula)	Joey (Jarvis)

"All who truly believe in Christ and cleave to Him with all their soul, are changed into His image by the power of His Resurrection." +St. Theopham the Recluse

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Paulette Bazilewich- October 1st

Leonard & Gloria Zabala- October 4th



The Cleveland Museum of Art will be hosting a free event on Sunday September 30th at 2 pm to present a lecture on Ancient Greek and Byzantine Art. The speaker will be Dr. Antony Eastmond. Reservations are required. You call at (216) 421-7350 or online at engage.clevelandart.org.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral is hosting the Forum, "Cleveland the Pan Orthodox City" an October 20th at 9am. The event includes speakers and 2 meals. Tickets are \$15.

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild is having their annual Gala October 25th at 6pm at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Please see the posted flyer!!

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Saints and Feasts

The Conception of St. John the Baptist; Xanthippe & Polyxene the Righteous; John the New Martyr of Epiros; Nicholas the New Martyr

Sermon for the 1st Sunday of Luke

In his sermon titled, "Nevertheless", Fr. Anthony Coniaris relates the following story, A father said to his son who at the time was tempted to give up, Remember son, the people who are well known are those who did not give up: Robert Fulton (inventor of steam ship), Thomas Edison (inventor of the light bulb), Eli Whitney (inventor of the cotton gin), and Isadore McPringle. The boy said, who is Isadore McPringle? The father replied, See, you never hear of him because he gave up.

"Nevertheless" appears in today's Gospel Reading from the First Sunday of Luke (5:1-11). After Jesus tells Peter to go out into the deep water and let down his fishing nets, But Simon answered and said to Him, Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.

"Nevertheless" is like saying, despite the evidence, contrary to my own experience, I will take your word for it. This is an expression of faith and trust, but it was not a blind faith because Simon Peter surely heard Jesus teaching the word of God to the multitudes from his very own boat. At the very least, even though he had not yet witnessed any miracles, Peter must have had a sense that Jesus was one who taught with authority.

How was Peter rewarded for his trust and obedience? After letting down their nets, they caught a huge number of fish, so many that their nets were breaking, so many that that not one but two boats were almost sinking. Peter was rewarded by experiencing the miraculous power of Jesus' divine grace.

Peter's trust and obedience did not end here. After Jesus tells him not to fear but to become a fisher of men, Peter and James and John leave everything and follow Jesus. What was their reward? They would go on to witness even more miraculous signs and wonders: healing of disease, casting out of demons, raising of the dead and the greatest miracle of all--Jesus? Resurrection from the dead.

Jesus also said, nevertheless When He was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, knowing that He was already betrayed, that He was going to

be arrested, tried, tortured and executed by crucifixion, He said: "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done". In other words, despite the evidence to the contrary, I am going to trust that You will take care of Me. What was Jesus reward? After all those horrible things, God the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, raised Jesus from the dead to ascend into heaven and sit at His right hand.

A cynic might say: Why believe in God? Why go to church? What good does it do? I still have problems. People still suffer. The wicked prosper and the righteous are defeated.? A faithful person might have the same thoughts and questions. However, the faithful person says, Nevertheless. Despite the signs to the contrary, we can never judge a play or movie until we've seen its final act. We can never judge a person until we've seen his/her final act standing before the judgment seat of Christ. Remember the repentant thief at the Cross of Christ, to whom Jesus said, "Today, you will be with Me in paradise". At the Second Coming of Christ, then we will know if it really pays to be greedy, selfish and wicked.

What are some examples of people, who despite the evidence, nevertheless went forward with their duty, their calling, their life?

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb said, "I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that will not work." And, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." He also said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Helen Keller- who became blind and deaf at 19 months of age but who later learned how to read, write and speak; who also gained not only knowledgeable but also wisdom. She said, "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." And, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

300 Soldiers from Sparta, standing firm at Thermopylae, were told that were thousands in the Persian army and that their arrows will cloud the

sun. How did the Spartans respond? “Nevertheless, we will fight in the shade.”

And what about us, what odds will we face? What difficulties have we already endured? How did we respond? The devil and his demons will always put seemingly insurmountable obstacles in front of us: illness, adversity, difficult people, even impending death. How did we respond? How will we respond? With resignation or with nevertheless? We must always respond with nevertheless because, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

When prayer seems to have no effect, nevertheless pray anyways. When going to liturgy seems like too much trouble, nevertheless go to church. When fasting is inconvenient, nevertheless deny yourself. When change is unknown and fearful, nevertheless repent. When revealing sins seems too personal and embarrassing, confess anyways. When God seems to have forgotten or abandoned you, nevertheless trust Him even more.

+Fr. Rick Andrews