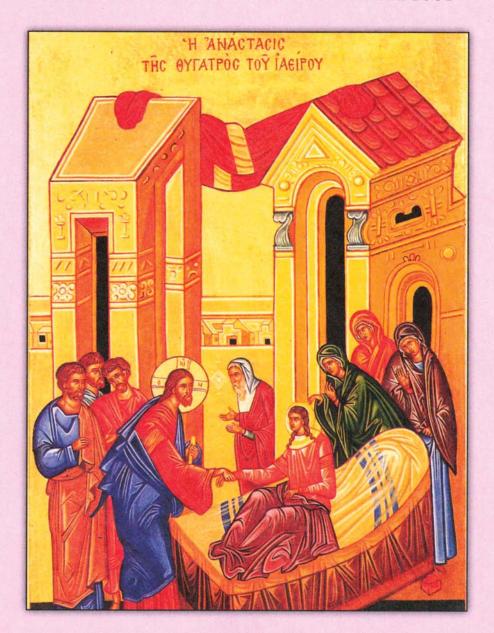
# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:41-56)

# The Power of Prayer

The youngest daughter of a very wealthy man was seriously ill. He had taken her from doctor to doctor but they could not cure her. Next, he had taken her to the most renowned specialists and to the finest clinics throughout the world, but without success. Finally, one doctor, realizing that he could do nothing more for the little girl, said to the father "I promise I'll remember your daughter in my prayers." The father replied, "Don't say that! I'm not ready to give up!"

Sadly, many people save the power of prayer only as a last resort when all else has seemingly failed. They say, "All we can do now is pray." Yet, prayer is simple but powerful conversation with God. Two thousand years ago, the daughter of an influential man named

Jairus became ill. His first response was to seek out Jesus in the synagogue and ask His help. Asking help of Jesus even in the most simple way is prayer. Saint John Chrysostom tells us that we should converse daily with God "telling Him of our needs not with endless words, but with simplicity."

If we converse daily with God, then God knows all our needs. Nothing is unimportant to Him if it is important to us. Thus, prayer should not be the last resort in desperate situations. Rather, prayer should be the first resort in every situation, serious or not. Should the conflict grow more serious, the Desert Fathers tell us to simply cry out "Lord have mercy!" because the Lord knows very well what we need and will show us His mercy.

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Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)

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Next Liturgy: Sunday, November 21st, at 3pm

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St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

**Contact:** Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930 **Next Liturgy**: Saturday, November 27th, at 10am

### **DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH**

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday	11:00am	Matins	Veterans Day Commemoration:
11.07.2021	11:45am	Divine Liturgy	+Deceased and Living Military Veterans
Monday	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney
11.08.2021		Archangel Michael	Requested by: Sean Albert
		and all Angels	
Friday	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Philip Kotula
11.12.2021			Requested by: The Kotula Family
Sunday	8:45am	Matins	In Memory of: +Mary Rose Poisal Mentzel
11.14.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Requested by: Cathy & George Johnson

This is the **24th Sunday After Pentecost.** 

Propers begin on page 156, Tone 7.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

### **VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION**

**Living Veterans:** 

Nicholas Philip Kotula, U.S. Marine Corps William Charles Hansen, U.S. Air Force

Bryan Andrew Hansen, U.S. Army

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+Robert Elwell, Sr., U.S. Army
+George Shanta, U.S. Navy
+Melquiades Gortayo, U.S. Air Force
+Andrew Polaschik, U.S. Air Force
+Paul Yackanicz, U.S. Air Force
+Olga Haburchak, U.S. Navy
+John Flynn, U.S. Navy
+Richard Kline, U.S. Army
+Nicholas Schmitt, U.S. Army
+Bart Stolte, U.S. Navy
+Donald Helms, U.S. Army

+Lawrence Guenther, U.S. Army

+Norbert Guenther, U.S. Army

+William Rudy, U.S. Army +Karl R. Karlson, U.S. Army +Miguel Tolentino, U.S. Army +George Dulina, Sr., U.S. Navy +Stephen Polaschik, U.S. Air Force

+John Polaschik, U.S. Army +Victor Haburchak, U.S. Army +Alexander Haburchak, U.S. Army

+John Haburchak, U.S. Army +Marlin Kline, U.S. Army +Clyde Wood, Sr., U.S. Army

+Dean Helms, U.S. Army +Art Guenther, U.S. Army

+Norman Guenther, U.S. Army +Fr. Conan Timoney, U.S Army

+Monsignor John Gilhooley, U.S. Air Force

"Who is like God" (Luke 10:16-21).

Dear believers, on Monday, November 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and all the heavenly forces. This holiday can be called the holiday of our heavenly defenders, defenders of our heavenly homeland. Our Guardian Angels are constantly praying for us to God, and asking for the graces we need for spiritual strengthening and successful struggle against evil spirits - the enemies of our salvation. They protect us with their invisible presence from all evil and make our way to heaven safe. The words of the psalm assure us of this, "For he will command his angels to bury you in all your ways. They will carry you in their arms so that your foot will not stumble over a stone" (Ps. 90:11-12). That is why we solemnly honor our heavenly protectors, the guardian angels who, from our baptism to death, protect us from all evil. They are our greatest benefactors and most faithful friends. "The angel of the Lord watches over those who fear him and delivers them" (Ps. 33:8).

As a child grows, their Guardian Angel follows them relentlessly everywhere. We see on the icons of small children, who are accompanied across the bridge by their Guardian Angels, or when children rest, on the cribs, we can increasingly see icons of holy angels. Young children are open to the spiritual world invisible to us adults, so sometimes having fun, a small child smiles, and older people say that they are communicating with angels.

Even our sleep is protected by a Guardian Angel. Our bodyguard does not back down from us even during prayer. Rev. John the Ladderer says that when we feel inner pleasure during prayer, we need to stop and give thanks, because this is the Guardian Angel praying with you.

The Guardian Angel is a faithful companion who will never betray the person to whom he is attached from baptism to the grave. At the hour of death, he is a faithful helper and witness to what a person has done in his life.

"Angels are faithful to us throughout life," writes the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, "and therefore, it should be a stimulus to heartfelt reverence and gratitude to our Guardian Angel."

Dear believers, we ask our Guardian Angels to teach us to feel the presence of dark forces that tempt us and reject their persuasions, as well as to be able to determine the presence with us of holy angels who awaken our conscience, and protect us from sin.

**PRINTER CARTRIDGES:** If anyone has used printer cartridges, we will happily accept them. You can leave them in the Narthex. We plan on recycling them and earning rewards to put towards new cartridges for use in the church office. Thank you to those who have already donated!

# Veterans Day Prayer

Dear God,
We give thanks today for our Veterans and their willingness
to risk all for the sake of freedom.
We pray You will bless them and their families.
Protect them and heal them;
comfort their hearts and grant them peace.
May their dedication and honor never be forgotten.
Amen

- Author Unknown

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### 24th Sunday After Pentecost

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today's Gospel tells us about Jairus, the head of the synagogue, who was looking for Christ to come to his house because his daughter was dying. When trouble strikes us, we begin to seek Christ, but man does not always invite God into his home when he is all right.

When thinking about the healing of Jesus Christ, by the daughter of Jairus and the bleeding woman, we should first pay attention to the words of the Apostle this Sunday, in which the Apostle Paul teaches the Ephesians that Christ is the one who can unite man with God and himself, restore their inner unity, unity of thoughts and desires, to heal externally, and internally, and to help overcome obstacles on the way to God.

We see the fulfillment of these words in the events of today's Gospel. Christ, having resurrected the dead daughter of Jairus and healed a woman from long-term bleeding. The conversion of Jairus and the bleeding woman to Jesus is a manifestation of their faith in the omnipotence of Christ, His divine power. Jairus' appeal to Jesus Christ can be called a public prayer, and a woman's prayer is a secret prayer of the heart, but both of these prayers, these appeals to Christ, have a strong foundation - firm faith.

People put a lot of human effort into solving their life problems. But there are situations where human strength and capabilities are limited, so we must not forget one important tool - the role and power of prayer. In solving any problem, a Christian must always combine their actions with prayer. Although some difficulties require more human effort, others require more prayer, but in every situation, human actions must be combined with prayer, as if flying on two wings.

A couple lived in a city. The Lord blessed their work so that they were very wealthy, but in the nineties, the wife became ill. At first, this was not given much attention. As a result, the treatment did not give any positive results, as her health deteriorated. The woman underwent four surgeries. Doctors changed the diagnosis three times. It cost a lot of money, they even sold one of their two houses, went to resorts, even abroad, and her health did not improve. The man was in despair because he loved the woman and was afraid of losing her. And so, when the zemstvo factors did not help, they began to turn to the greatest doctor - Jesus Christ, and began to pray more. Then they began to go to pray with a priest-monk. The woman went rather not with the thought of healing, but with dignity to prepare herself for death. And a miracle happened. The disease, both secretly came and secretly disappeared. The woman still could not explain why she was ill and how she was cured. Thank God she is healthy now. And most importantly, the disease helped her to revive faith and hope in God. Before the disease, she believed that God existed, she went to church, but it was a superficial, formal faith. There was no faith in her heart. Patience helped her to revive, in her heart, faith in the Almighty and loving God, and this faith saved her.

Various difficult situations in life should remind us of the words of Christ, "...With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27), and thus, revive faith in the power of prayer. That is, what we cannot solve by human means, prayer can help us in this, as an expression of faith and hope in the power of God's grace.

The life of St. John Chrysostom tells of how, while in the Athenian School of Philosophy, he had a philosopher opponent named Anfimius. He was envious of the good reputation of Ivan and slandered him, which provoked the hatred of other people. But the saint, with God's help, shamed his adversary and with him, converted many to Christ. This happened when Anfimius, in a dispute with St. John Chrysostom, began to blaspheme Our Lord Jesus Christ. Then the spirit suddenly attacked him and began to torment him. Anfimius fell to the ground and thrashed, opening his mouth wide, from which foam flowed. Seeing this, those around them were horrified, and many of them fled in fear. Those who remained began to ask St. John Chrysostom to help him, to which he said, "If he does not repent and does not believe in Christ God, whom he slandered, he will not be healed." And Anfimius, hearing this, said, "I believe that there is no other God in heaven or on earth, except the One whom St. John Chrysostom professes. When he spoke those words, the unclean spirit left him and Anfimius became healthy. All the people who saw this miracle exclaimed, "Great Christian God! He alone works wonders."

And today, the Lord works miracles through faith, but sometimes, overshadowed by our sins, through weak faith, we do not notice all the miracles that take place in the world and around us. At matins, concluding the Great Hymn, we call on the Lord, "Lord, I come to you, teach me to do your will, for you are my God."

Dear believers! I wish you all to hear with your heart the Divine words of our Savior: "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace!" (Luke 8:48); and "...Do not fear; only believe..." (Luke 8:50).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:** Our parish will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by a pot-luck luncheon and a visit from St. Nicholas, in our church hall. Please sign-up on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, by November 28<sup>th</sup> – we would like to know if your family (including the number of children) will be attending so we can plan accordingly. Many thanks!

**DECORATING OUR TEMPLE FOR CHRISTMAS:** Fr. Serhii would like to have our Temple decorated before we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas (December 5<sup>th</sup>) at Patronage Church, so we will be decorating after Liturgy on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to volunteer, please send the church an email and let us know. You help would be greatly appreciated!

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN:** Please visit <a href="https://www.godwithusonlineorg">www.godwithusonlineorg</a>, and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions, that you can use in your catechesis

"A Church without youth is a Church without a future.

Moreover, youth without a Church is youth without a future!"

-Author Unknown

**2022 LITURGICAL CALENDARS:** We have received our Liturgical calendars for 2022. They are on the book rack in the Narthex. Please take one for use in your home.

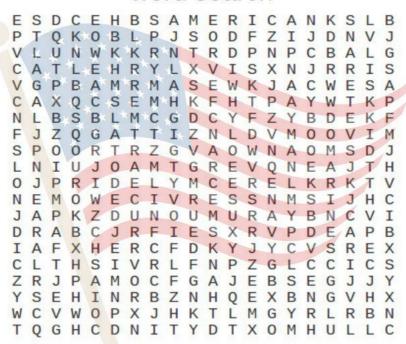
**INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE:** A free webinar entitled, "Women of Faith, Heroines of the Old Testament," takes place on Mondays, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Pre-class discussion begins at 7:30pm followed by the lecture at 8pm. The instructor is Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D. Many faithful women held prominent places in the stories of the Old Testament. Join Fr. Sebastian to learn about these great women and how they ultimately point forward to the Blessed Virgin Mary, her son, and the Church. "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45). Don't forget your Bible! To register, visit www.instituteofcatholicculture.org.

**BECOMING BYZANTINE:** The Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries are sponsoring a free webinar and video series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based upon the "*Christ Our Pascha Catechism.*" Are you a Western Christian (Catholic or Protestant) who is interested in exploring the Byzantine Catholic faith for your own development in faith? Are you contemplating joining or have you recently joined a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish? Are you a Byzantine Christian who wants to learn more about your own rich tradition? Visit <u>BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism</u> for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm.

### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

# **Veteran's Day**

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**VETERANS DAY:** Veterans Day is a national holiday that commemorates and honors all veterans, both living and deceased, of all wars, every year, on November 11<sup>th</sup>. A Veteran is a man or woman who has served his/her country as a member of one of the armed forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Space Force).

An American flag, for each of the veterans listed in today's bulletin, was placed in front of our church sign in remembrance of their service to our country. Thank you to all of our veterans for serving our country and protecting our freedoms. *God Bless our Veterans!* 

INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Fr. Joseph Borodach (he is a priest in the Pittsburgh Diocese and recovering from surgery – Uncle of Alex Demyan), Greg Rudy, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

# May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Patronage: 10.31.2021 - \$562.00 Hagerstown: 10.30.2021 - \$149.00

**2021 "FALL" SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL – Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm:** If you would like to place a festival food order, forms are available on our website, or you can pick one up on the shelf, in the Narthex, next to the bulletins. Orders can either be submitted on our church website, mailed to the church rectory, or left in the collection basket, in the back of our Temple. **The pre-order date deadline is tomorrow, Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.** 

In order to make this festival a success, **we need many volunteers**. Please consider helping out with the various tasks that need to be done. On the day of the festival, we need at least 12 volunteers. When we bake kolachi next week, we need as many people as possible that can volunteer. Please contact Mary Demyan, <a href="mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net">mdemya1@verizon.net</a> or 410-591-5654, if you are able to volunteer. This is a big fundraiser for our parish, and we would appreciate any help you can give. Please add the following dates to your calendar:

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**, at 9am – kolachi making (we plan on making 400+ kolachi and need as many volunteers as possible to help roll, bake, package them up, and help in clean-up)

Friday, November 19, 2021, at 9am – volunteers needed to peel potatoes, cut onions, and set the hall up for the festival

Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 10am-2pm – volunteers needed to work the festival, as well as help is needed to clean up after the festival

**BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:** Gather up your favorite recipes and get the whole family involved! **We will be having a bake table, at our upcoming festival next month**. We welcome all kinds of baked goods. Please wrap/package your baked goods in sellable portions. **We still need someone to manage the bake table.** You can contact Mary Demyan, and let her know you will take on this task. Thank you in advance for your help!

**KIELBASI FREEZER SALE:** We have a limited supply of frozen "**smoked kielbasi**" for sale and available to take home after Liturgy today. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. Price and size vary.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at <a href="mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com">patronage.church@gmail.com</a>.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).