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Sunday, October 17, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Saint Luke

Resurrection Apolytikion in the tone of the week (Plagal Four)

Εξ δύσου κατήλθες ὁ εὐφλαγχυνός, ταφήν κατεδέξω τομήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃ τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστήρας ἐπὶ νήσ τῶν Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ ὑμΐν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας; πολυεὐσπλαγχνὲ, δόξα σοι.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of our Church

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενοῦντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρος Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιος, πρέσβευ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

As liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the ailing, and champion of Kings, beseech Christ our God, O great martyr George, Standard Bearer, for the salvation of our souls.
Welcome to a new school year!

Sunday School
The Epistle Reading – Sunday, October 17, 2021

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For you are just in all you have done.

The Reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to Titus 3:8-15

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15

Πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βουλομαί σε διαβεβαιώσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἐργῶν προϊόστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῶς. ταύτα ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὑφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. μηρὰς δὲ ἐνηχώςεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιόστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι, αὐθετικῶν ἀνθρώπων μετὰ μιᾶν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παρατίθει, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἕξεστραπται ὁ τουρότος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὅπως αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Αρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἡ Τυχικοῦν, σπουδάσου ἐλθεῖν πρὸς μὲν εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἵκαι γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσας. Ζητῶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως προσπέμψῃ, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτῶς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσιν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἑμέτεροι καλῶν ἐργῶν προϊόστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὄσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μὲ τὸ ἐμὸν πάντες. Ἀσπασία τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἢ χάρις μετὰ πάντων υἱῶν.

Save The Date
Frank and Bean Supper
Saturday November 13 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
The Gospel Lesson – Sunday, October 17, 2021

The Reading is from Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Κατά Λουκάν 8.5-15

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην: Ἐξήλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. Καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρῃ αὐτὸν ὁ μὲν ἔπεσεν παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν, καὶ κατεπατήθη καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ òχαρον κατέφαγεν αὐτό. Καὶ ἔπεσεν ὁ σπείρων ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἔλημαι διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ικμᾶς. Καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἄκανθων, καὶ συμφυεῖται αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνευσαν αὐτὸ. Καὶ ἐπον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἄγαθην, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησεν καρπὸν ἐκατονταπλάσιον. Ἔτσι λέγων ἐφώνει. Ὁ ἔχων ὥστε ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώθην δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τῇ θυσίᾳ τῇ παραβολῆς. Ο δὲ εἶπεν, Ὁμι λίθον ἡ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, ταῦτα δὲ λουπάς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἢνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσιν καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ σκύψωσιν. Εἴστην δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ ὁ σπορός ἐστιν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ. Οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσίν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἴρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἢνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. Εἴστην δὲ ἡ μὴ κατέφαγον καὶ ἦσαν ἡ ἄγαθη καὶ ἥσαν ἡ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ἦσαν ἡ μεροῦς καὶ ἔλημαι καὶ ἦσαν μεροῦς τῆς δοξῆς καὶ ἦσαν ἡ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσιν καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει: Ὁ ἔχων ὥστε ἀκουέτω.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday October 18
Anagennesis Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday October 19
Monthly Bulletin Submissions Due

Wednesday October 20
Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Friday October 22
Pumpkin Carving Event 6:30 p.m.

Sunday October 24
Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
40 day Memorial Service for Beverly Spiro
Coffee Hour in memory of Beverly Spiro

You could be the missing piece! Men, women and teens are invited to join the volunteers that team up to provide social hour. More hands make light work!
Regular fellowship coffee hours start Sunday October 24 after church services.
Girls and Boys: Let’s Play Ball!
Basketball, that is.

With fall upon us, it is time for basketball. The offerings are:
Saturday morning clinic ages 4-8 with Bill Timbas (beginning in January through March)
CYO (practices begin in November)
  3/4 grade Co-Ed (Boys and Girls) - Head Coach Lou Demos and Assistant Coach Adam Tuttle
  5/6 grade Boys - Head Coach Mike Dimos and Assistant Coach Lou Demos
  7/8 grade Boys - Head Coach Coach Lou Demos
  High School Boys - Head Coach Lou Demos and Assistant Coach Ken Clark

At this time Manchester CYO has only 4 teams and needs 6 to have a league, however the clinic and practices will be held regardless, unless told otherwise.
To tell us of your child’s interest, please contact the church office by phone 603-622-9113 or by email saintgeorge@comcast.net and provide the following information:
  parent name, parent phone number player name, player age
  If interested in CYO league, please include uniform size (top and shorts).
This year parents will need to buy their uniform (cost estimation $90, includes top and shorts). This does not include registration fee (TBD).
The parents will be contacted back with formal sign-up forms later this month.

Please contact Ted Setas at 603-203-2060 (CYO) or Bill Timbas at 603-264-4425 (Clinic)
THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR JESUS' FRIEND

We know the story of Lazarus – the man Jesus raised from his grave of 4 days. This great miracle is commemorated by our Church the Saturday before Palm Sunday. October 17th, however, holds significance, for it is on this day that we remember the bringing of the earthly remains of St. Lazarus to their final repose.

During the time of our Lord, Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany with his sisters, Martha and Mary. We can only speculate on what a strong bond that must have existed between this saintly family and Christ. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Lazarus embarked on a mission of his own, taking the message of His Master throughout the Roman Empire. Ultimately, his journeys took him to the island of Cyprus, where he became a bishop of the Church. It is said that Lazarus remained there for some thirty years, giving the community a firm foundation of Christianity. He died at the age of 58 and was buried in a modest chapel with this inscription on his casket: "The Fourth Day – Friend of Jesus Christ."

Cyprus, however, was not meant to be the final resting place of Lazarus. Some 800 years later, the tomb of Lazarus was in ruin and badly in need of repair. The Emperor Leo of Constantinople replaced the crumbling chapel with a magnificent cathedral and monastery. But this still is not the end to this story! Leo soon realized that the relics of such an important saint should rest in a place where more believers would venerate them. On October 17, 891 AD, the relics of St. Lazarus were ceremoniously brought to Constantinople and placed in a bronze casket, which was enshrined in a cathedral erected in his honor. Soon after, Leo arranged for the relics of another close acquaintance of Christ – Mary Magdalene – to be brought to Constantinople. Finally, with the dedication of the cathedral that was built in his honor, the earthly journey of St. Lazarus came to an end.

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Let your faith grow!

Have you ever tried to grow a plant? If you wanted it to live, you had to put it in a sunny spot, give it good dirt, water it, and take care of it.

Today's Gospel reading tells us about how a farmer tried to grow his plants too. It tells about how some seeds grew up to be strong plants. Other ones started out ok, but died out after a while. Other ones didn't grow at all because those seeds were planted in the wrong spot.

Jesus tells us this story because He wants us to get our faith to grow! Just like a little seed, our faith and our love for God can start off small, but then it can grow bigger and better every day.

When you get baptized, that's like a little seed just starting off. But you grow up, and you have to take care of that seed. You have to take care of your faith! You can go to church with your family. You can read stories from the Bible, and also stories about saints of our Church. You can think about other people and help them. You can go to Sunday School and learn with your friends. You can receive the special sacraments, like Holy Communion and Holy Confession.

Sometimes people think all you need is a little seed. They think all you need is to be baptized. But you have to take care of that seed, and help it grow bigger and stronger. What can you do to help grow your faith and love for God?
WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Alms  Baptism  Faith  Famous  Grow  Holy  John  Kronstadt  Sower

What's in an Icon?

You can see the photo of Saint John on page 3.

Here is an icon of him!

Do you think they look the same?
SAINT JOHN OF KRONSTADT
A FAMOUS SAINT

Have you ever seen somebody famous? Really famous? Today is the feast day of a saint who was really, really famous when he was alive. Thousands of people would visit him each day. When he travelled around, huge crowds of people would gather around his horse carriage!

But why? Did he have a huge mansion? Was he good at basketball? Did he star in all the popular movies? No! The people loved Saint John because he was a holy man.

Saint John was born almost 200 years ago, in Russia. He served as a priest in Kronstadt—that’s near the great city of Saint Petersburg. He helped many, many people during his lifetime. Princesses talked about all the miracles that came from him. When he was crying, the tsar (the king) of Russia called Saint John to him to give him Holy Communion.

But Saint John especially helped the poor. Lots of times, people would give Saint John money to give to the poor. Saint John would not even look at the money or count it! He would take it and stuff it in his pocket. Then, the next beggar he saw would get the money!

Saint John gave lots of great advice, especially about how to pray. Saint John knew he had a lot of followers, but he wasn’t trying to be famous. He was just following Christ, and he was helping others follow Christ too!

We celebrate St. John on Tuesday, October 19th (OC: Nov. 1st).
Saint John of Kronstadt, pray for us!
St. George Pumpkin Carving Event
October 22nd @ 6:30 in Community Center

Join us for a night of pumpkin carving, pizza eating, dessert tasting, popcorn snacking and movie watching!

Please bring your own child-safe tools so you can carve a pumpkin with your family.

Please RSVP by October 21st to the office
(603) 622-9113