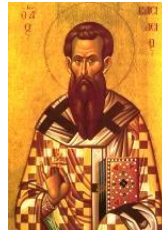


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† MEMORIAL MASSES CONTINUED †

SUNDAY 8th AFTER THE HOLY CROSS
Saturday, November 14 & Sunday, November 15, 2020

WEEKLY SERVICES

Daily Liturgy: Monday-Friday 8:30AM Holy Confession: Monday 4-6PM
Holy Liturgy: Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 11:00AM Vespers: Saturday 3:00PM
Matins/Orthos: Sunday 9:00AM Holy Rosary: Sunday 10:30AM

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Archdeacon George Yany, Maggy Atallah, Jean Benoit, Nadia Casab, Jeanette Farewege, Nancy Gazzal, Daniel Klockowski, Rose Pawlinga, Brian Sagrestano, and Karen Zalatan. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection Nov 7/8: \$ 609.00 Memorial Masses: \$ 40.00 St. Pauly Textile: \$ 346.41
Heat Donation: \$ 40.00 Church Restoration Project: \$ 200.00

SPIRITUAL ADVICE FOR THE WEEK

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13) Say: "The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." (Exodus 15:2) And "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." (Ephesians 6:10)

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

† Eugene Hutchinson, By Olga Hutchinson Byrne & Family
† Julia Nassimos, By Doris Hutchinson & Family
† Anthony Santiago, By Eddie & Carmella Nassimos

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

† Eugene Hutchinson, By Olga Hutchinson Byrne & Family
† Julia Nassimos, By Robert & Laura Zaloom

NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

† Eugene Hutchinson, By Olga Hutchinson Byrne & Family
† Julia Nassimos, By David & Janet George
† Albert Chanatry, 14th Memorial Anniversary, By Doris Hutchinson & Family
† Joseph Ghariba, 60th Memorial Anniversary, By Doris Hutchinson & Family
† Lena Tebsherany, 6th Memorial Anniversary, By Anthony & Sandra Showa
† Rosemary Baz Neugent, By Anthony & Sandra Showa
† Mary Kakaty, 21st Memorial Anniversary, By her Family

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

† Eugene Hutchinson, By Olga Hutchinson Byrne & her Family
† Julia Nassimos, By Robert & Laura Zaloom

2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The Lord Jesus wants us to be a Good Samaritans. It's not too late to send your gift to the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. A tithe (10%) of all funds collected in the Bishop's Appeal goes to support our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon from the explosion. Please don't delay...give today so our parish will show 100% participation. Your Melkite Church and Bishop Samra are counting on you. Thank you.

CHRIST SOURCE OF LIFE

WHEN PEOPLE READ THE SCRIPTURES, they can often easily grasp the basic meaning of the passage. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, for instance, Christ is clearly exalting the compassion of the Samaritan over the lack of concern on the part of the priest and Levite. The enmity that existed between Jews and Samaritans is also generally known, so people easily comprehend Christ's point that your enemy is your neighbor when he is compassionate. We can also easily – if grudgingly – realize that we are called to imitate the Samaritan, even in dealing with people do not like ourselves.

When passages are not so easily explained, however, people turn to others for help. People may turn to their pastor or another clergyman or instructor. Many will surf the net to see what others say on the subject. As Eastern Christians we have another – and preferred – source for guidance in reading the Scriptures. We look to the tradition of the Church Fathers to explain the sacred texts. Since the rise of academic, rather than pastoral, theology in its Middle Ages, the West has preferred contemporary scholarship to the Fathers' insights on the Scriptures. Academic scholarship first stressed the context of the Scriptural texts and then sought proof of their historic origins to determine their original literal meaning.

One of the approaches favored by the Fathers but out of favor in scholarly circles has been *allegory*, which sees many passages as a kind of extended metaphor for the entire Gospel. Allegory was virtually universal throughout early Christianity, which inherited from Judaism. It seeks to draw our attention through many well-known Scripture passages to the universal condition of mankind and the all-embracing love of God. It was used in various ways by Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and John Chrysostom in the East, as well as Ambrose and Augustine in the West.

Chrysostom on the Good Samaritan: Using this method St John Chrysostom (feast: November 13) was able to help us see through this text God's constant and all-embracing love for us. This parable becomes a word-picture of the entire mystery of salvation: *A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho* – Adam, by trusting in himself instead of God, descended from Paradise into this world. Jericho, at 825 feet below sea level is the lowest city on earth, as far down as you can get. *He fell among robbers* – Mankind apart from God is beset by the band of demonic powers led by the ruler of this age. *They stripped him of his raiment* – the robe of immortality. *They departed, leaving him half dead* – he was reduced to the half-life of this earth, subject to sin and death. *It happened that a priest ...and a Levite came that way but passed by on the other side* – The people of Israel kept to themselves and did not aid mankind. (NoviLeaflets2020)