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*Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Apostles Stachys, Amplias, Urban (of 70) Martyr Epimachus</b>	
		Hours	<b>8:45 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>9 am</b>
		<b>Great Vespers</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian</b>	
		Hours	<b>9:45 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>10 am</b>
	Mon., Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Holy Martyr Akyndinus and Companions</b>	
		Hours	<b>8:45 am</b>
		Divine Liturgy	<b>9 am</b>

### **Epistle**

*(Galatians 1:11-19)*

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it.

And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace,

to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**Gospel**  
*(Luke 16:19-31)*

**“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.**

**“But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,**

**“desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.**

**“So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.**

**“And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’**

**“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.**

**“And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’**

**“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,**

**“for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’**

**“Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’**

**“And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’**

**“But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”**

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind  
for Sunday’s Liturgy.

*Next Week -- Epistle:* Galatians 2:16-20

*Gospel Reading:* Luke 8:26-39

## **Announcements:**

His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor), former Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada, fell asleep in the Lord this past Monday, October 19. His Panikhida service was held Wednesday evening with his Burial service held Thursday evening at St. John the Baptist Canonsburg, where he was a devout member. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Interment was held Friday morning at Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City. Our sympathies to His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius' family and parochial family of St. John the Baptist. Please include him in your prayers. *May his Memory be Eternal!*

### Notes from Parish Council:

**As of Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be cutting back to two liturgies per week. Liturgy will be on Saturday and Sunday.**

Daylight Savings Time **ENDS** Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 a.m. – Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour to "fall back".

There may be some firewood available from the tree that was partially cut down at the rectory. Let Father Stephan know if you would like some.

**Can we tempt your taste buds????** When we were getting ready to bake Paska before the chaos of the pandemic, a few church members got together to bake nut rolls using up the last of the nuts from the Christmas baking. We have some nut rolls for sell at \$15 each. They taste great!

**Perohi also available: Potato & Cheese (\$7.50 a doz.) and Sweet Cabbage (\$7.00 a doz.)**

### **From Fr. Stephan:**

Recently, parishioners, as well as friends, neighbors, and even strangers who recognize me as a member of the clergy express their concerns in regards to the civil/political unrest as well as the corona virus situation.

Now, more than ever, we need to come together as the "Body of Christ" and let the "Light of Christ" shine through us. I am going to ask that everyone in the parish add these special petitions to their daily prayers.

Again, we pray, O Lord, that You come to our aid now during the global spread of the Coronavirus and be with the families of those who are sick and who have died. May the sick regain their strength and health, and as they worry and grieve, defend them from further illness and despair. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Give wisdom and strength to our federal government, our state governments, together with the leaders of all nations, and give them foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they serve. Give them the added wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and prevent future outbreaks. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

Again, we pray, O Lord, that You be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. We pray that You stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, we pray that You stay with us as we endure and mourn, prepare, and persist. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

### **Petitions at the Augmented Litany in a Time of Civil Unrest**

Again we pray for this country and for all its cities, towns, and countrysides that are riven by strife; for all those who are victims of violence, of hatred and injustice, of disorder and unrest, and especially for those who have been killed, that they might find their repose in thee; for all who are beset by anger and fear; for those in civil authority and all who enforce the law; and for all the people of this land: for justice, godly liberty, mercy, a peaceful life, and remission of our sins. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray that all people of this land, its rulers and authorities, its citizens and all who reside here, might be enlightened with the light of thy Gospel and thy commandments, unto peace and good order and love for one another, so that we might easily and safely pass from our temporary homeland here to, our true homeland with thee in heaven. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

### **Reminder from Fr. Stephan:**

- a) We will ***maintain social distancing***. Every other pew has been taped off. This provides 6'3" between rows. The center isle is 5' wide so available rows alternate from side to side. For right now, we are asking that two people sit in each pew unless they are a family group. This may change as things open up further.
- b) ***Masks are now mandatory in public spaces where the general public is admitted***. Example: when you come to communion, Fr. Stephan will wear a mask so that you will be able to receive.
- c) Fr. Stephan will use an ***individual spoon for each communicant***. Every spoon will be cleaned and sanitized by Fr. Stephan.
- d) There will be ***NO congregating at the candle stand***. The prayer/candle forms will be available in the pews. Fill them out at your seats. Drop in basket at the candle area.
- f) ***Father Stephan will no longer be calling to ask you to schedule for services***. Being permitted to have 40 per service helps situation greatly. If you are able to come on a Saturday or a Monday from time to time please do! This will open some additional spaces on Sundays making it possible for everyone to start coming on a weekly basis.
- g) The Church is cleaned and sanitized after each service. Please be considerate and make our jobs easier. ***If you use a service book please leave it on the pew so that it can be sanitized***.