

June 17, 2018: The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (The cares of life)

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10:

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel: Mathew 6:22-33:



“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value

than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The gospel reading for this Sunday is a good reminder of God's providence for His creation and especially for His masterpiece: Man: *"For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."* History shows very clearly that God has always been faithful to all of His promises. It is now our turn to

recognize our dependence on God and be faithful to Him in complete allegiance: "*You cannot serve God and mammon.*"

Just as man needs a good (healthy) eye for his physical eyesight (*If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light*), he also needs a good, healthy mind, which is the spiritual eye of his soul. Anxiety and obsession for acquiring material things result in clouding man's mind and his ability to discern on his priorities: "*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*"

Fr. George Bazgan

Altar boys for this Sunday:

**Matthew Cotfasa
Arsenie Gavriș**

Sunday Fellowship

**The following families are scheduled to look after
this Sunday's fellowship:**

**Știrbăț Marius & Alina
Hrițcu Cătălin & Geanina
Crăciunescu Zenovia
Botez Florin & Ramona**

Thank you all very much!

Saints Apostles Fast

**Between June 4 -29 the Orthodox Church observes
Sts. Peter and Paul Fast.**

**There will be Vespers Service at 5:00 every Saturday.
Following the Vespers, Confession will be heard.**

The new Fellowship Roster

The new Fellowship Roster begins on August 19, 2018

Those who are not on the list and would like to participate,
are asked to contact Fr. George by June 17.

Thank you!

Sunday School Closing / Eminescu Celebration

This Sunday, in closing the Sunday School Year, there will be a special program presented by the students, following the laying of a wreath at the poet's statue. Congratulations to all students and unending gratitude to our Sunday School Teachers!

Heritage Days Volunteers

Those who want to volunteer for the Romanian Pavilion at the Heritage Days (August 4 - 6), are kindly asked to sign in the sign-in sheet at the church.

Thank you very much

MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors extends a warm appeal to all supporters of our parish, asking them to pay their membership as soon as possible.

This way we can ensure that we have the necessary funds to fulfill our financial obligations during the Summer months and for the rest of the year as well.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!