

June 29, 2014: 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 man's turn to recognize his 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

Sunday Fellowship

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

Mieila Ion & Marieta
Rinchița Eugen & Geta
Zerfass Dan & Flory

Thank you all very much!

Note: We kindly ask all participants in this program to bring cooked food only, which can be warmed up using the stove in the small fellowship hall.

Thank you!

Saints Apostles Fast

Between June 16 -29 the Orthodox Church observes Sts. Peter and Paul Fast.
On Saturdays, June 21 and 28, there will be Vespers Service at 5:00.
Following the Vespers, Confession will be heard.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES

Due to the fact that Fr. George will be away
between July 2 and August 1, there will be
some changes regarding our Church services.

The church will be open every Sunday and Fr. Deacon Severian will
serve the Akathist at 10:00 AM.

For any emergency, please call Fr. Mircea at 780-456-7737.

Have a pleasant Summer!

The families in charge of the fellowship during the month of July
have been rescheduled for October-November.