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### St. Mary's Church Bulletin



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#### **DIVINE LITURGY:**

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

**SATURDAY :** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession:**

Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:**

Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

## **November 27, 2016 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle: **Ephesians 2:4-10** see explanation on page 440

Gospel: **Luke 8:26-39** see explanation on page 159

Proper for the Divine Liturgy: ***Tone 6 on page 349***

Святий апостоле Филипе, який молився до Господа, щоб показав вам Отця свого небесного – помолися, молю, щоб і я, недостойний, того ж сподобився: бачити Бога Отця, із Сином і Святим Духом.

#### **Prayer Intentions : November 28-Dec. 4**

<b>Monday</b>		No Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	4:30 p.m.	+A. Berezowsky (40 <sup>th</sup> Day) – Sudbury Catholic School Board
<b>Friday</b>	4:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Health & Salvatio Fr. Theodore Pryjma- Peca family
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER** – we would like to invite all volunteers who make St. Mary's a vibrant and dynamic faith community to come and celebrate a fellowship meal on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. For more informations contact Carol Shyminsky.

**VARENYKY WORKSHOP:** Tuesday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome!

**NASHA RODYNA CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** will be held Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5 p.m. All our parishioners are invited to attend.

**KITCHEN CONVENOR:** We are looking for a volunteer Kitchen Convenor to take charge of St. Mary's kitchen effective January 1, 2017. Anyone interested is asked to submit their name to the Parish Office and you will be contacted with more information. Darlene Shewchuk, Social Committee Chair.

**FURNACE & HOT WATER TANK Replacement:** We appeal to those who have not yet made a donation to please make a donation and support your Church's need for repairs and improvements. Your donation is greatly needed.

## **COME JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN FALL BINGO**

**Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>** ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 am ADDMISSION \$10.00 INCLUDES ONE BINGO CARD ENJOY A DELICIOUS LUNCH THEN PLAY 10 GAMES OF BINGO PURCHASE EXTRA CARDS -- \$1.00 EACH ONE SPECIAL TWO CARDS FOR \$1.00-- WINNER TAKE ALL DOOR PRIZES

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD:** Christian charity is always needed, especially so during the Christmas season. Next weekend, a box will be placed in the narthex where parishioners will have the opportunity to donate non-perishable food. It will be left for several weeks, and all donations will be brought to the Sudbury Food Bank.



*St. Mary's Sunday School  
Students, along with Parishioners  
and their families invite you to  
Brunch with  
St. Nicholas  
with music & song  
Sunday December 18th, 2016  
12 noon*

monetary donation to Sudbury Infant Food Bank-PLEASE

parents-reminder to have a gift for your child  
those attending please let us know so St.Nicholas can prepare a treat bag for your child.  
( Mary-marbile@fibreop.ca)

### **About the letter Ephesians!**

The \*apostle Paul wrote this letter when he was in a prison in Rome. He wrote it to people in the town called Ephesus. This was about 61 years after the birth of Christ.

At one time, \*Greek leaders had ruled Ephesus. Now the \*Romans ruled the city. It was the capital of the \*Roman region called Asia. It was a busy port and the centre of much trade. The \*temple of the goddess (female god) Diana (or Artemis) was there. The business people sold

models of Diana's \*temple there. But Paul's \*preaching affected their trade. This caused confusion and trouble in the city (Acts 19:23-41).

This letter is different from other letters by Paul. The main differences are:

- a) he does not give any special greetings;
- b) he does not send a message to any one particular person;
- c) he does not talk about special problems.

Paul wrote the letter to encourage the personal \*faith of the Christians. It gives teaching, prayers and great \*praises to God. It is about God's Son, Jesus Christ. He came to our world in order to put right all the things that had gone wrong. Paul makes clear that Christ is the head of the \*church. He will work out his purposes in and by the \*church.

It is possible that Paul sent this letter to other \*churches in Asia. Then they too could read it. The letter is in two parts. First is the teaching part. It mainly teaches us about God's plan for the world. This plan is for all time. It is about the gathering together of all things to Jesus Christ as head. God created men and women. He created them to be his friends. But now they are apart from him. They are his enemies.

There is no unity in a world without Christ. One person is against another person. Nations fight each other. \*Jews and \*Gentiles are against each other. There is a battle between evil \*angels and good \*angels. There is a battle between God and \*Satan. Most people in the world do not know Christ. This is the reason for all that is wrong. But this is not God's purpose for the world. There can be unity only when all things come together with Christ as head. Unity should first be inside the \*church. Then it should be for all people everywhere. Then it should be with everything that God has made. This unity is for the entire world and for all ages. This is what Paul teaches in the first three chapters.

God's plan is to fix the unity that is spoiled. The last three chapters teach about how God will use Christians in this plan. Paul teaches that the \*church is like the body of Christ. Christians must be like Christ's hands to do Christ's work. Christians must be like his mouth to speak for him. They must be like his feet to take his \*gospel to all the people in the world. God wants to deal with all the things that divide people. God will do this in and by the \*church. Paul speaks about the different ways in which his message will apply. Change will come by the good behaviour of God's people in the home and in the world.

### **The Gadarene Demonic**

Why are we told this story? Why are we told any of the stories in the Scriptures? Of course, they are all for our salvation, and they all tell us something necessary.

In this story we see the power of God, and how by a word He can cast out demons. We see the ultimate powerlessness of the demons. We see how fearful they are of our savior, and we see how incredibly evil they are toward man and even unto beasts. We also see something that should make us fear, so that we do not become like these people – we see the brutishness, the swinishness of unbelievers. It is amazing how these people reacted to a great miracle in their midst. And there is another lesson here, a terrible lesson, a necessary lesson in free will. God created us so that we would know Him, but He has not forced us to follow His commandments. Some choose to follow His commandments, and some choose to ask Him to leave. He will indeed leave those who ask Him to leave ...

So listen carefully to the words of this story, and see what God wants you to know. Listening carefully is not something that is easy to come by, especially in our society. We are not a very verbal society anymore. We value more the written word, and when we see and hear things, they are images that flash by the screen so rapidly or change so quickly on the radio. There is so much inundation of information upon us that we do not know how to listen to things that are holy – this is just more common information to us. Well, the most important information that you can get the entire week is what you hear in the liturgy today. This is the time when

you should pay more attention than any other time in your life, during the Divine Liturgy, and when the Holy Scriptures are being read, and when they are being discussed.

The story begins “And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes and “there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.”[4] No clothes – the man had no shame, the man had no virtue. He was not clothed in virtue. We know that clothing can often signify virtue. Recall the wedding garment. One is given to everyone who enters the wedding feast, and it signifies baptism for us, and the life lived in Christ. And the man who did not have a wedding garment, who had cast it aside, was cast out with the unbelievers, because he acted like an unbeliever. Even if he appeared in the assembly of believers, by his actions he showed who he really was, and what he was like.

This man dwelt in the tombs. Part of the reason, the fathers say, that demoniacs dwelt in the tombs is that the devil wanted to plant a fable in the heart of man that from the dead came demons, and that graveyards were noxious and evil places, and people were afraid of them. The devil does not really want you to know how the demons come about and how they perform their activities. He wants this to be steeped in folklore. He does not want you to know that if a man does not follow Christ, he opens himself up to the demons, so he plants these kinds of fables in the heart of man, and you can see them in every culture, in every tradition. This demonology often has a grain of truth in it, but generally it is quite false, because it does not get to the root of why demons besiege us.

The fathers also think that this man was demonized as an example of how terrible the demons can be, and how great the mercy of God can be. Now, be careful how you judge. Don't judge according to your own wisdom, according to the external circumstances, according only to what you read in the scriptures, without consulting the wisdom of the church.

### **Оздоровлення геразинського біснуватого**

Щойно ми чули чудову євангельську розповідь, яка віщує про діяння апостолів, адже чоловік з Геразинського краю, з цілковито поганської землі, першим був посланий звітувати Євангеліє Господа Ісуса серед своїх, так само, як самарянка серед самарян.

Чоловіка опанував диявол, тобто той, через кого у світ увійшла смерть. Ісус звільнив його. І ми також у хрещенні отримали звільнення від закону, від гріха, від смерті, від диявола. Саме задля цього перед хрещенням священник читає молитви екзорцизму. Ми немов здобули імунітет, але мусимо бути пильними, тому просимо Отця: «Не введи нас у спокусу, але ізбав нас від лукавого». Спокусник застосовує єдину тактику – обман. Бо саме обманом він викликає недовіру, вселяє страх у серце (див. Бут. 3).

Але ми, відроджені до свободи через Христа, маємо Святого Духа, Духа істини, Який наповнює нас і вчить розпізнавати те, що керує нашим серцем. Іноді у ньому сидить «легіон», і тоді ми перебуваємо в сум'ятті. Тоді ми вже не знаємо, що робимо – пелена заступає наш погляд. Ми стаємо рабами страху і дозволяємо йому вести нас. Ледве бачимо, бо наше серце вже не слухає голосу Отця. Ми ховаємося від Нього. Страх заступає нам Його обличчя; якщо ж ми з ним, то в нашому серці панує мир і довіра, – почуття, які непомилно засвідчують єдність із Богом.

Нехай під час молитви Утішитель поверне нам усвідомлення свободи. Як і тому чоловікові, нам слід сидіти, але не бездіяльно, а слухаючи Слово Боже. Така постава не раз згадана в Євангелії: згадаймо Марію з Витанії, яка «сівши в ногах Господа, слухала Його слова» (Лк. 10, 39). Якщо ми в тайні серця слухаємо Ісуса, Святий Дух зодягає нас, але не в одяг, а в самого Христа. До того чоловіка повернувся здоровий розум. Саме через слухання до Божих дітей повертається духовне здоров'я, яким би не було їх каліцтво. Ісус є тим живим середовищем, в якому ми відроджуємося. В Ньому ми вже не загублені, а віднайдені. Кожному з нас, що творимо Церкву, творимо Тіло розп'ятого й воскреслого Господа, дано отримати звільнення і бути посланими «розказати все те, що Бог зробив» нам (див. Лк. 8, 39). Розповідати слід не про себе, а про Нього, нашого чудотворця, нашу «Добру Новину» (Мт. 11, 5), яку Отець подарував для всіх.

Жан Корбон, Це називається світанком, Львів, Свічадо 200

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