



## BE A RECRUIT FOR JESUS

**W**e have all seen the commercials on television that the Armed Forces use to get recruits. They are alluring appeals to the young men and women of our land. They want people to enlist. They show all the advantages of life in the service -- travel, good pay, medical service, insurance, pension, specialized training, and the like. But nothing is said of the hardships, the drilling, studying, discipline, loneliness and above all the danger.



When our Lord wanted to get recruits into the Church, He did just the OPPOSITE. "Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and come and follow Me," Christ said. That was His invitation to every man, woman and child who would become a disciple of His. Some people think that these words are addressed only to prospective priests, but a careful reading of the text shows He was talking to ALL who would follow Him.

Christ told His listeners that to be a real Christian was bound to cost something. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves of that which will rob us of ETERNAL JOY. Realize that there are passing pleasures of sin and consider the greater treasures that Christ offers. A person must deny his whole self, including all of his natural impulses and motives.

The process of denial is to humbly submit your will to God above. It means to say "NO" to yourself and to say "YES" to God. This may be a frightening thought. But remember, our Lord is there with open arms, willing to love and embrace us all.

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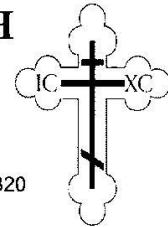
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**SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 2021 - 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3.**  
**Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) Ven. Lazarus, Wonderworker of Ephesus (1053).**

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK	<i>Please join us after Divine Liturgy for a Coffee Fellowship in Myrrhbearers Hall Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious for a time</i>	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat: Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Mon: Joshua 5:13-15, Judges 6:2; 7; 11-24, Isaiah 14:7-20, Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43, Hebrews 2:2-10, Luke 10:16-21; 12:13-15; 22-31, Philippians 4:10-23
Sun: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM		Tue: Colossians 1:1-2; 7-11, Luke 12:42-48
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM		Wed: Colossians 1:18-23, Luke 12:48-59
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Thu: Colossians 1:24-29, Luke 13:1-9
		Fri: Colossians 2:1-7, Luke 13:31-35
		Sat: Proverbs 3; 8; 10, Solomon 2; 4; 6-9, John 10:1-16, Hebrews 7:26-8:2, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Luke 9:37-43

**+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.

*Next Saturday – Holy Myrrhbearers Yard Sale, 8-2 at Nature's Way.*

*Next Sunday – Kickoff of Holy Myrrhbearers Annual No-Bake Bake Sale.*

*The concept is that bakers can donate what they would have spent on ingredients, parishioners can donate what they would have spent at the bake sale.*

**+GOSPEL+ (Luke 8:41-56)** And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people that reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and the mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

***Today is Charity Sunday – St. Raphael Parishioner Aid  
Choir Practice Sunday at 9 AM and Monday at 2:30 PM***

<p><b>THE GIFTS - OCT.31</b></p> <p>Attendance 34</p> <p>Regular Offerings    1957 Candles                      41</p> <p><i>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</i></p>		<p><b>VIGIL CANDLES - OCT.31</b></p> <p><u>Margaret &amp; Ken Wagner</u> - Memory of our son Michael. Guidance for Zachary. Health of Jayne &amp; Sue.</p> <p><u>Nancy Kinley</u> - Health of Bill, Julianna &amp; Fam., Andrew &amp; Fam., Mary Ann H., Patricia, Joel, Judy, Patty, Judith, Pat &amp; Nick, Mona.</p> <p><u>Nick Borick</u> - Olga, Eva, Ryan, Mary Ann H., Richard, Nick &amp; Pat.</p> <p><u>Zina Juskin</u> - Memory of husband Vladimir Juskin.</p>
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