



THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR JESUS' FRIEND

We know the story of Lazarus – the man Jesus raised from his grave of 4 days. This great miracle is commemorated by our Church the Saturday before Palm Sunday. October 17th, however, holds significance, for it is on this day that we remember the bringing of the earthly remains of St. Lazarus to their final repose.

During the time of our Lord, Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany with his sisters, Martha and Mary. We can only speculate on what a strong bond that must have existed between this saintly family and Christ. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Lazarus embarked on a mission of his own, taking the message of His Master throughout the Roman Empire. Ultimately, his journeys took him to the island of Cyprus, where he became a bishop of the Church. It is said that Lazarus remained there for some thirty years, giving the community a firm foundation of Christianity. He died at the age of 58 and was buried in a modest chapel with this inscription on his casket: "The Fourth Day – Friend of Jesus Christ."

Cyprus, however, was not meant to be the final resting place of Lazarus. Some 800 years later, the tomb of Lazarus was in ruin and badly in need of repair. The Emperor Leo of Constantinople replaced the crumbling chapel with a magnificent cathedral and monastery. But this still is not the end to this story! Leo soon realized that the relics of such an important saint should rest in a place where more believers would venerate them. On October 17, 891 AD, the relics of St. Lazarus were ceremoniously brought to Constantinople and placed in a bronze casket, which was enshrined in a cathedral erected in his honor. Soon after, Leo arranged for the relics of another close acquaintance of Christ – Mary Magdalene – to be brought to Constantinople. Finally, with the dedication of the cathedral that was built in his honor, the earthly journey of St. Lazarus came to an end.

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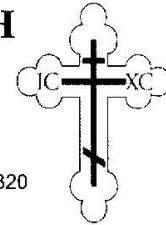
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SUNDAY, OCT. 17, 2021 - 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8.
Prophet Hosea (820 B.C.). Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete (767).

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK	Please join us after Divine Liturgy for a Coffee Fellowship in Myrrhbearers Hall Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious for a time	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat: Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Mon: 1 John 1:1-7, James 1:1-12, Jude 1:1-7; 17-25, John 21:15-25, Colossians 4:5-9; 14; 18, Luke 9:18-22; 10:16-21, Ephesians 4:25-32
Sun: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM		Tue: Ephesians 5:20-26, Luke 9:23-27
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM		Wed: Ephesians 5:25-33, Luke 9:44-50
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Thu: Ephesians 5:33-6:9, Luke 9:49-56
		Fri: Ephesians 6:18-24, Luke 10:1-15
		Sat: Galatians 1:11-19, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, Matthew 13:54-58, John 5:24-30, 1 Corinthians 15:39-45, Luke 7:1-10

+EPISTLE+ (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1) Brethren: And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Practice Christianity every day with each person you meet and each word you say.
Christ spoke saying: But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

St. Mat. 15:18 Readings: St. Mat. 15:16-20. St. Mark 7:18-23, St. James 3:5-12, Prov. 18:2-29:20R

+GOSPEL+ (Luke 8:5-15) “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

***Choir Practice Sunday at 9 AM and Monday at 2:30 PM -
Nativity Practice***

<p>THE GIFTS - OCT.10</p> <p>Attendance 34</p> <p>Regular Offerings 1201.83 Candles 117</p> <p><i>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</i></p>		<p>VIGIL CANDLES - OCT.10</p> <p><u>Dolores Lichatz</u> - Memory of Helen. Health of Mary Ann. <u>Nancy Kinley</u> - Health of Bill, Julianna & Fam., Andrew & Fam., Mary Ann H., Mary Ann B.& Charles, Patricia, Patty, Judy, Joel. Memory of Demetrius & Peter. <u>Zina Juskin</u> - In memory of husband Vladimir. <u>Nick Borick</u> - Mary Ann H., Olga, Ryan, Rich, Dolores, Nick & Pat.</p>
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