

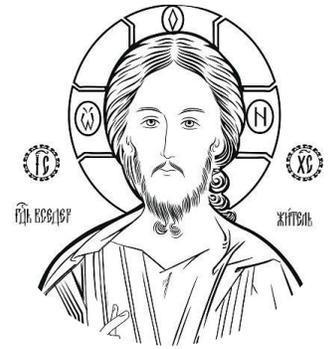


The Forerunner

Weekly Parish Bulletin

Sunday, November 7, 2021
7TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE

St. Lazarus the Wonderworker of Magnesia



RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

(Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death, and became the firstborn from the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LAZARUS OF MAGNESIA

(Tone 8)

In thy vigilant prayers, thou didst drench thy pillar with streams of tears; by thy sightings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou becamest a shepherd, granting forgiveness to them that came to thee, O our righteous Father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY NATIVITY OF CHRIST

(Tone 4)

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the Light of wisdom; for by it those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know you the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You.

ORDINARY KONTAKION

(Tone 2)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, constant

advocate before the Creator, despise not the cry of us sinner, but in Your goodness come speedily to help us who call on You in faith; Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for You ever protect those who honour You.

PROKEIMENON

*“O chant unto our God, chant ye.
Clap your hands, all ye nations”*

(Ps. 118:14,18)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

(Gal. 1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years

I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(Luk. 8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but

Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

By: Fr. Michael Gillis

Christ is in our midst!

There are nine ranks, or levels, of the Bodiless Powers, each successive rank is able to bear a bit more of the Glory of God, so that the highest rank, the Cherubim, are the very throne of God. The Bible tells us that God sits on the throne of the Cherubim. And each rank of the Bodiless Powers, because it is, to varying degrees, in the very presence of God, itself radiates the very presence of God. The lowest ranks of these Bodiless Powers are the angels.

The angels, specifically, our guardian angels, are the spiritual entity that is given to us at baptism to protect us and to guide us to heaven. We are most often aware of our angel when we have a good thought or an impulse to do good. Just as wicked thoughts and suggestions often come from a demonic source, so good thoughts and the mental suggestion that we do good is usually from our guardian angel.

However, we can offend our guardian angel. If we persistently ignore the good that it suggests to us and wantonly give ourselves to demonic suggestions, our guardian angel will step away, or let us go the way we choose. God and the angels do not force us to do good. But when

we turn away from the good that God has given us to do, then we are also turning away from the protection that our guardian angel provides. But even if we have offended our guardian angel, our guardian angel loves us and will look for every opportunity to stir our conscience and lead us to repentance.

The Bible tells us that God prepares good works for us to do in advance. It's as though God has set up our lives so that we can please Him and help others by doing good works. All we have to do is to do the good works that God has already put in our life to do. And this is where our guardian angel helps us. It's like our guardian angel whispers in our heart leading us to the good works that God has already prepared for us to do.

But to hear our guardian angel, we have to learn to pay attention to our hearts. Not the heart of our emotions, but the heart of inner self, our true being, where God dwells in us. This is why saying some prayers and doing a little spiritual reading every morning is so important. Daily prayer helps us return our attention to our heart and makes it more likely that we will notice the whispers of our guardian angel during the day.

Angels and the Bodiless Powers are mysterious beings. We actually know very little about them, but we do experience them. When we are drawn toward God and toward doing good,

it is usually our guardian angel who is leading us. So the Church teaches us to ask for their help and to be careful not to offend them. The angels are God's gift to us to lead us to heaven.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to announce something on The Forerunner, please e-mail Elias Neto at neto.elias@aol.com by Thursday

- The Fraser Valley Orthodox Youth Group every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 2051 Windsor Street, Abbotsford. For questions, please contact Chris Hawthorne at: fraservalleyorthodoxyouth@gmail.com

Masks are mandatory for those attending, including youth leaders. On November 11 (Remembrance Day) there will be a regular Youth Night and on November 18, there will be a Board Games Night.

- This week we will celebrate an additional Divine Liturgy on Monday morning, November 8, for the Bodiless Powers of Heaven. The feast focuses on Archangels Michael and Gabriel, but also includes all of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven.

Matins to begin at 7:00 am and follow directly with the Divine Liturgy.

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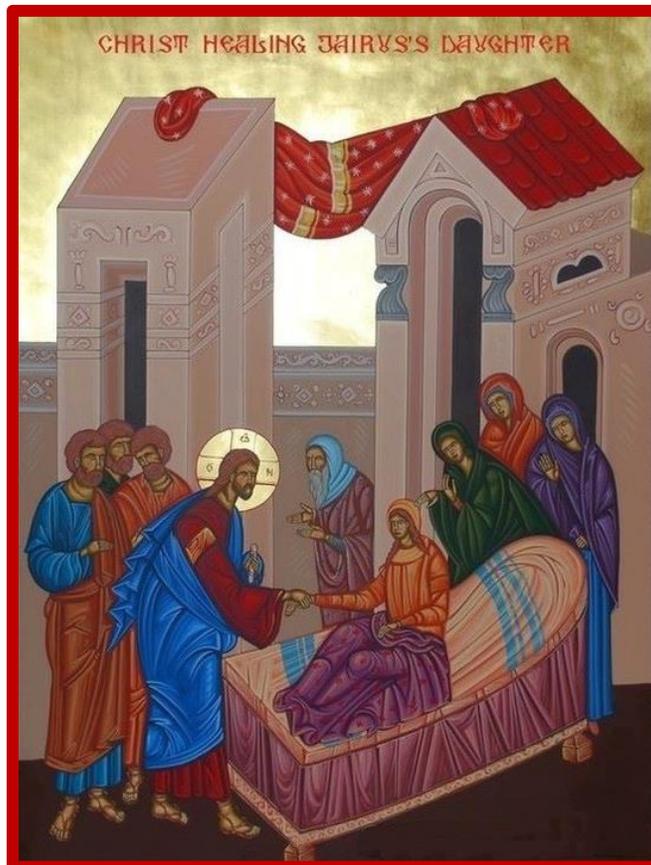
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Thank you for your presence today!

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING



Icon: Christ healing Jairus' daughter

Readings for the Week: **Mon.** Heb. 2:2-10. Luk. 10:16-21; **Tue.** Eph. 5:8-19. Mt. 4:25, 5:1-12; **Wed.** 1Cor. 4:9-16. Luk. 12:48-59; **Thu.** 2Cor. 4:6-15. Luk. 13:1-9; **Fri.** 2Cor. 9:6-11. Mt. 5:14-19; **Sat.** Heb. 7:26-28; 8:1-2. Luk. 10:9-16.