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ΜΩΝ ΚΑΙ
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A PRAYER TO ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

O Holy Father John Chrysostom, you served the Church with dignity and piety throughout your life. You fearlessly preached the Gospel of Christ from your Ecumenical Throne in Constantinople, as grace shone forth from your "golden mouth" like beacons of light, enlightening the entire universe. Living in an era of opulence, you shunned the wealth of the world and showed us that true riches can be found in sincerely, humbly and obediently following an ascetic life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Truly you 'practiced what you preached,' feeding the hungry and caring for the sick with your own financial means as you deprived yourself of physical comforts. O venerable John Chrysostom, you provided us with the liturgical structure of worshipping the One True God by giving us the Divine Liturgy that still bears your name, causing us to realize the necessity of seeking frequent communion with our Creator. Through your own moral example, you taught us the importance of standing firm in our Orthodox Christian beliefs, no matter what trials and tribulations we may face. We implore you to intercede for us before God the Word. May we continue to find wisdom in the words of your teachings and in the messages of your sermons. And may your final words - uttered at a time of great personal persecution as you traveled the road to your exile and ultimate death - be the words that guide and inspire us along each step of our own earthly journey: GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

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Sunday, November 12, 2023

Choir Director: Wash King
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 6. Saint Varnava (Nastic) (1964).

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

SERVICES:

Sunday, November 12 – Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Nov. 15

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST

Saturday Nov. 18

4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 19

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School & Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 20

4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Tuesday, Nov. 21

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, **Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple**

Thursday, Nov. 23

11:00 AM – **Molieben of Thanksgiving; Noon Thanksgiving Meal**

Saturday, Nov 25

4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 26

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School & Fellowship

Prayer List*:

Fr. Michael Evans, Fr. James Weremedic, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Sbdn. James Weremedic
Elizabeth Brennan, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King,
Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Anna Pierson, Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak,
Martha Stafiniak, Elizabeth Warcholak, Victoria Weremedic, Marie Yurchak

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

On November 23, 2023, we will give 'Thanks to God' with a molieben at 11:00 am and a free Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners of St. Mary's at noon. Donations are welcome. Please sign-up for an accurate head count. Eat in only. Shut-In meals are available.

On December 24, 2023, we will have our first parish 'Holy Supper' in our church hall with traditional strict fasting foods. Celebrating as a family of St. Mary's is important to prepare for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.
Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Russell Wishousky
Who fell asleep in the Lord 11/7/2023! Memory Eternal!*

Candles (November 12)

7-day Vigils-Altar... In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh
Altar Candles... In memory of **Helen Butts** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak
7-day Vigils-Tetrapod... In memory **Andrew, Mary Bybel & family** offered by family members
Decorated Candles... In memory & health of **ALL DECEASED & LIVING VETERANS**
offered by a veteran
Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

November Birthdays: 1- Nicholas Teno, Jr., 2- Justin Babinetz, 4- Lena Marie Berezniak, 11- Nancy King, 17- Irene Puschak, Victoria Weremedic, 18- Amelia Buchanan, 26- Barbara Birosik, Helen King, 27- Chris King, Walter Rosahac

November Anniversaries: 13- Walter & Louise Rosahac, 14- Simon & Mary Herbert

Financials 11/05/2023: Operating Acct: Weekly Envelopes \$578, Non-envelope \$65, Holy Day \$33, Altar Candles \$109, Candles \$109, Donation \$245

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

November 12 Marie Skripnek November 19 Russell King November 26 Helen King

St. Mary's Youth Group

St. Mary's youth group will be collecting items to deliver to our shut-ins during the month of December. A collection bin is located in the back of the church. If you are unable to shop and wish to make a monetary donation, please see Barbara Birosik or Mat. Lisa. They will take a child shopping for the items of your choice. Suggested items include:

neck pillows	baby wipes	all occasion card	flashlights
lap blankets	hand cream	note cards	thick pens
slipper socks	tissues	puzzle books	stamps
gloves	hand sanitizer	adult coloring books	grocery gift cards

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St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople (612-20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Bl. John "the Hairy", Fool-for-Christ, in Rostov (1580). Prophet Ahijah (960 BC). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhgusher, of Mt. Athos (1651).

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

Silent Prayer before the Gospel:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee.

For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

I Teach Children How To Manage Conflicts

By Marilyn Ewing

Each of us is a child of God - unique and special. Each of us needs the feeling of belonging; each of us is in need of the support that a community has to offer. We need to build community, bridging the different cultures and races from which we come; but the community which we build must preserve the unique and special qualities that each person has to share. Instead of participating in community building, we find ourselves isolated, fractured, and broken. Reflecting our brokenness, violence in our schools and neighborhoods is a concern in every section of our country. Today's school children encounter increasing levels of conflict, violence, and multi-cultural tensions.

There are many approaches one could take toward healing our brokenness, but the one I've chosen is to contribute toward settling our differences peacefully by teaching conflict management to elementary children. I would love every child to learn the skills of listening, speaking with respect, and brainstorming for solutions to problems.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The conflict management program contains the means for human beings to get along with each other. Its essence: Tell me your story while I listen, and I will tell you mine while you listen, and together we will work out our needs and problems until both of us are satisfied. When two students are in conflict, a mediator intervenes, asking permission to help. If granted, the rules are outlined: no blaming, no name-calling, no interrupting, and commitment to finding a mutually agreeable solution. Each person in turn relates his or her version of the problem and how it has made them feel. The mediator summarizes what each person has said and checks to be sure that the summary is acceptable to the person who said it. The mediator then asks the disputants for solutions. This "brainstorming" continues until a mutually agreeable solution is found, whereupon the two parties are congratulated and shake hands.

The attitudes and skills children learn through this process are extremely important.

Children learn language. They learn to describe accurately and to articulate what is happening to them. They describe both content and feelings. Once they feel more confident to express themselves in words, they feel less need to use their fists.

Children learn, as they listen to one another, to respect that person no matter how different in gender, race or culture.

Children become aware of other people and their feelings and learn how their behavior affects others. They learn that each person is responsible for his or her own behavior.

Children learn that they can be assertive about their own needs in the knowledge that they will be listened to.

Children learn the skill of brainstorming for a variety of solutions. Too often adults and children "get stuck" and think there is only one solution to a problem - theirs. If we are creative enough there will be some solution that will help solve our problem and satisfy both our needs. We learn that we must approach problems with a win-win attitude, not a win-lose one.

Children learn that they can be in control of a situation. It empowers them to know that they can solve a conflict without an adult handing down the edict. They need not be blamed, judged or punished. They can begin to look toward their own adulthood feeling confident that they can take charge as problems arise.

Children learn that there is a structure on which they can depend. This provides a sense of security, especially for children who have been abused or bullied.

Although the process may be used to settle a matter as simple as ownership of a pencil, it is not weak. It is based on the model used by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, neither of whom dealt with simple or easy issues. Dr. King often reminded us that it takes courage, strength, and bravery to solve problems nonviolently.

If children are not taught the skills and attitudes of the conflict management program, the one model most often used is "an eye for an eye" - If you hit me then I have a right to hit you back (or even clobber you). Martin Luther King had an answer for that when he said, "the old law 'an eye for an eye' leaves everyone blind." That kind of blindness is afflicting our society right now.

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