

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire.

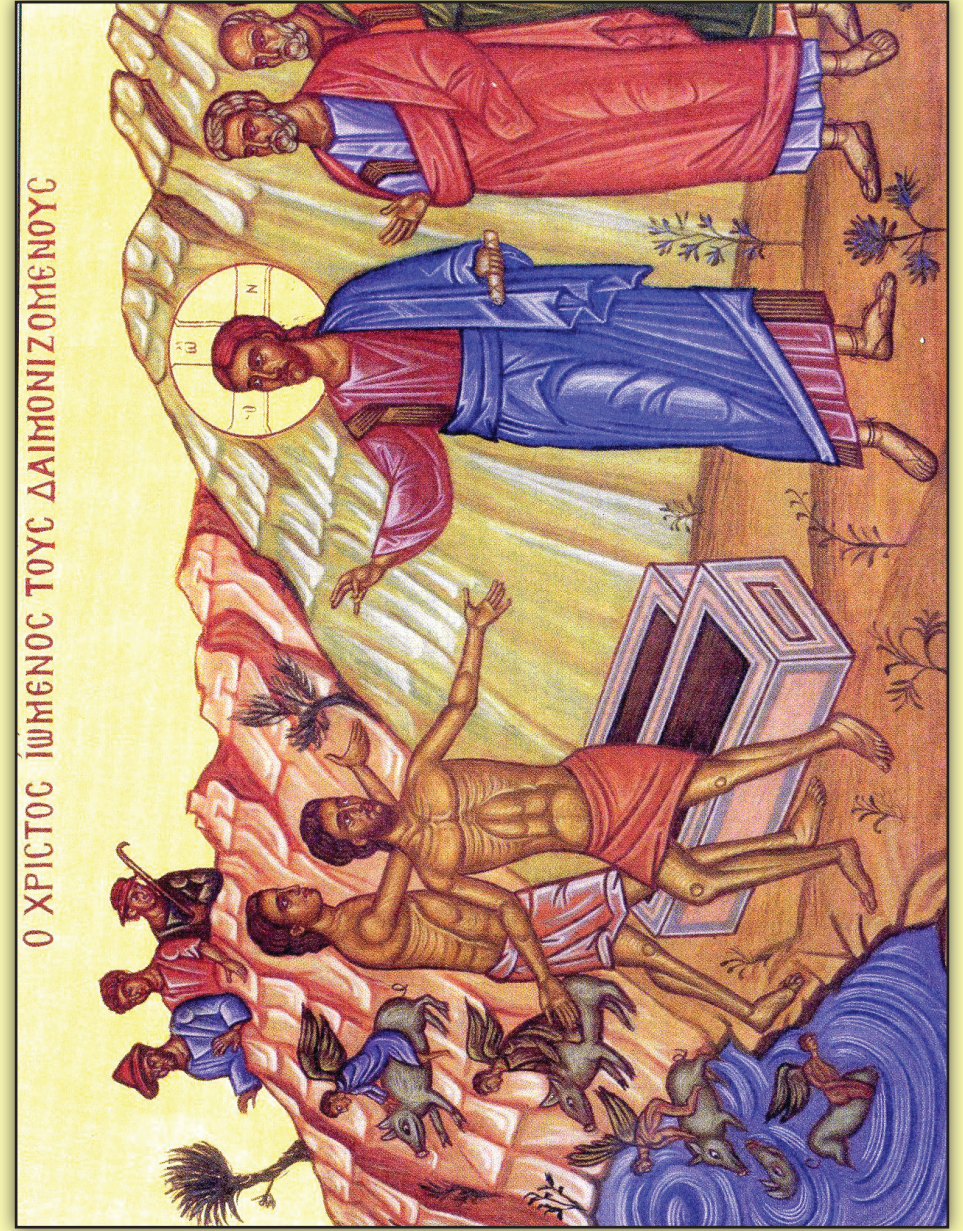
They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a

most unique pledge: they pledged not to take any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as “unmercenaries” – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (Luke 8:26-39)

ST. GEORGE ROMANIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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November 1, 2020

5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle Gal 6:11-18

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

Next Sunday: Epistle Eph 2:4-10

Gospel Lk 8:41-56

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 11/2

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 11/3

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Drew Xeloures

Wednesday 11/4

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family

Thursday 11/5

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Thomas Daianu

Friday 11/6

8:30am Divine Liturgy: For the living and deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday 11/7

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 11/8

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Bulletin donated in November 2020 by Earl and Amparo Adkins for health of Luz Angela's, her niece, surgery.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

All are invited to coffee hour in the large hall provided by Harry Walsh Family and Rick Bollon. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: October 25, 2020

Sunday envelopes	\$2,332.00
Unirea	\$15.00
Candles	<u>\$199.00</u>
Total	\$2,546.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
In memory of loved one	Mihai and Elena Florea
In memory of loved one	Mihai and Elena Florea
H/S Maria Claudia	George and Maria Marcu
H/S Maria, Marcel, Matthew	George and Maria Marcu
+Parents and Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Liviu Barcutian	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
For Jeff and Grace's engagement	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Special Intention	Earl and Amparo Adkins
For Earl's Family	Earl and Amparo Adkins
H/S Liviu Barcutian	Ana and William Galida
H/S Barcutian	Erik Ardelean

+Parents and Godparents	Erik Ardelean
H/S Ardelean Family	Erik Ardelean
+Emil Neagu	Erik Ardelean
+John, husband	Suzie Dragos
H/S All sick parishioners	Suzie Dragos
H/S Stella Lazar	Suzie Dragos
H/S All Family	Suzie Dragos
Safe trip for Mircea Cristea, cousin	Suzie Dragos
H/S Drew's healing, son-in-law	Suzie Dragos
+John Lothrop	Ann Fosnaught and Doru Jacobs
+Emil Neagu	Olivia Dearth
Special Intention: Caroline (Puia) Tinner	John Puia
Special Intention	Anonymous
H/S Vulcu Family	Bosca Family
H/S All parishioners	Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian
H/S Liviu, husband	Georgeta Barcutian
+John Dragos	Anthony Orlando
H/S Stella Lazar	Anthony Orlando
H/S Liviu Barcutian-thanks for successful surgery and prayers for recovery	Romeo and Lucia Craciun
Special Intention	Romeo and Lucia Craciun
+Barbara Toma, Parents and All Family Members	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Toma Family, Jerry Donahue, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian	Chuck Roska Family
+Maria Neagu	Greg and Cheti Bikis
+Emil Neagu	Greg and Cheti Bikis
H/S Jeff and Grace on their Engagement!	Greg and Cheti Bikis
H/S Stella Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Rita Cristea and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Suzie Dragos and Family	Mircea Cristea



Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Donna Pandullo, Missy Lawver, Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for November 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family for the health of Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for November 2020 is donated by **Dave and Debbie Murari.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for November 2020 is donated by **Family in memory of +Judge Novak and +Mary Marku.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for November 2020 is donated by **George and Misty Maier in celebration of their birthdays and anniversary.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for November 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

The gross revenue for Fish Fry on October 23 was **\$3,081.34** and we **served 136 dinners.** Final tallies of revenue and expenses will be given at the end. Thank you for everyone's help!!

Thank you to Dave and Debbie Murari for purchasing and donating the pies for the Fish Fry on October 23! God bless you for your generosity!

St. George Church on 30th Street will host a **Drive Thru Dinner** on November 21 for pick up between 11am and 5pm. Order by November 15. Call 330-575-5322 or email at fooddrive@stgeorgecantan.org. See the bulletin board for the menu.

The **sign-up sheet for 2021 Candelabrum and Bulletins** is available. They will be on the narthex table if you want to sign up. Contact Ann if you would like to sponsor for a specific month. Thank you for your support!

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website: stgeorge.click2stream.com. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. As you are shopping online,

you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using <https://smile.amazon.com/>!

Parish events:

Curbside Fall Fish Fry will be hosted at St. George Cathedral on Friday, November 13 and 20 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. You can order and prepay online at <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/> or call the office at 330-492-8413.

The Giving Tree: Pastoral Council chose to give to local food banks this year instead of helping a specific family or other group. Please bring in non-perishable foods to help those less fortunate in the area in celebration of Jesus' birth!

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

Four weeks before Christmas, Reverend Johnson was leaving a children service featuring an Advent wreath. He had told them what the three purple candles represent in, then asked, "Does anyone know what the pink one means?" No one answered.

Finally, little Sarah's hand went up. "Are they expecting a girl?"

Word of Life

When considering faithful citizenship, "the U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.'"

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Priorities at the Polls" citing Introductory Letter to "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"

For all Christians:

May God inspire us to be faithful citizens,
protecting the most vulnerable, especially unborn children;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La multi ani!!*

Madalyn Mae Putt – October 26th

Skylee Sousa – October 27th

Julie Shocksnyder – October 28th

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WOULD WE BE AFFECTED if someone rose from the dead? We would probably say “Yes,” but the Lord says “No.” What does He know that we don’t?

Throughout the centuries, and even today, many people have what might be called mystical experiences. They see visions and dream dreams, to quote the Prophet Joel. Thus St Paul experienced the risen Christ on the road to Damascus and it changed his life. Similarly, St Peter and the other disciples encountered Christ risen from the dead and proclaimed it throughout the world. These experiences energized their ministries and jump-started the spread of the Gospel throughout the ancient world.

Such experiences continued throughout Christian history, right up to our own day. One well-known Christian thinker in the modern world, the Russian Orthodox bishop in London, Metropolitan Anthony Bloom (1914-2003) described his encounter with the Lord in these words: “I met Christ as a Person at a moment when I needed Him in order to live, and at a moment when I was not in search of Him. I was found; I did not find Him.

“I was a teenager then ... I could not accept aimless happiness. Hardships and suffering had to be overcome; there was something beyond them. Happiness seemed to be stale if it had no further meaning ... I decided that I would give myself a year to see whether life had a meaning, and if I discovered it had none, I would not live beyond the year. I had no use for Church. I did not believe in God.”

Under duress, young Anthony attended a religious lecture at the Russian youth organization. He was greatly disturbed by the lecture and asked his mother for a copy of the New Testament to check the truth of what the speaker had been saying.

He describes what happened: “I expected nothing good from my reading, so I counted the chapters of the four Gospels to be sure that I read the shortest, not to waste time unnecessarily. And thus it was the Gospel according to St Mark which I began to read.

“I do not know how to tell you of what happened. I will put it quite simply and those of you who have gone through a similar experience will know what came to pass. While I was reading the beginning of St Mark’s Gospel, before I reached the third chapter, I became aware of a Presence. I saw nothing. I heard nothing. It was no hallucination. It was a simple certainty that the Lord was standing there and that I was in the presence of Him whose life I had begun to read with such revulsion and such ill-will... This was my basic and essential meeting with the Lord. From then I knew that Christ did exist.”

PBS commentator Frederica Mathewes-Green tells of a similar experience. She was a vocal agnostic who had dabbled in Hinduism. In *Facing East – A Pilgrim’s Journey into the Mysteries of Orthodoxy* (San Francisco, 1997), she describes her husband Gary as “a political animal who just didn’t think much about God.” She then tells how that changed:

“Gary’s shell began to crack when a professor required his philosophy class to read a Gospel. As he read the words of Jesus, he became convinced that here was one who ‘speaks with authority.’ Since Jesus said there was a God, Gary began to doubt his doubting.”

Federica’s turn came on their honeymoon trip to Europe where the following took place: “One day in Dublin I looked at a statue of Jesus and was struck to my knees, hearing an interior voice say, ‘I am your life.’ I knew it was the One I had rejected and ridiculed, come at last to seize me forever.”

What was different about these people, compared to the brothers of the rich man in Christ’s parable?

Why “Few Are Chosen”

The Apostles were religious people; they observed the precepts of Judaism as practiced in their day. Others were contemptuous of religion and had ridiculed it. Yet somewhere deep inside them was a search for meaning, a hidden disposition to faith, even if they were not practicing any religion at the moment. Thus when these momentous experiences took place, they received them wholeheartedly and changed their entire way of life.

People who have no interest in God or in any kind of an interior life, who are content pursuing a materialist way of life might easily shrug off a spiritual experience as some kind of delusion. They might blame it on a touch of the flu or having too much to drink.

Similarly the rich man's brothers in the parable may have paid lip service to the Scriptures, but the focus of their lives was far from the things of God. They would not even have heard a voice from the dead.

Christ's Alternative

A parable is a story with a moral, not a detailed history of an event. In this case, as in most, the moral is found at the end of the story. When the rich man in the parable asks Abraham to send Lazarus to shake up his brothers, Abraham says, "*They have Moses and the prophets: let them listen to them*" (Luke 16:29). In other words, they have the Scriptures – what we call the Old Testament – as their means of discerning the mind of God for them.

This saying, of course, is directed at us – it is the moral of the story. We are meant to base our faith on the mystery of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures rather than on some fantasy that the Holy Virgin or an angel might visit us. Just as our daily life must be based on something more practical than a hope of winning the lottery, so our Christian life must have the solid foundation of the Word of God to us.

We have not only the Law and the prophets, but the Gospels and Epistles. We have the witness of Christ and the apostles, the testimony of the martyrs and the ascetics. We have the power of the holy mysteries, the words of our liturgical texts and the unspoken voice of the holy icons. These are the voice of the Lord to us – let us hear them in faith.

A Missed Opportunity

When people think about violating God's law, they think about sins of commission: doing something prohibited like stealing, harming another, or the like. We often forget that sins of

omission – things that we neglect to do – are often even more damaging.

The rich man in Christ's parable is not accused of any sin of commission. He is not blamed for being rich any more than Lazarus is praised for being poor: in itself, having money is not a sin. We are not told how he made his money. He is not accused of defrauding people as Zacchaeus claimed to have done. The only thing he is accused of is not giving alms.

The poor man, Christ says, lay at the rich man's gate, hoping for scraps. It may be easy to ignore a panhandler on the street; it is not so easy to ignore him when he is at your doorstep day after day. Yet this is what the rich man did. He did not overlook abstract appeals from far-away charities; he passed by a flesh-and-blood person in need on his own doorstep, "the living creature," as St John Chrysostom describes him, "for whom God cares."

The rich man in Christ's parable may have felt that he needed every scrap he had acquired, but as St John Chrysostom affirmed, he did not know what he needed it for: "If a person enjoys luxury in moderation and distributes the rest to the stomachs of the poor, then his wealth does him good. But if he is going to give himself up to luxury and profligacy, not only does it not help him at all, but it even leads him down to the great pit. That is what happened to this rich man" (*On Wealth and Poverty*).

*Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross
(22 Pentecost, 5 St Luke)*



The Story of a Missed Opportunity

Stewardship

There is an Old Testament legend about wealth and possessions and how misunderstanding God's purpose for them can steal a person's freedom to enjoy all the gifts of God, that were freely bestowed already in the first chapters of Genesis.

Long ago, even before the Garden of Eden, before God gave mankind dominion over all the earth, God decided to give to animals and to man the gift of freedom. There was one condition: It was to be a time of testing. If, after the testing, they learned the secret of freedom, they were to be relieved of its torture. In the course of time, all of the animals gathered before the Lord God to report.

The lion spoke on behalf of all of the beasts of the forest. "When I first knew the gift of freedom," it said, "I looked out over all the earth, with all of its wealth and possessions, and I wanted all of these things for myself. But after a while, I remembered that the Lord of the earth had given me life and food. So," the lion concluded, "I resolved to use my freedom to tell all of the beasts of the forest my discovery." Throughout the forests the lion roared, "All things come from thee, O Lord. " God said, "You have learned the secret of freedom. Return to the forest!"

Then the condor came forth to report for the winged creatures of the sky. "I discovered freedom," it said, "as I soared high above the heavens and earth. All created things looked up to me in admiration. Quickly I pondered how wonderful it would be to have all

of them bow down to me in reverence and awe. Then just as suddenly I came to my senses," said the condor, "that my every flight must come to an end, and that only you, O God, remain." Thereupon I resolved to use my freedom to



herald this message to the very skies of the universe. "The Lord is God, and he alone. Let all the earth bow down before God in reverence and awe."

And the Lord God said, "You have learned the secret of freedom. Return to the skies!"

Then came forth the great blue whale as the spokesman for all the creatures of the seas. "I knew my power and my strength. I knew how wonderful it would be to soar through all of the seas, scattering all sea creatures before me in fear and terror. But, then I remembered that I am appointed to live only once, and then die forever, and that you, O Lord, rule and govern all things. After that I went forth to all of my fellow creatures and reminded them, 'All

In Matthew's Gospel, the words, "Unless you take up your cross and follow me..." are not just interesting points of contemplation; they represent a personal challenge to give of yourself.



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Whatever You Have!

Then the righteous will answer him saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty, and give you drink?"

Matthew 25:37

Often we think this means helping the poor or giving to a worthy cause. However, it simply means meeting an immediate need. When we ask God to use us, doors have a way of opening quickly. Our local church always seems to have a need for helpers in the nursery. Vacation Bible school is another area that never has too many volunteers. The church custodian tells me on a regular basis how much he appreciates the volunteer cleaning and helping hands that keep the church looking nice. Taking communion to shut-ins is another way to "feed the hungry." God isn't as concerned with our giftedness as with our availability. Any time we give of ourselves, whether it is time, money, special abilities, or just our availability, God has a marvelous way of multiplying the gift to "feed the many" and bless the giver. ☩

Love is faith in action. Two of the most important questions we can ask ourselves are "Whom do I love?" and "Who loves me?" As Christians, we put faith into action by extending our concern for people beyond ourselves. We show our concern for others in our actions and relationships. Is our concern for others Christ-like? Do we reach out to help people in need?



Thanksgiving

Sometimes we are inadvertently reminded of all that we have to be thankful for. My eyes stopped suddenly the other day on a sentence I read written by Allen W. Clark:

"Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity."

To live in the Spirit of Christ endows you and me with the capacity to live thankful lives despite our circumstances. How I wish more of us really understood this.

The companionship of Christ ... whether traveling along the bright hilltops of life or through dark valleys filled with failure, sorrow, and challenge ... supports our whole outlook and approach to life. God yearns for us to find our joy, our satisfaction, our needs fulfilled, not in material things and prosperity, but in God.

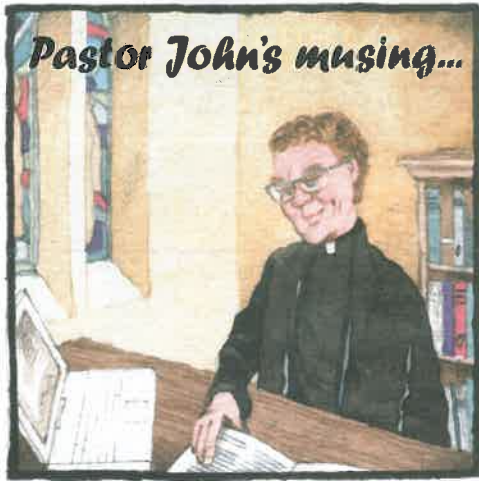
The loss of prosperity, and indeed the disappointing search for it, can ruin any deep sense of thanksgiving. "Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity."

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, take time to think about your reasons for being thankful. How deep are they? Perhaps you will want to take this season to accept more fully God's companionship as your richest possession.

Worship God with a thankful heart!



Pastor John's musing...




“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have proved trustworthy in a small way, I will now put you in charge of something big.”

Matthew 25:5

A steward is a person who manages the affairs and assets of another. Joseph as Potiphar's steward (Genesis 39:1-6) was the manager of Pharaoh's business affairs.

Likewise, God has entrusted the world and all it contains to us. We are responsible, as good managers, for the manner in which we use what God has placed in our hands.

A well-managed team may not finish first, but there is real satisfaction in knowing that as a manager one has done his or her best to develop and use the talents of all the players to the best advantage of the team.

Stewardship is being a good manager of our God-given talents. Like the man in the parable, we can bury our talents and not use them, only to discover that we have lost them, or we can invest them in a life of service and see them multiply over and over again. What are our talents? Our time, our abilities, our whole life! Stewardship is using all of these things to our best advantage and to the best advantage of others ... all for the honor and glory of God from whom they came. 

Take It Off the Top


The latter part of the Book of Leviticus summarizes the financial law of ancient Israel. In the last chapter, we find this passage:

“But no devoted thing that a man devotes to the Lord, of anything that he has, whether of man or beast, or of his inherited field, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord ... All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.”

Leviticus 27:28-30

The tithe was to be taken “off the top.” God was always to get the first ten percent of all income, of all produce. This was the way he ordained for the expenses to be covered that were incurred in building and maintaining first the Tabernacle, then the Temple, in supporting the priests and Levites, and in caring for the needy. A two-fold principle was evident, even from this early date.

First, this is God's way of paying for God's work. Of course, God doesn't “need” people's money. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the wealth in every mine. God doesn't need anything! But, God has chosen to be dependent upon our faithfulness in this regard.

Secondly, the people were to give their ten percent joyfully and without question. The rest was theirs, but the tithe is God's. They were to keep their promises, and not try to take back what was committed to the Lord. This was part of their covenant relationship with God. 

Ask not what the church can do for you; ask what you can do for your instrument of God in shaping and inspiring other members of your church!

Do you have special skills that you could use for your church?

Whatever your talent is, share it!



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There is an Old Testament...


strength and power are from God, and God alone shall renew your strength.’”

And the Lord God said, “You have learned the secret of freedom. Return to the seas!”

Then it was man’s turn to assemble before the Lord God to report. “I have discovered that this freedom is a very heavy, burdensome thing,” he complained. “I have used my freedom to be taken up with possessions; anxious to maintain my standing and status amongst mankind; I became stricken with fear and anxiety over the possibility of losing it all. I used my freedom to hover and hoard; to accumulate and acquire more. I have not had time to learn its secret.”

So the man returned to earth, and to this day he struggles to learn the secret of true freedom. He spends much of his time and energy, laden with anxiety, dreading its loss. In a few rare and far

apart moments of trust in the Lord, the giver of all, he comes to trust the Lord God. In those moments he offers it to God in praise and thanksgiving.

And the legend concludes: “O man, you have captured and conquered the lion, the condor, and the whale with your science and advanced technology. But you yourself have been made captive to greed, wealth, and the accumulation of things. You have lost your freedom in the very pursuit of it. What I gave you to subdue and enjoy captured you, made you its captive, and you have lost the secret of freedom. But you still have time, O man!” 



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