



Icon of the Healing of the Stoopd Woman (Luke 13:10-17)

Healing a Stoopd Woman

Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus' healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke

13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God's character to take special notice of the needy.

What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!

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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 29, 2020

13th Sunday after the Holy Cross - 30th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle 5:8-19

Gospel Lk 18:18-28

Next Sunday: Epistle Eph 6:10-17

Gospel Lk 13:10-17

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 11/30

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 12/1

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Maria, Marcel and Matthew
(Marcu Family)

Wednesday 12/2

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Stella Lazar and Family

Thursday 12/3

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Nancy Maciag and Family

Friday 12/4

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

Saturday 12/5

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 12/6

10:00am Divine Liturgy

12:00pm – 2:00pm St. Nicholas Curbside Dinner

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 <https://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 Earl and Amparo Adkins in celebration of 16 years of marriage on November 19. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: November 22, 2020

Sunday envelopes	\$1,400.00
Candles	<u>\$59.00</u>
Total	\$1,459.00

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 ones	Mihai and Elena Florea
H/S Maria Claudia	Maria Marcu
H/S Maria, Marcel and Matthew	Maria Marcu
Special Intention	Gabriela and Remus Orian
Health and Salvation	Earl and Amparo Adkins
For our church family and Luz Angela, my niece	Earl and Amparo Adkins
Happy Birthday Gabi!	Ileana Hotiu
H/S Stella Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Johnny and Adrian Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Mario, Chrissy, Julia and Jayden and Family	Mircea Cristea

H/S Suzie Dragos and Family
H/S Nasu George Vraciu and Family

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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, Liviu and 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

To share with our friends, please **write a personal Christmas story or tradition.** Contact Nancy Maciag about details.

Fulfillment of your **Pledge!** Stewardship is your responsibility to God and His Church. We need to take care of what He has given us at St. George Cathedral. If you are unable to come to church, please drop off your donation to the office. Your care for this parish is gratefully appreciated!

Especially during this Christmas season, use Amazon Smile and choose St. George Cathedral. 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/>!

\$21.22 was made at Amazon Smile in the last quarter. Thank you to all who helped!!

Parish events:

On December 6, the Eparchy of St. George will hold a special collection that supports the **Clergy Retirement Fund.** Please see enclosed Bishop John Michael's letter in support of this collection. Envelopes are in the collection packet. Your financial support is greatly appreciated!

The **St. Nicholas Dinner** will be held on Sunday, December 6 with curbside pickup between noon and 2:00pm. Place your order between November 23 and December 1 at <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/>. This supports the clergy retirement fund. Please be generous!

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30pm online. See Fr. Ovi for an invitation.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, December 17 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi for an invitation.

The Giving Tree: Pastoral Council chose to give to Stark County Hunger Task Force this year instead of helping a specific family or other group. Please bring in non-perishable foods by Sunday, December 13 to help those less fortunate in the area in celebration of Jesus' birth! Please make sure that products are not out of date.

Ladies Auxiliary

We would like to decorate the church with the live poinsettias this year. Envelopes are in the narthex. For those not able to come to the church, you may mail your donation to the church. The cost is \$10 per poinsettia and checks should be made out to Sf. Maria Ladies Auxiliary. You may put your envelope in the Sunday collection basket or hand to Debbie Murari. If you wish, you may donate the flower in honor of one of our homebound parishioners. The Ladies Auxiliary will send them a Christmas card saying the flower was donated by you in their honor. Besides the list in the bulletin, we have many parishioners who cannot come to church because of COVID-19. Put your flower intention on the flower envelope or on the memo line on your check. For questions, call Debbie Murari at 330-495-4848.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

As a special youth week project at the local university, the leader asks his university group to list ways the Bible may have been different if it had been written by fellow students. These are a few they came up with:

Loaves and fishes would have been replaced by chips and pizza.

Ten commandments are actually five, but because they are double spaced and written in a large font, they look like 10.

Forbidden fruit would have been eaten only because it wasn't dining hall food.

Paul's letter to the Romans would have become Paul's email to the Romans.

Reason Cain killed Abel - they were roommates.

Place where the end of the world occurs – not the plains of Armageddon, but finals.

Reason why Moses and followers wandered in the desert for 40 years - they didn't want to ask direction and look like freshmen.

Tower of Babel blamed for foreign language requirement.

Instead of creating the world in six days and rested on the seventh, God would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter and hope no one noticed.

Word of Life

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary” respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

For all the faithful:

May the Lord help us build a culture of life
in vigilant expectation of His return;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Cameron Valentine – November 29th

David Murari – November 29th

Mark Franko – December 2nd

	Mon 11/30	Tue 12/1	Wed 12/2	Thu 12/3	Fri 12/4	Sat 12/5	Sun 12/6
	Christmas Fast - Common abstinence (unless otherwise noted)						
	Apostle Andrew the	H. Prophet Nahum.	Mark Franko's H. Prophet Habbakuk.	H. Prophet	Barbara, martyr. H.	Ven. Father Sabbas	Grace Mary Fein's Grayson Hank +Rev. Dr. Ioan Vanca +St. Nicholas of Myra Dispensation (Harti) 10th SUNDAY AFTER
7 am							
8 am							
9 am		Liturgy: H/S Maria, Marcel and Matthew (Marcu Family) 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Stella Lazar and Family 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Nancy Maciag and Family 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: For the living and deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary		
10 am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11 am							
12 pm							St. Nicholas Dinner 12pm - 2pm
1 pm							
2 pm							
3 pm							
4 pm							

ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



November 20, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Office of the Bishop

As we brave the COVID 10 pandemic, let us remember all the clergy who brave the challenges of pastoral work. We prepare to collect for the Clergy Retirement Fund on December 6, 2020. The Romanian Martyr Bishops for whom we have been praying for their beatification have finally received the status of blessed! Their feast day is June 2.

Every year in December, the faithful of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton have the opportunity to support the Clergy Retirement Fund. After years of supporting the faithful of a parish or mission, each priest receives a small pension for his love and dedication to God's church and His people. The Clergy Retirement Fund is comprised of this collection and interest from an account that is held for this purpose. Currently, there are five retired priests who receive a stipend for their years of service: Rev. George Gage, Very Rev. Aurel Pater, Right Rev. Gregory Duma, Rev. Michael Kirila and Rev. Gheorghe Opris. Keep them in your prayers as they enjoy their much-deserved retirement.

At Divine Liturgy on December 6, 2020, we are called to remember our Romanian Martyr Bishops and the other faithful who suffered during the communist regime in a special way with a special collection and another fundraising event. The zeal of the Martyred Bishops and faithful who stood up for their faith has been a blessing to the whole Church. We use their example here and now to love more deeply as Christ taught us.

Most Reverend Vasile Aftenie (born on June 14, 1899 in Lodroman, Romania), was consecrated the auxiliary bishop of Fagaras and Alba Iulia on June 5, 1940. He was initially arrested in October 1948 and sent to Dragoslave prison with five other Greek-Catholic bishops. Bishop Aftenie shared with dedication, "Neither my faith nor my nation is for sale." He died at Vacaresti prison after severe torture on May 10, 1949.

We are grateful for the clergy of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians and the sacrifices they have made to share the Good News of Jesus. Please show your gratitude with your donation on December 6, 2020. May God bless your lives with every good thing for your generosity to those who have faithfully served the faithful!

Sincerely in Christ our Savior,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians

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Martyr Bishop's Collection
in support of the Clergy Retirement Fund

“WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?” This question is posed by a young Jewish leader whom Jesus meets on His way to Jerusalem. At first glance it seems a reasonable inquiry, one that many people would still ask today. “Tell me what prayer to say, what shrine to visit, what project I can take on which will guarantee that I’ll get to heaven.”

Church Fathers, however, saw this as a trick question, seeking to trap Jesus into setting some new requirement not in the Law. The Lord does not give the young man another thing to do, adding to the list of precepts which devotees of the Torah felt set forth God’s will for them. Rather Jesus says that to be perfect you must “sell all you have” and commit yourself completely to Him. Perfection does not come from performing this or that isolated action, however good it may be. Perfection comes from entrusting one’s whole life to Christ.

In the Pastoral Epistles we see some consequences of this life in Christ as it was perceived in the apostolic Church. The “*elect of God*” (Col 3:12) have died to the world, been buried in Baptism and are now alive in Christ. Their way of life is to be Christ’s, embodying the compassion and forgiveness of Christ Himself. They are to bear with one another (after all, others are putting up with them). They are to build up one another’s faith “*with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*” (Col 3:16), thankful for the grace filling their hearts. This is certainly in stark contrast to the way of the world, where self-love, resentments, grudges, and

slanderingly tearing others down is the norm for many.

One of the first qualities of someone dead to the world mentioned in Colossians is *humility*, a virtue most associate with monasticism rather than life in the world. In fact, as the Church grew, perfection came to be associated increasingly with some kind of ascetic life. At first people like the “sons and daughters of the covenant” in the Syriac Church lived in the world, but somewhat apart from others, devoting themselves to prayer and good works. By the third century ascetics like St Antony and the Desert Fathers lived as hermits in the wilderness, completely apart from others. Monasticism brought like-minded people together to live in a community, where they could commend themselves and one another and their whole life to Christ God while being apart from the world at large.

But the Gospel is not addressed simply to monks and nuns; it is meant for all believers. How does a Christian in the world “sell all” and follow Christ? Is there a way for a believer to live in the world but not be of the world, as Christ enjoins? It is not wearing some distinctive dress that says “I am different.” It is rather living by a different set of principles, given by Christ.

The popular book, *Way of the Ascetics* by Tito Colliander, affirms that our “wealth” is nothing less than our self-centeredness. “Take a look at yourself and see how bound you are by your desire to humor yourself and only yourself. Your freedom is curbed by the restraining bonds of self-love, and

thus you wander, a captive corpse, from morning till eve. ‘Now I will drink,’ ‘now I will get up,’ ‘now I will read the paper.’ Thus you are led from moment to moment in your halter of preoccupation with self, and kindled instantly to displeasure, impatience or anger if an obstacle intervenes” (p. 5).

Colliander stresses that asceticism is the only path to victory over our self-centeredness. He gives some practical suggestions for living an ascetic life in the world. Like St Paul, Colliander begins with meekness and humility. He contrasts true humility with the desire to be perceived as humble: “We notice the person who is forever bowing and fussily servile, and perhaps say, ‘How humble he is!’ But the truly humble person escapes notice: the world does not know him (1 John 3:1); for the world he is mostly a ‘zero’” (p. 26).

Humility is rather a matter of not always putting forth one’s own will. Colliander teaches that following the Church’s tradition for fasting is the most basic school for obedience. We fast *when the Church says to*, we do not fast when the Church says not to. We fast not to be “righteous,” but to be obedient.

Ordinary life provides countless other occasions for us to develop a humble spirit through obedience. Colliander notes, “Your wife wants you to take your raincoat with you: do as she wishes, to practice obedience. Your fellow-worker asks you to walk with her a little way: go with her to practice obedience. A novice in a cloister could not find more opportunity for obedience than

you in your own home. And likewise at your job and in your dealings with your neighbour” (p.44).

To “sell all one has,” then, ultimately means to give up one’s own will to follow Christ. Along with a certain simplicity of life and chastity appropriate to one’s marital state, we attain what St Tikhon of Zadonsk called “interior monasticism.” We put aside the values and pursuits of the world to follow Christ along the way of perfection in whatever state of life we find ourselves.

From the Commentary of Theophylact

It is better if we give away all our wealth; and if not all, then at least let us share it with the poor. Thus the impossible becomes possible. For though it is impossible for the man who does not distribute all to be saved, yet through God’s love for man, even a partial distribution brings a partial benefit.

In response to this, Peter asks, “*Lo, we have left all.* [What do we have to give to the poor?]” He does not ask this for his own sake alone, but in order to find some consolation for all the poor. Peter asks his question for fear that only the rich have the good hope to obtain much because they despised much, and that the poor have little hope because they had little to give away and thus can expect only a little reward.

Peter asks, and hears the answer, that everyone who despises, for God’s sake, whatever goods he may have, even if they are few, shall receive his reward both in this age and in the age to come. Do not consider

those goods to be few; rather, for that poor man, his few things are his whole life. Just as you, the rich man, expect to pass your life with your many and great possessions, the pauper, likewise, expects to pass his life with his belongings, no matter how few and small they may be.

Though his belongings are few, I will say that a man’s attachment to his possessions is even greater when he owns little. This is clearly shown to be true with parents. The attachment of a parent to his only child is much greater than that of a parent to his many children. Likewise, the poor man has a keener love for his single house and single field than you have for your many houses and fields. And even if it is the case that a poor man is attached to his possessions to the same degree as a rich man, then, at a minimum, the loss is the same for each.

Even in this present age, those who give of the little they have receive their reward many times over, as did these very Apostles. For each Apostle left his own hut, and now each one has magnificent temples in his name, with lands and triumphant processions, and, instead of a single wife, many women bound to him in fervent faith; in short, for everything they gave up, they have received many times over. And in the age to come they receive, not a multiplication of fields such as these and other tangible rewards, but eternal life.

*Tenth Sunday after the Holy Cross
(26 Pentecost, 13 St Luke)*



**“Sell All
You Have”**