The Power of Prayer

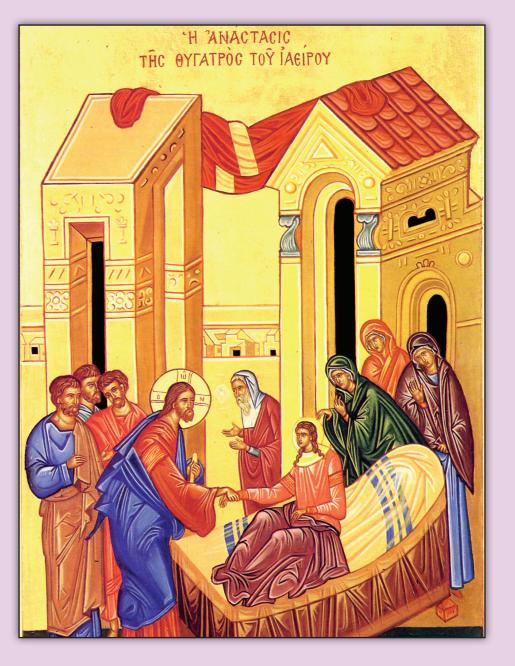
The youngest daughter of a very wealthy man was seriously ill. He had taken her from doctor to doctor but they could not cure her. Next, he had taken her to the most renowned specialists and to the finest clinics throughout the world, but without success. Finally, one doctor, realizing that he could do nothing more for the little girl, said to the father "I promise I'll remember your daughter in my prayers." The father replied, "Don't say that! I'm not ready to give up!"

Sadly, many people save the power of prayer only as a last resort when all else has seemingly failed. They say, "All we can do now is pray." Yet, prayer is simple but powerful conversation with God. Two thousand years ago, the daughter of an influential man named

Jairus became ill. His first response was to seek out Jesus in the synagogue and ask His help. Asking help of Jesus even in the most simple way is prayer. Saint John Chrysostom tells us that we should converse daily with God "telling Him of our needs not with endless words, but with simplicity."

If we converse daily with God, then God knows all our needs. Nothing is unimportant to Him if it is important to us. Thus, prayer should not be the last resort in desperate situations. Rather, prayer should be the first resort in every situation, serious or not. Should the conflict grow more serious, the Desert Fathers tell us to simply cry out "Lord have mercy!" because the Lord knows very well what we need and will show us His mercy.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Healing of Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:41-56)

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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 7, 2021

7th Sunday after the Holy Cross 24th Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22 **Gospel Luke 8:41-56** Next Sunday: Epistle Ephesians 4:1-7 Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 11/8 No Liturgy

8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Rev. Ilie Crihalmeanu Tuesday 11/9 Wednesday 11/10 8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Br. Matthew Burke

Thursday 11/11 8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Fr. Pantelimon Astelean

Friday 11/12 8:00am Divine Liturgy: +John Bikis, Jr. (5 years) by Bikis

Family

No Liturgy Saturday 11/13

Sunday 11/14 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Bulletin donated in November 2021 by Dave and Debbie Murari.

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.

Coffee hour provided in the large hall donated by Aurel Bosca Family. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: October 31, 2021

Sunday envelopes	\$1,395.00
Candles	\$ <u>29.00</u>
Total	\$1,424.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members +Husband Dan Cseak and Family	The Zagan Family +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
Special intention – sell the house	Amparo Adkins
+Hugo Ramirez G. Dr. from Coui, Cousin	Amparo Adkins
H/S Ann and Max	Anonymous
+Ann Popa	Mark Botean

+Susie Preston

+Loved ones

+Loved ones

+Loved ones

+Loved ones

Health and salvation

Dave and Debbie Murari

Mihai and Elena Florea

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+John, husband Suzie Dragos +Elliot and +Judith Eberhart, parents Suzie Dragos In memory of the deceased in the Fosnaught Suzie Dragos

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H/S All Family Suzie Dragos

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Joe Fosnaught, Theresa Orlando, Connie McAdams, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Lance Downey, Sonya Paul, Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Missy Lawver, Veronica Maier, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Sick and/or homebound: Mary Cornea (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville), Doris Rotar (home in Florida) 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 2021 is donated by Family in memory of +Judge Novak and +Mary Marku.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for November 2021 is donated by **Family in memory of +Judge Novak and +Mary Marku**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for November 2021 is donated by Family in memory of +Judge Novak and +Mary Marku.

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for November 2021 is donated by **Dave** and **Debbie Murari**.

<u>Prescura for 2021:</u> Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa.Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements

"For a synodal Church (journeying together)". Please pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit for us to understand what He wants for us as individuals and a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. Prayer cards are on the table in the narthex. Talk with someone in the Chancery if you would like to be part of this important celebration in the Church.

Fulfillment of your **Pledge**! Stewardship is our responsibility to God and His Church. We need to take care of what He has given us at St. George Cathedral. If you are not completely sure if you have fulfilled your pledge or on track to fulfill your pledge, call Ann in the office to check where your donation amounts are to date. Your care for this parish is gratefully appreciated!

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!

Purchases at **GFS (Gordan Food Service)**. St. George will get points when you purchase at GFS. Share the business name "St. George Cathedral on 44th Street" when they ask or remind them that you are purchasing for a business. Thank you for your help!

Parish events:

Stewardship Committee will meet virtually on Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi for an invitation to the meeting.

Pastoral Council will meet in person on Thursday, November 11 at 6:30pm in the small hall.

The **St. Nicholas Dinner** will be held on Sunday, December 5 with curbside pickup between noon and 2:00pm. This supports the clergy retirement fund. Please invite everyone to join us and be generous! Orders can be placed at https://www.romaniancathedral.com/shop/ or call Ann in the office at 330-492-8413 to pay be cash or check.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ©

Jamie was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," was Jamie's quick answer.

"How do you know that?" his cousin asked,

"Easy", Jamie answered. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer."

Word of Life

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing" respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

For all public officials, especially those newly elected: May they strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death; Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Debbie Murari – November 8th
John Puia – November 10th
Mihaela Dumea – November 10th
George Maier – November 11th
Ileana Mihalteanu - November 11th
Christopher Suma – November 12th

<u>Advertising Opportunity – business card size:</u>

outside businesses - \$50 per month or \$450 per year cathedral businesses - \$20 per month or \$150 per year
This is a good opportunity to know the talent in our parish and to grow your business!



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St. George Cathedral Stewardship Council Meeting Minutes- October 20, 2021

- Members present included: Fr. Ovi, Emil Alecusan, and Terry Seeberger. The meeting was conducted virtually.
- Emil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Fr. Ovi began the meeting with a prayer.
- Minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Terry motioned to approve and Fr. Ovi seconded. Motion approved.
- September 2021 financial results showed a Loss of (\$3,565). There were a couple of hall rentals that contributed about \$2,000 but without a major fundraising event the loss falls in line with the historical pattern and expectations. Expenses were in line with budget. The investment account had an unrealized loss of (\$1,164) due to the financial markets. This brought the total Net Loss to (\$4,729) for the month.

Net Ordinary Income for the first three months of the fiscal year is \$18,455 and Net Income after market gains is \$27,174.

At September 30, 2021 current assets totaled \$256,999 offset by current liabilities of \$18,354 for a net cash position of \$238,645.

Terry motioned to approve the financial report and Emil seconded. Motion approved.

- Fr. Ovi presented the situation where he has wanted to make improvements to the rectory's upstairs bathroom. When repairs are estimated to exceed \$5,000 Diocese policy is to obtain three quotes. He has solicitated two bids for the repairs but is unable to get another contractor to respond to a request for quote. Terry made a motion to waive seeking a third bid due to the advancing winter months and the inability to get a response from another contractor. Emil seconded. Motion approved. Fr. Ovi was given approval to proceed with the work.
- The meeting concluded at 7:25. The next Stewardship Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 6:30. It will be virtual.

Emil Alecusan, Stewardship Chairman

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Stewardship

serving. But I want to talk about receiving. I would like each of us to reflect for a moment on how much we receive in our day-to-day lives and where it all comes from. Sure, we can say that we have our jobs, families, clothes, food, and friends because we work hard for them. If I didn't get up and put in a good day's work, I wouldn't have a job and wouldn't be able to afford my apartment, clothes or food. What I receive I could say is due to my own hard work.

This perspective reminds me of the opening scene in the musical *Shenandoah*. The father is sitting around the dinner table with his children and just before they begin to eat, he says: "Lord, we cleared this land. We plowed it and sowed it. We fought off the bugs and the worms and the varmints. We harvested and then we cooked our harvest. Lord, there wouldn't be a thing on this table if we hadn't done it ourselves, but we thank you just the same anyway, Lord, for this food we're about to eat. Amen."

Perhaps sometimes we're like that Virginia farmer. We honestly feel that everything we have is due to our own sweat and tears, but just to be sure, we give the Lord a quick thank you. We don't really stop long enough in our busy lives to think about where it all comes from. Is it really our own making? Doesn't God have something, somehow to do with it? The answer is obvious. Our talents, our abilities, our very existence is a gift from God, a gift that is given freely.

In a passage from Chronicles, David makes it very plain where our blessings

and talents really come from: "Thine Oh Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is thine ... Both riches and honor come from thee and thou rulest over all ... All things come from thee Oh Lord ..."



Just what does that mean ... all things come from God? Some things, granted, we earn by hard work and careful planning, but life and breath is a gift from God. We have done nothing to earn it. The most important thing we have, our very being, is a gift.

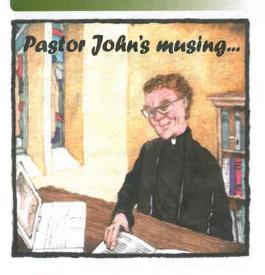
There is another passage from Luke, which says: "Everyone to whom much is given, much will be required." I used to think that phrase meant that those who had a lot of money ought to give a lot to help others and that those who had great talents would be more accountable than those who had none. If you had a great voice you should sing in the choir, but that wasn't me. So, I didn't have to worry, because I had neither great talents nor great wealth. But that's all wrong

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The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much.

St. John Crysostom





Stewardship-centered lives don't spring from padded pillows. They break through from struggle, sacrifice and love. ne of Jesus' favorite conversational subjects was material possessions. In thirteen of his nineteen parables, the topic is the right and wrong use of our possessions. Remember his conversations with the young ruler and Zaccheus? Yes, they also were about money!

In our culture, conversation about

money was considered improper. At the same time, money is a subsurface topic in many conversations.

I prefer to talk about money rather than deal with it at a subsurface level since I have discovered that it is one of the main competitors for our allegiance to Jesus. It's always helpful to know something about the opposing team!

Jesus was aware that our allegiance was swayed in many different directions and that many of these directions were away from and not toward him. He preferred to meet the leading issues of life (money being one) in a direct, forthright manner. To do otherwise, would have been to leave us in a non-growth condition.

Are we willing to face the money issue? What is the connection between Jesus and money in your life? How do you determine your outlook about money and Jesus?

Heavenly Father,

On Thanksgiving Day we bow our hearts to you and pray.

We give you thanks for all you've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, your son.

For beauty in nature, your glory we see, for joy and health, friends and family.

For daily provision, your mercy and care; these are just some of the blessings you graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise, with a promise to follow you as stewards all of our days.

Amen!



We received the following letter from a reader in the state of New York. There are some times when it is true at most every church:

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The other day I overheard someone say, "It's the same old ones doing everything," referring to things being done at church. It's unfortunate that it seems that way.

Just as it takes a lot of time and mon-

ey to keep your house running, it takes a lot of time and money to keep the Lord's house running too.

When was the last time you called to volunteer some time or an idea with a committee head or project leader? When you were called on, did you give the standard excuse, "I work" or "it takes time away from my family?" The "same old ones" work full time too and, unfortunately, they spend too much time away from their families because there aren't enough people to help get things done.

Don't wait to be called; we don't know you're there and willing to help. Call the church office. Let's share the load. Get involved and meet some new people!

A Concerned Parishioner



Steward of the Month

Flowers Will Always Bloom

Submitted by: Kathryn, AR

t is spring and today I saw the peonies blooming at the home of Guy Ward. Every spring he brought the first peony blossoms to decorate our church sanctuary and continued until the last bloom faded.

Guy was chair of our Trustee Board when we voted to install an elevator in our small church in our retirement village. By the time of installation, he had fulfilled his term with the trustees although of course, he was faithfully serving on another poard.

Because of his deep commitment to the Lord and his knowledge and interest in the elevator project, he made it his business to be at the site every work day. He was available to answer questions, befriend and witness to the workers and kept the coffee pot on for them at all times. It was a physically demanding endeavor for this retired Marine colonel and we had no idea how difficult it was becoming for him and how tired he really was. He was happy to be at the dedication of the new elevator, but last spring before the peonies bloomed, he passed away after suffering a massive heart attack from a serious congenital heart condition that had been unknown and debilitating for years.

We now enjoy that much needed elevator and Guy's wife Pat, promises that we will have his peonies at church again this spring.

"Steward of the Month" is an exciting way to recognize exemplary stewards. If you are aware of someone who has exemplified Christian stewardship, please tell us about it at stewardofthemonth. com. Once a month, one submission will be chosen to be published in Stewardship. In addition, if your story is chosen, \$100 will be given to the church or organization of your choice.

hristian steward-√ship recognizes that a person's own special talents or skills were given by God. These talents could have been given to someone else ... but, they were given to an individual to use for God's purpose.

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Stewardship for most of us...

because the gifts that we all have from God are great. Now the organist is not going to ask me to sing in the choir and my church does not expect me to underwrite their million dollar debt. But that doesn't mean that service is not expected of me ... and each of us. We are and will be accountable to God for how we use his gifts, no matter how small we feel they are.

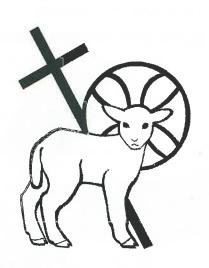
We were created to use all we have in fellowship with God. When that is not done, our lives are unfulfilled and incomplete. It is not a matter of earning our salvation, but of putting God in the center where God belongs. When we do that, everything else can fall into place; we want to express our thanks by giving and by sharing and by helping others.

The Rev. John MacNaughton said: "We make a living by what we earn, we make a life by what we share." Sharing is not just talent and money, but also involves the sharing of love, friend-ship and concern. We need to share all of these with people inside and outside the church. That's what stewardship is all about.

So, I guess that I have gotten around to giving, because joyful Christian giving naturally comes out of receiving. And in response to a God who gave us his son to suffer and die on a cross for our redemption, can we expect to give any less than our all? But God doesn't ask us to give till it hurts. God asks us to give until it helps ... helps others and helps ourselves.

A carefully worked out plan of giving helps you put your whole life in the proper perspective. And I don't mean saying, "Here, God, this little tip is for you because I can spare it this week and the rest is for me." I mean turning your entire budget upside down and beginning

with the fact that it's all God's and God is at the center of life. It's looking at all we have from the point of view that God is the center, then we can see what we really need for ourselves and our family. If you've never looked at your budget that way, I think you'll be amazed at how little you really need and how much you can use for God's work And this does not just apply to a monetary budget, but equally to a re-ordering of the time we give for God's work.





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