

## SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE

### *The Gentiles Cry Out for Jesus*

To grasp the inner motive of the Canaanite woman for obtaining what came to pass, we must reflect on the impact of her words. There is a firm belief that there was and still is in Israel a community of converts who passed over from the Gentiles into the works of the law. They had left behind their previous life and were bonded by the religion of a foreign land and dominating law as though from home. The Canaanites were inhabiting the lands of present-day Judea. Whether absorbed by war or dispersed to neighboring places or brought into servitude as a vanquished people, they carried about their name but lacked a native land. Intermingled with the Jews, therefore, these people came from the Gentiles. And since a portion of those among the crowds

who believed were converts, the Canaanite woman most likely had left her territory, preferring the status of a proselyte – that is, coming out from the Gentiles to the community of a neighboring people. She was appealing on behalf of her daughter, who was a type for all the Gentile people. And since she knew the Lord from the law, she addressed him as Son of David. For in the law, the king of the eternal and heavenly kingdom is referred to as the “rod out of the stem of Jesse and the son of David.” This woman, who professed Christ as both Lord and Son of David, did not need healing. Rather, she was begging for help for her daughter – that is, the Gentile people in the grips of unclean spirits.

*St. Hilary of Poitiers*



*Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-29)*

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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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## **February 6, 2022**

### **Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican**

**This Sunday: Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15**

**Gospel Luke 18:10-14**

**Next Sunday: Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Gospel Luke 15:11-32**

### **Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

Monday 2/7	No Liturgy
Tuesday 2/8	8:00am Divine Liturgy: H/S Amanda Purpero
Wednesday 2/9	8:00am Divine Liturgy: Birthday Blessings for Simon & Scott Parker by Parker Family
Thursday 2/10	8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Theresa Orlando by James and Esther Dershaw
Friday 2/11	8:00am Divine Liturgy: Special Intention by Ann Fosnaught
Saturday 2/12	No Liturgy
<b>Sunday 2/13</b>	<b>10:00am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Parastas: +Lucia Badiceanu by Deacon Viorel Badiceanu</b>

*Church Bulletin donated in February 2022 by Rick Bollon in loving memory of +Fred Bollon, father.*

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 is provided by Ana and William Galida in memory of +Patricia Galida. Thank you!

**Sunday Collection: January 30, 2022**

Sunday envelopes	\$2,009.00
Candles	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total	\$2,045.00

**Online Donations: <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/donate> None**

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
H/S Rita Cristea and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Johnnie and Adrian Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Suzie Dragos and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Fr. Iuliu	Connie McAdams
+Theresa Orlando	Tony Orlando
+ Parents and All Family Members	Chuck Roska Family
H/S Jerry Donahue-Happy Birthday, Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Mary Cornea, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian	Chuck Roska Family
+Howard Parker	Scott and Jaime Parker Family
+Parents and Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Our Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
+Theresa Orlando	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
Walsh/Baumgartner Families	Connie McAdams

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## **Special Announcement:**

**Please pray for:** Amy Crown, Suzie Dragos, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Lance Downey, Sonya Paul, End to Corona Virus attack, 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 (Solaris Senior Living North Naples #127; 10949 Parnu St, Naples, FL 34109) 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 February 2022 is donated by **William and Ana Galida in loving memory of +Patricia Galida(5 years)**.

**Left Iconostasis Candelabrum** for February 2022 is donated by **Daniel, Erik and Madison Ardelean in honor of Cynthia Ardelean's Birthday**.

**Right Iconostasis Candelabrum** for February 2022 is donated by **Mircea Cristea in loving memory of +Metodia and +Mary Cristea, parents**.

**Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum** for February 2022 is donated by **Suzie Dragos and Family in memory of +John Dragos, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather**.

**Prescura for 2021:** Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ileana Hotiu, 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. Look on the inside cover of the back of the calendar for more information.

There have been many requests for Fr. Ovi to do an **educational time about the Church**. He would like to do it during the Great Fast on Tuesdays in March and April. Plan to attend! Requests for topics are accepted.

There are **pledge cards** on the narthex table. Please fill out and return to the office or put in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your support to help us budget properly for the upcoming year!

**“Frequently Asked Questions”**: Could you please share any questions that you have that could be put in a pamphlet? Email them to [annf@rcdcanton.org](mailto:annf@rcdcanton.org) or write down and share with anyone in the office.

Our Lady of the Pines **Retreat** Center in Fremont, Ohio will host a Men’s Retreat on March 11-13 and a Women’s Retreat on March 18-20. These are sponsored by St. Mary Byzantine Church in Marblehead, Ohio. All are invited! There are fliers on the narthex table with more information.

**Prescura money is due for 2022.** \$30 for the year can be paid to P-sa. Gabi. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

## **Parish events:**

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet and hold the semi-annual audit on Tuesday, February 8 starting at 6:00pm.

The Carpathian Men's Club will host a **Super Bowl party** on Sunday, February 13 starting at 5:30pm. Bring a side dish to share. Meats will be provided. BYOB. RSVP by February 9 to the office how many people will participate, so we can prepare adequately.

## **Ladies Auxiliary News**

Ladies, 2022 dues are \$10. Pay your dues to Carol Popa.

## **To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊**

In Miss Lily's kindergarten Sunday school class, she was teaching how everything the world was created by God, including human beings. Little Georgie was particularly interested in how Eve was created out of Adam's rib.

Later in the week the five-year-old's mother found him lying down as though he were ill. She asked him, "Georgie, what's the matter?"

To which Georgie you replied, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

## **Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Theresa**

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.

I'm not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, "How many good things have you done in your life?:" Rather He will ask, "How much love did you put into what you did?"



**Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!***

Simon Parker – February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Fr. Remus Orian – February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Alex Gonyias - February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Cathy Hoffman – February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Maciag – February 12<sup>th</sup>

**Advertising Opportunity – business card size:**



	Mon 2/7	Tue 2/8	Wed 2/9	Thu 2/10	Fri 2/11	Sat 2/12	Sun 2/13
	Ven. Parthenius	Great-Martyr	Abstinence Nicephorus, martyr	Fr. Remus Orian's Charalampus, martyr	Abstinence Blaise, martyr	Alex Gonyias' Cathy Hoffman's Nancy Maciag's Holy Father Meletius	Scott Parker's Sunday of the Ven. Father
8am		Liturgy: H/S Amanda Purpero 8am - 9am	Liturgy: Birthday Blessings for Simon & Scott Parker by	Liturgy: +Theresa Orlando by James and Esther Dershaw	Liturgy: Special Intention by Ann Fosnaught		
9am							
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							Parastas: +Lucia Badicean
12pm							Coffee: Dc. Viorel Badicean
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm		Audit & Stewardship Committee meeting Fr. Ovi's Office 6pm - 8:30pm					Super bowl party 5:30pm - 10:30pm
7pm							
8pm							
9pm							
10pm							



# Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

February 2022

**O**nce upon a time a band of knights riding through a forest saw hundreds of trees with targets painted on them and an arrow in the very center of every target. When the king heard of this he sent the knights back to find the archer who hit the bullseye every time. They found a wee, small boy and brought him back to the king.

The king asked how he ever managed such a remarkable feat. The boy answered, "It's easy, sir, first you shoot the arrow, then you paint the target."

Unfortunately, most churches today can't be quite as flexible as the small boy in the story when it comes to setting financial giving guidelines for its members.

Christians sometimes wonder how much they should give for God's work. Some people are inclined to be more generous than others, and there is often a question as to what is a person's rightful response. One of the best guides for Christian giving is proportionate giving. St. Paul refers to it in the last chapter of First Corinthians.

The Corinthians were taking part in a collection for the poor and needy saints in Jerusalem, and Paul gave them this advice: "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come." From his recommendations we can see several guidelines for giving.

**1. Make giving a priority.** Determine to give "on the first day of the week." Don't wait until the end of the week when the money is almost gone. If you

reach into your pocket or purse then, there probably won't be much left. When you get paid, take out God's portion first and set it aside. Those who give to God first, usually find that there is enough left for other needs.

**2. Make giving a regular habit.** The Apostle advises his hearers to practice giving "every week." Some people can be very generous in response to a specific appeal, but when their interest in the appeal fades, so does their sup-



port. In order for God's work through the church to be effective, giving needs to be a regular practice. No important work can be planned or be effective if

*Service to the kingdom of God must be rendered by those who offer their talents, but never get their names into the papers, are never publicly commended, and are never elected as a delegate.*

*Yet, in the eternal records of God the name is inscribed, and after it the notation, clearly written:*

*"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*




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## Living Waters Run Deep

**L**iving waters” brings to mind sparkling waterfalls, waves washing upon the beach, a spring bubbling from underneath a rock, a gentle rain falling, or of Jesus who said, “Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” (John 7:38)

Living so aptly describes water. A thirsty man attests to its living qualities, a drooping plant responds to its life giving properties, the skies are washed clear by its falling and a very weary soul finds rest in living water.

Created by God, it cannot be destroyed nor more be produced. It is fixed. Though we cannot destroy it, we can abuse it, pollute it, misuse it, and take from it its living properties, making it a curse rather than a blessing. It is ours to use, to protect, to keep clean, and to appropriate wisely so that it will give life to all it touches. We cannot take for granted that we will always have all the water we need, where we need it.

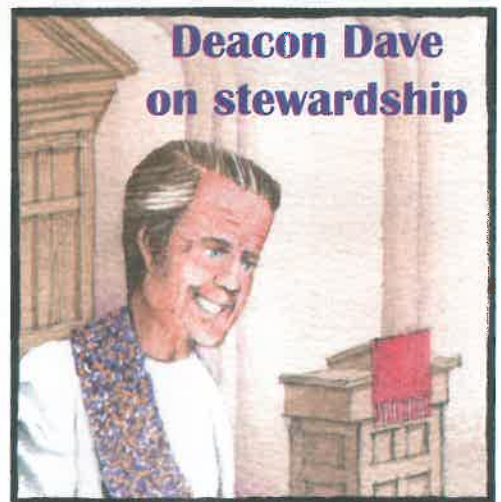
Let us each accept our personal responsibility to be good stewards of the water we have, lest our land cry out, “I was thirsty and you gave me no water to drink.” Our need for conscious stewardship of our living waters was never greater than at present. 



*The dignity of tithing is that it is voluntary. Tithing is an act of acknowledgment that God is alive; an act of faith.*

*Our primary task is to love God above all things. The sacrifice of material wealth for God's sake is a means of deepening the love. Love must be proven with deeds.*

*Tithing is a practical way to accomplish these noble and virtuous objectives. It is more impactful as a means of spiritual progress because it is voluntary.*



**I**t is good for us to reflect upon the way we fulfill our role of steward, with regard to these three gifts from God: *Time, Talent and Treasure.*

**Time.** This is perhaps one of our most important resources. What do we do with the time that God gives us? Do we waste it? Do we use it to better the world in which we live? Do we spend it in such a way that most of our “time” is for our selfish ends? Do we have a healthy balance in our lives with regard to time? Time used to better our life and the life of those entrusted to us; time for personal relaxation and refreshment. How do you use your time?

**Talent.** We are perhaps one of the best resources we have in order to reach our destiny. Do I respect my own abilities and gifts? Do I develop them and use them for the kingdom of God? Do I use the gifts God has given me so that others may be happier? Do I see myself as unique, as important and gifted? In what way have I used my talents for myself, for my family, for my church and community? Jesus chastized the person who hid his talents under a bushel basket, or buried them in the ground. Have we done better with our talents than that servant?

**Treasure:** With the God-given gifts I am able to work, I am able to make

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Dear Editor:

I feel that *Stewardship* articles and messages should not shortchange the Gospel theme of God's love for us, demonstrated especially in the ministry and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. This illustrates God's love that is given in spite of human disobedience; not of love given as a reward for being nice.

The theme of God's undeserved kindness rightfully belongs in the topic of Christian generosity. It is more than a matter of church protocol to include mention of the Gospel. God's love for humankind is the foundation. It sets the tone, evokes generosity, prompts the giving, keeps the attitudes straight, and even blesses the outcome.

If Christian giving is treated predominantly as a "duty" prescribed by "God's Law," then the missing part is the motivating power of God's love. I thought it would be helpful to your readers to consider this.

Sincerely,

R. Guetner NY

*Christ has no body now, but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
he looks compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which  
he walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which  
he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands,  
yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes,  
You are his body.*

*Christ has no body now but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
he looks compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours!*

*God has created  
each one of us  
with some talents.  
Such is the wonder  
and mystery of God's  
creative activity that  
each human being is  
precious and unique  
and given talents that  
others do not possess.*

*Look seriously at  
yourself and ask,  
"What bag of gold  
has God given me?"  
and "What am I going  
to do with it?" One  
major part of grow-  
ing up in Christ is the  
discovery of our own  
strengths and how  
we might use them to  
glorify God and help  
others.*





### ***“Make Giving a matter of faith.”***

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#### **Once upon a time...**

support is sporadic. Paul’s advice is to give regularly.

**3. *Make giving a commitment.*** Decide to give a proportion of your available income for God’s work. A percentage is best. Write it in as the first item in your budget planning. Consider this as your first obligation at each pay period. You should decide what proportion is best for you. If you agree to give God three percent of your income, and this week you earn \$100, you can give God \$3.00. If you agree to give God a tenth (the Biblical tithe), your gift would be \$10.00. Most important, make a commitment to God and follow through with it.

**4. *Make giving a matter of faith.*** Paul uses the phrase, “as you prosper.” He realizes that your income may fluctuate. You may work overtime one week and be laid off for several days the next week. Your income may be seasonal or affected by other circumstances. But if you give proportionately, you can give something to God. The amount may vary, but the percentage will remain the same. Giving, after all, is a matter of faith. We believe that God’s work is important, and we give so that it may

continue. But giving is also important for our sakes, for it is a natural and grateful response to God.


Unlike the small boy in the story at the beginning of the article, first paint your target, then shoot your “giving” arrow.



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#### **Deacon Dave...**

money and acquire property and possessions. But God has only placed me in charge of this treasure, not only that I might benefit from it, but that others, who are not as fortunate as I may benefit as well! Am I generous and am I willing to share. Do I hoard or am I willing to let go? Remember, the only treasure we take with ourselves into eternity is the treasure we have given away.

Many calls come to us, for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we balance our response to these calls? 



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