



*The Rich Man and Lazarus*

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**"JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" ICON**

9:00a.m. Akathist

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00p.m. Vespers

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

8:40a.m. Hours  
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**READER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Hours: Jen Alexion  
Epistle: Jen Alexion

**Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Hours: Mat. Emily  
Epistle: Mat. Emily



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## BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 21, 2007

### Special Parish Meeting

On Sunday, November 4, 2007, there will be a Special Meeting of the Parish in order to discuss the 2008 Budget and the future home of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church. All parish members, year-round and seasonal, are invited to attend. The meeting will be held immediately following the coffee hour. For more information regarding the meeting please pick up an information packet in the back of the church. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. John.



### A Special Coffee Hour / Baby Shower

will be held next Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, for Gerald and Carmelia, who are expecting a baby girl this November. If you would like to give towards a joint-gift from the parish, please see Mat. Emily. Or if you would like to give a gift on your own, you are certainly welcome to do so. The coffee hour is potluck, and if you can bring something please see Mat. Emily. Thank you in advance!



### Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday following the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy.



### A Class on our Faith – Orthodoxy 101

will begin on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at the church. The class will meet twice a month. For more information such as dates and topics, please see our website.



### The 2008 Calendars / Planners

from Saint Tikhon's Bookstore are now available for order. To reserve a calendar or pocket planner please sign your name to the list in the back of the church. The total costs of the calendars and pocket planners, including shipping, are \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively.

### A Note About Service Times

Occasionally, you may find what appears to be an error in the bulletin regarding service times. For instance, the time listed for the Divine Liturgy might be 9:00pm instead of 9:00am. If this is the case, and you find yourself wondering what is the correct time of the service, please ask Fr. John. Usually it is simply a mistake for which Fr. John will apologize profusely!

## CHRIST THE GOOD ARTIST

*From the Fifty Spiritual Homilies of St. Macarios the Great*

As the portrait painter keeps an eye upon the subject's face and draws, and when the subject's face is towards him, attending to him at his painting, he draws the portrait easily and well, but when he turns his face away, he cannot draw because the face is not gazing at the painter; in like manner Christ, the good artist, for those who believe in Him and gaze continually at Him, straightway portrays after His own image a heavenly man... Yet if a man does not gaze constantly at Him, overlooking everything else, the Lord will not paint His image... We must therefore gaze upon Him, believing and loving Him, throwing away all else, and attending to Him, in order that He may paint His own heavenly image and send it into our souls, and thus, wearing Christ, we may receive eternal life, and even here may have full assurance and be at rest.



### DIVINE AND MEDICAL AID

*A Counsel of the Elder Epiphanius of Athens (+1989)*

"When we have a certain problem with our health, is it sufficient for us to call upon divine aid or can we take refuge in medical science as well?"

To this the Elder replied: "God accepts both. Give the physician his place, for the Lord created him, let him not leave you, for there is need of him. There is a time when success lies in the hands of physicians, for they too will pray to the Lord that he should grant them success in diagnosis and in healing, for the sake of preserving life... healing is from the Highest... the Lord created medicines from the earth, a wise man does not reject them."

"Taking the benefits offered by medical science does not preclude calling upon divine help. That is, the Christians, without rejecting medical aid, must pray that God enlighten the doctors to make the correct diagnosis, to proceed to the necessary tests and to determine the appropriate therapy. They should ask God to enlighten them to cooperate with the doctor, to strengthen them in patience so that they come out gaining profit of soul from their trial, and if it is His will and for the advantage of their soul, to deliver them from sickness."

## ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA UPGRADES MAPPING SOFTWARE

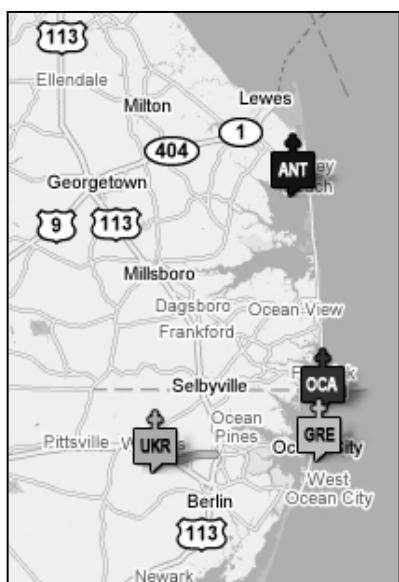
The online directory of all the Orthodox jurisdictions in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, just upgraded its mapping software, making it possible to search by specific jurisdictions (Antiochian, Greek, Serbian, OCA, etc) and listing types (parishes, monasteries, and seminaries). Each church is now represented on the map by its own special marker.

The image on the right shows what the new maps look like when one searches for "Ocean City, MD". You'll see that the map shows the current locations of the four Orthodox parishes in Delmarva. You can click on each marker to view the Parish's name, contact information, and website.

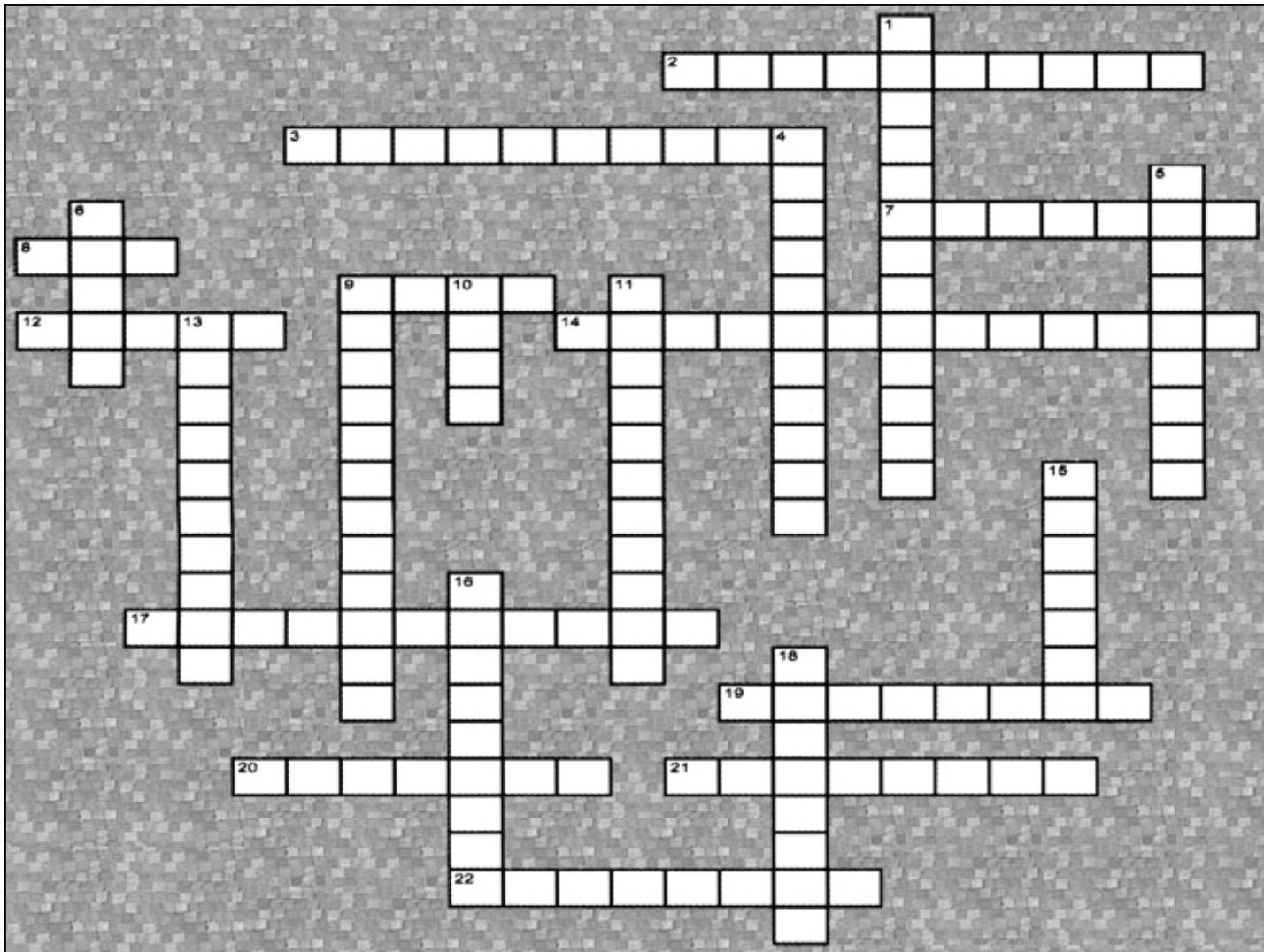
Many of our visitors find us through the internet. In fact, next to word of mouth the parish website is the main way people find a parish.

To view the Orthodoxy in America website, please go to:

[orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://orthodoxyinamerica.org)



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP



### Across

2. Ours must be aligned with the will of God.
3. Our giving needs to be this.
7. Withholding what belongs to God (Mal. 3:8-9).
8. Owner of everything.
9. Created by God for us.
12. God's best gift to us.
14. Desiring what does not belong to me.
17. The result of following God's will.
19. Is properly managed by a steward.
20. Husband who was an unfaithful steward.
21. This type of steward pleases God.
22. Wife who was an unfaithful steward.

### Down

1. Giving according to what we receive.
4. Commended by Paul for their stewardship.
5. The things we hold dear to us.
6. God puts these in the purse of unfaithful stewards (Hag. 1:6).
9. Defines the attitude of a steward.
10. Widow's gift.
11. The things God has given to us.
13. This type of steward displeases God.
15. Defines the life of a steward.
16. Promised to faithful stewards (Mal. 3:10).
18. Divine use of our gifts.

### Across

2. Priorities
3. Systematic
7. Robbery
8. God
9. Time
12. Jesus
14. Covetousness
17. Fulfillment
19. Finances
20. Ananias
21. Faithful
22. Sapphira



### Down

1. Proportionate
4. Corinthians
5. Treasures
6. Holes
9. Thanksgiving
10. Mite
11. Possessions
13. Unfaithful
15. Service
16. Blessings
18. Ministry

## LOVE AND DANGER

Written by the Very Rev. Vladimir Berzonsky

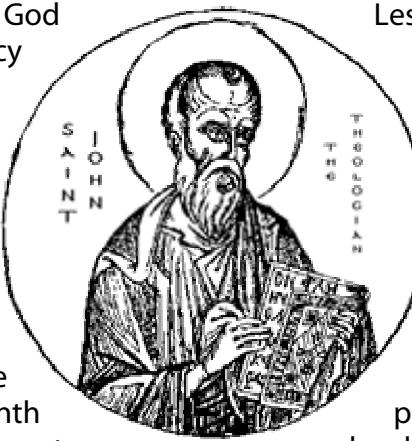
"This is love, that we walk according to His commandments...For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an anti-christ" (II John 6,7)

Does it strike you as strange that the writer, St. John, would go from the meaning of love to the warning against deceivers, and antichrists? Yet it makes sense. The church or any church he is writing to being filled with love for God and one another will have a tendency to gentleness. That tender affection will tend to open itself to those who are not sensitive, but use such affection to exploit the kind-hearted Christians. An old Russian saying puts it succinctly: Act like a lamb and you'll find a wolf close by. This is the same brief letter where we find the beautiful phrase that's sometimes called the eleventh commandment: "a new commandment... which we have had from the beginning; that we love one another" (6).

What would a parish look like if it obeyed that commandment literally? For one, it would reflect the love among one another of an ideal family. When one or several are absent on a Sunday, all would do more than wonder. They would subtly and sensitively find out where the missing were and the reasons for their absence. And those who planned to be away would inform at least a few of their absence.

The sick, the afflicted and the emotionally wounded would ask for the prayers of the whole parish, and they in turn would lift up to the loving Lord the names of those in need. A truly concerned and loving parish would pray not only for the more conventional requirements for prayer such as illness, bereavement and job loss, but for what is too often considered private matters: Illnesses that come from bodily injury, like alcoholism and drug addiction, or the traumas of depression, loss of faith, or various injurious and anti-social afflictions such as obsessions -- greed, lust, problems with the law and the like.

Love for one another would include the economic welfare of the brothers and sisters in Christ and the effect their plight has on their families. Is somebody out of work, having financial difficulties, or in some way adversely affecting their family members? What, if anything, can the parish do to alleviate their problem? Or do they prefer to solve their dilemma without outside interference? The ideal parish is ready to do either.



Lest it be thought that this vision of a parish be little more than another platonic ideal that is fine in theory but impractical if not impossible to realize, we recognize the challenges of putting it into effect. It's more likely to come about in relatively small church communities, even more so among mission churches that come together around a common predicament, the need for and development of a parish community and therefore who will from the start bond into a fellowship. Still, larger parishes do somehow form clusters of like-minded people and groups. They also can and often do work out the problems their members fall into, and so act as extended families.

The other unpleasant part, keeping out the deceivers and antichrists who would enter and destroy the integrity and purity of faith in Orthodoxy -- that sordid business is often left to the priest. Our Orthodox Church in America is so divergent and disparate, spread over this vast continent, that the antichrist afflicts us in random ways. The intense proselytism of sectarians in Alaska is different from the ongoing attraction of the world's vices in the West, the South and elsewhere. The challenges of wandering Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses in the former steel mill and coal mining regions is not the same as the appeal of Scientology elsewhere. Love as the writer of the epistle of John warns, cannot be ignorant of those who would abuse it in offering a different savior than Jesus Christ.

