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PRIEST-MARTYR JOHN KUCHUROV

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

23rd Sunday after Pentecost St. John Kuchurov of Chicago

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Prayers for Those in the
Healing Ministries
Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

5:00p.m. Bible Study
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
St. Michael's Party /
Coffee Hour
7:00p.m. Great Vespers

On Love and Its Price

"These things have I told you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (Joh 15:11-13) Love is joy; the price of love is sacrifice. Love is life; the price of love is death.

Fr. Callistratus

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 7th

Bruce Eckerd

Sunday, Nov. 14th

Constantine Mitsopoulos



Please Remember in Prayer

Howard Peters, Irene Clenney, Deborah Royal, Gabriela Jones, Scott and Maryann, Roman Szewc, Melvin, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Garrett Cuppels, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Todd & Olga, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T., Bruce, Julia Plisko & family, Stella.

Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries – Sunday, Oct. 31st

will be offered at the Liturgy on Sunday, Oct. 31st, the eve of the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers. Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the health and wellness fields are asked to come forward for a blessing.



Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 31st

There will be a very brief meeting of the Parish Council, following the veneration of the Cross, today, Sunday, October 31st.



Choir Practice – Sunday, Oct. 31st

There will be a practice following the coffee hour on Sunday, October 31st. All choir members, and those interested in joining the choir, are asked to try and attend.

Daylight Savings Time – Sunday, Nov. 7th

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour this coming Saturday night, otherwise you will be early for next Sunday's Divine Liturgy (which I guess isn't a bad thing!).

St. Michael's Party – Sunday, Nov. 7th

On November 7th (the Sunday after Halloween and before the Feast of Archangel Michael – November 8th) we will have a St. Michael's Party for the children of the parish. After the Divine Liturgy, the children will get dressed up as Saints and Angels and have a parade during the coffee hour. Questions, costume ideas, etc.? Please see Mat. Emily.



2011 Calendars & Pocket Planners

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$4.00 a piece and the pocket planners \$3.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.



An Assembly of the Diocese of Washington

will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at St. Luke Orthodox Church in McLean, VA. Fr. John will be away for the entire day, and there will be no Bible Study, normally scheduled for 5:00pm. However, a Reader's Vespers will be offered at the usual time in the evening, 6:00pm.



JESUS THE MINER

By VRev. Vladimir Berzonsky



"Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, 'Wasn't it three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?' They replied, 'Certainly, O king.' He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'" (Daniel 3:24)

Estimates put nearly one of every six persons on earth as viewers of the rescue of the miners in Chile, trapped under the earth for sixty-nine days. No communication emerged for the first seventeen days. Pessimism prevailed. Few would dare hope that the men were alive. The mountain over and around them was of almost solid stone. They were a half mile beneath the surface. The first miracle was making contact, the second miracle to realize that they were all alive, and the third was to drill down to them and create an opening large enough to bring every one of them to the surface whole and hale.

Were they thirty-three men in all, they were asked? "No," one of them vowed after his rescue. "There were thirty four of us. The Lord was always present. God is a miner." They worked in the mines most of their lives, some since childhood. They descended as common laborers hardly distinguishable from one another. They emerged as personalities in the special capsule named Phoenix, the Egyptian mythical bird who perishes in flames every 500 years and resurrects from the ashes. Already they became celebrities with their biographies explored and shared universally with television viewers. They bonded together even tighter in their adversity than in their labor. When told that it was a great success to be found and offered a way out of the deep bowels of the earth, one demurred, "No, it will not be successful unless all thirty three of us are safely above the earth."

As though they had died and gone to Hades only to be given a second chance at life, they had been blessed to build on whatever faith they had when they had been sealed in the earth. Some had been married in civil ceremonies or not at all, yet before

being brought up to the light, they committed themselves to a proper church wedding in the sight of the Lord. Trauma does that to a person.

Above ground, anxious hope dominated the scene. The families and friends of the miners watched the proceedings with both anxiety and conviction that they would be joined with their beloved without fail.

What was missing? Contrast the explosion of the oilrig in the Gulf of Mexico, that tragic disaster that dominated our thoughts for several months in the recent past. Chileans, those humble people on the

rim of western South America, a nation many in our country may not be able to find on the map, has offered us a living lesson in life, hope, joy and courage - if only we are wise enough to grasp it. They solved their problem rather than obsessed with blame. Where was the horde of lawyers swarming the site eager to find cause for damages, negligence, and other faults by which to profit from the trauma? Where were the politicians shoving themselves onto the scene, grasping microphones and nudging themselves in, eager for face



time in front of the television cameras?

Gazing on the scene with the eye of the Spirit, do you not recognize a metaphor of death's journey and the arrival at the gates of God's Kingdom? Recall the sheer delight of those on the surface, fixated on the hole from which the human cage would emerge from the mineshaft below. They focused on the wheel above, compelling the spokes to turn and the cable to gather on the spool. Then when the cage opened and the miner came forth, eyes covered with dark spectacles to be embraced by wife, fiancée, mother or child -- who cannot anticipate what it will be like when we complete the awesome journey from death through the passage beyond, and the meeting with the Lord Jesus, along with those of our own who had gone before us? "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!'" (Revelation 22:17)

THE UNMERCENARY HEALERS

As the month of November begins, the Church celebrates the memory of the Unmercenary Healers and Physicians. These are the saints that are especially known for being in the medical field and for being gifted with the power of healing. The saints healed always in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They also used the medical procedures and medications of their day. The hymnology of the day mentions these saints by name:



the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the excellent healer of the infirm; of Antipas, Charalampus and Blaise, the most honored hieromartyrs; Spyridon and Modestus, the all-splendid luminaries of the Church; the three pair of divinely wise saints Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same name and the same ways; Cyrus and the glorious John; the divine Panteleimon and Hermolaus; the Nun-Martyr and deliverer from depression, Maria of Gatchina; the Royal Nun-martyr Elizabeth of Moscow; Luke the Archbishop and Surgeon of Crimea

Like all of the saints these Unmercenary Physicians dedicated themselves to God, becoming the first missionary physicians of the Christian Church. They preached the Christian Faith and treated the sick without accepting any payments or rewards for their services. They also gave to the poor whatever earthly possessions they had. Living in terrible poverty for God's love, all were renamed "Unmercenary" which means "not influenced by financial gain".

Seeing their humility, sacrifices, and dedication, God blessed them with the special gift of working miracles. The saints used God's gift to cure all kinds of diseases through the holy name of Jesus Christ. They cured lepers, made the paralyzed to walk, drove off evil spirits, healed the blind, and even raised the dead. All these wonders were performed by the power of God, through the prayers of these saints.

Hundreds of years after their death, Orthodox Christians still turn to these saints for healing of their illnesses and for comfort for their souls. The saints continue to perform miracles by interceding to our Lord Jesus Christ for those who pray with faith.



O LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER

NOVEMBER CONGRATULATIONS!

Birthdays:

11/27 Isabelle Bekeshka
11/29 Jacob McFarland

Namesdays:

11/8 Archangel Michael
Michael Cook
Michael McFarland
Richard (Michael) Evanusa
11/24 St. Catherine the Great
Katherine Cook
Kathy Parrish
Catherine Lupiwok

Corrections? Please see Fr. John.

LIVE IN GRATITUDE

"Live in gratitude, and you will never be disappointed. See that your afflictions are not there to punish you, but to purify you and cleanse you of the delusions of this world. You all are being prepared each day for great things. Be wise, and prepare for the future, but do not be worried about. Be prudent, but not obsessed. The man who constantly worries achieves nothing but stress and anxiety. Instead, pray and draw close to God. Believe that He will help you, and suddenly, you will see how He has already."

