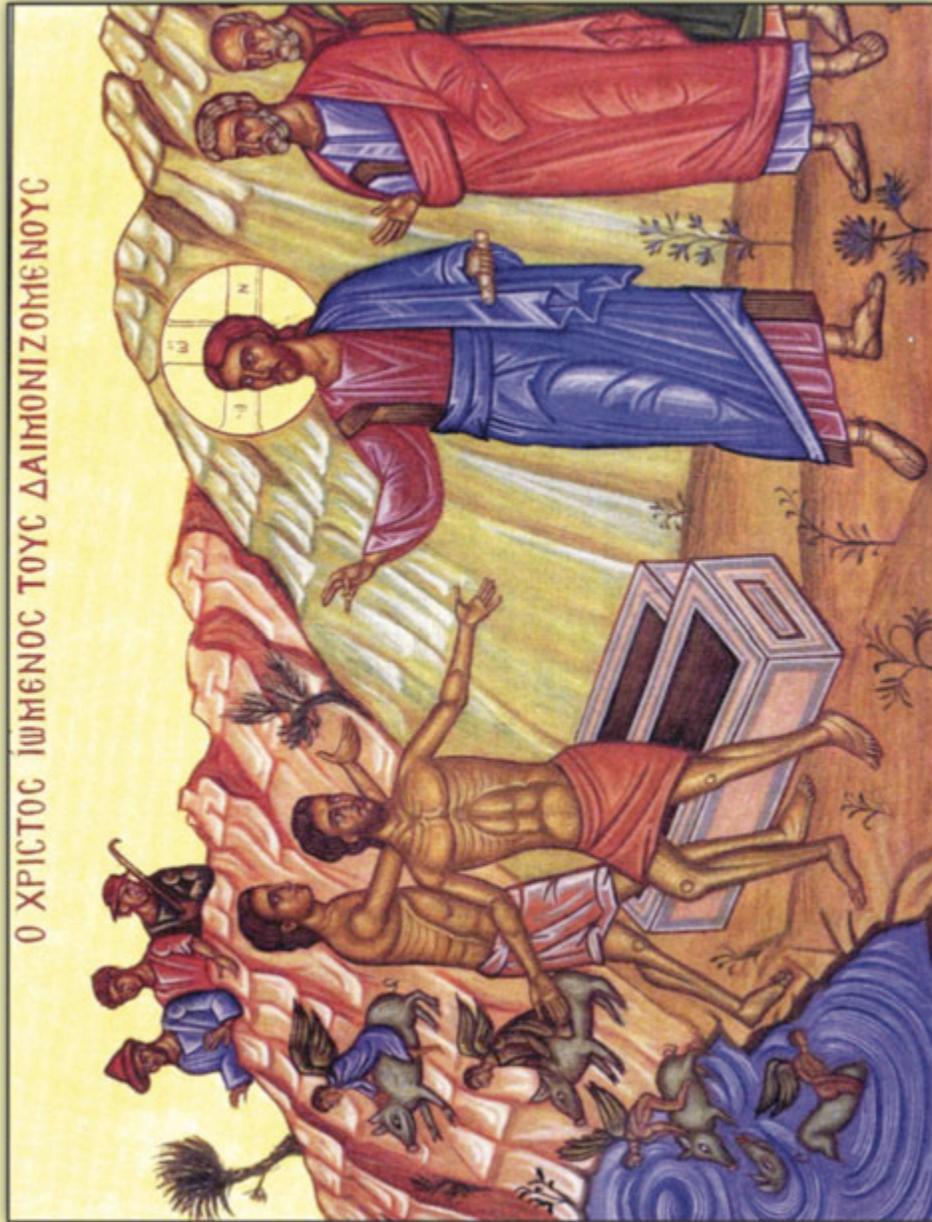


THREE HIERARCHS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUNDAY WEEKLY BULLETIN October 25th, 2020
V. Rev. Archimandrite Eugene N. Pappas

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (Luke 8:26-39)

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1

Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε. Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 1:11-19 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἀνθρώπου παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἦκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν ἀναστροφήν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, ἐθέλων ὁ ὑποπροσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· ὁ ὑδὲ ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνήλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἰστορήσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἐτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

6th Sunday of Luke

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:26-39 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν, ἣτις ἐστὶν ἀντίπερα τῆς Γαλιλαίας. ἐξελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἰμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· τί ἐμοὶ καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἠλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοὶ ἐστὶν ὄνομα; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· λεγεὼν· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθον εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει αὐτόν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτόν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγεννημένον ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὐρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἀφ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονούντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθείς. καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτόν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἀφ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπῆλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

TODAY: we honor and observe the on-going outreach of UNIVERSAL PHILANTHROPY of LEADERSHIP 100 FOUNDATION FUND, originally established by +His Eminence IAKOVOS Archbishop of North and South American in 1989. We are proud of the leadership of Chairman Argyris Vassiliou who works hand – in-hand with one of our stellar daughters of Three Hierarchs Parish – the inimitable Ms. Paulette Poulos as Executive Director. Please note the informative centerfold of today’ bulletin for further details of interest. Only recently, another \$3,500,000 was extended in donation to the GROUND-ZERO World Trade Center SAINT NICHOLAS SHRINE CHURCH. Celebrate Leadership 100!

CENTURION CLUB: Our Parish is still inviting individuals and families to join the Saint Longinus “CENTURION CLUB “ in support of our faith community. The feast day of the venerable Saint and Roman Centurion who pierced the side of the Crucified Christ was celebrated on Friday- October 16th. We are requesting a voluntary extra contribution of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS or MORE to help defray the insurmountable costs to keep the church open and vital to our faith body. So few have returned for fear and trepidation has overcome them. We DO understand ! Nonetheless, our parish church must be supported even in absentia. Please do your best to forward a donation of \$100.00 to lift the burden encompassing our community. Saint Longinus was the commander of 100 Roman Imperial Legionnaires (hence Centurion guard). In Latin ‘centennial’ is one hundred. For all the Sundays missed at church, for all the candles left unlighted, can you catch-up by making a substantial donation so sorely needed? Thank you and God bless you.

VIRGIL of SAINT RAPHAEL of ‘BROOKLYN’ is scheduled for the Antiochian Cathedral of Saint Nicholas on State Street, downtown Brooklyn on FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 06th commencing at 6:00 P.M. This is the 125th Anniversary of Bishop SAINT RAPHAEL arriving in New York City to minister to the immigrant Orthodox Christian community of lower East side New York and downtown Brooklyn filled with Greeks and Arab Christians. Relics of the ‘FIRST’ American Orthodox Saint are on view for veneration. The solemn services will conclude by 10:00 P.M. Everyone is invited for fellowship and prayer.

DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE DEMETRA CHAPTER #33 announces that the Annual Saint Demetrios luncheon honoring the Patron Saint of the organization will not be hosted this year due to the Pandemic civil authority regulations regarding indoor events. Monthly meetings ARE however scheduled as per usual on the first Monday of each month. at 4:00 P.M. in WHITEHALL. The next scheduled session is MONDAY-NOVEMBER 02nd, the day before national elections. Please join the ladies.

PRAYER and HEALING SERVICE for the month of October is scheduled for TUESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 20th, at 6:30 P.M. Usually the session is held on Wednesdays, however there is a slight change this month. Scripture reading, exegesis, homily, witnessing, anointing and inspirational revelation all take place. Give it a try. You may be happily convinced. We commence at 6:30 P.M. and conclude with refreshments at 8:00 P.M. ALL ARE MOST WELCOMED.

SAINT DEMETRIOS OBSERVANCE will be celebrated by anticipation on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th in view of the liturgical restrictions. ARTOKLASIES are most welcomed. Please call the church office (718) 339-0280 and register your intentions to participate.

THE DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE- Demetra Chapter #33 will offer an ARTOKLASIA on the 25th, of October (PRE-FEAST of SAINT DEMETRIOS) WITH A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (Eternal Be Their Memory!)

OXI-DAY observance will be highlighted on Sunday, November 01st, with ethnic Hellenic poetry and prose and the historical resistance of Greece against the AXIS forces during World War II. Selected children from our Greek School student-body will present a brief program in Church after the Divine Liturgy. A memorial wreath presentation will conclude the services at the out-door garden of the Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR at 2:00 A.M. on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01st. Don’t be surprised when you forget to do so and arrive at CHURCH one hour earlier than the clergy. That will certainly be ‘ a first ‘ for you, and us too! BE ON TIME!

**MEMORIALS TODAY: + DECEASED SISTERS of the DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE CHAPTER #33,
+ ALEXANDER GIORGADZE + JOHN FRANZAKIS +CHRISTOS KANTZAVELOS
MEMORIALS NEXT WEEK:: + DIONYSIOS (DENNIS) GONATAS +HARRY (HARILAOS) ZIOTAS**



October 8, 2020

V. Rev. Fr. Eugene N. Pappas
Three Hierarchs Church
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Dear Father Eugene,

We pray that you are doing well and staying safe during these difficult times.

Leadership 100 is grateful for your support of our annual observances of National Leadership 100 Sunday, which began in 2009. This year, the twelfth observance, has been designated for October 25, 2020 by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod, the Sunday nearest to the Feast of Saint Iakovos on October 23.

An Encyclical by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod, will be issued for the purpose of being read in each parish. In addition, we enclose an insert brochure for use in your Sunday bulletin. Due to the pandemic, we do not suggest a coffee hour program hosted by our members. A press release will be sent to all Clergy, Leadership 100 members and media.

We have communicated with all the Metropolitans regarding the objectives of National Leadership 100 Sunday, which are to promote the mission of Leadership 100, to support the ministries of our Church, and to encourage those who may consider joining Leadership 100.

We deeply appreciate your support in promoting the vital mission that Leadership 100 undertakes in support of the National and Metropolis Ministries and institutions of our Church, including Holy Cross School of Theology. We continue to look to you to provide the spiritual guidance and pastoral leadership that makes all things possible for our Church, our Faithful and our Community.

We pray for your good health and happiness as you continue in your worthy ministry to our beloved Church.

With Respect and Christian love,

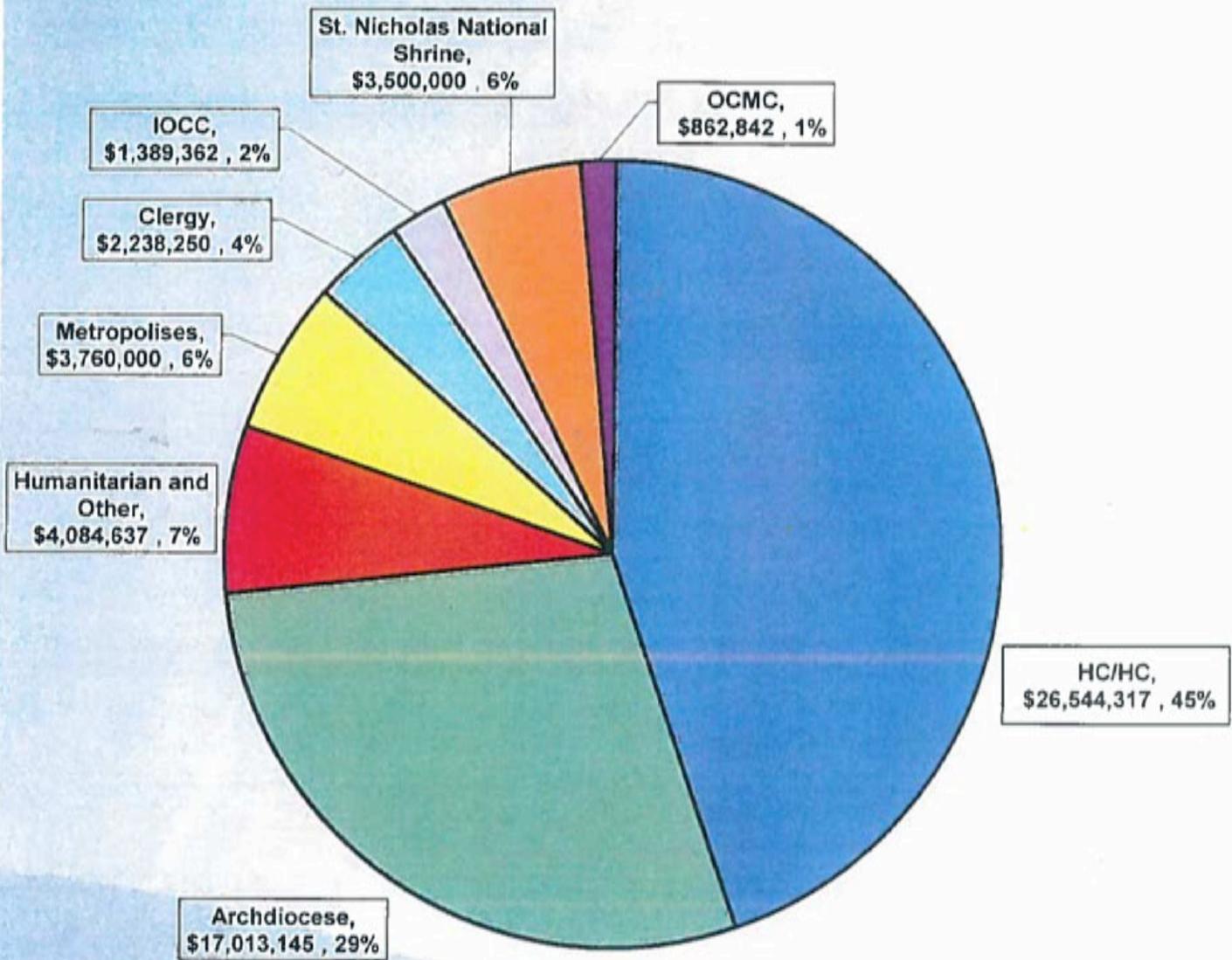
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«*Ἐγενόμην ἐν Πνεύματι ἐν τῇ Κυριακῇ ἡμέρᾳ καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ὀπίσω μου μεγάλην ὡς σάλπιγγος.*» (Απ. 1,10)

Ἐκδίδεται ἀπὸ τὴν Κοινοβιακὴ Γυνακκία τοῦ Μονῆ Ἁγίου Αὐγουστίνου Φλωρίνης - 531 00 ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ - τηλ. 23350-28610 - imzaflo@yahoo.gr

Περίοδος Δ' - Ἔτος ΑΖ'	Κυριακὴ ΣΤ' Λουκᾶ (Λουκ. 8,26-39)	Συντάκτης (†) ἐπίσκοπος Αὐγουστίνος Ν. Καντιώτης
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Ποιό εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σας;

«*Ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· Τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Λεγεών.*» (Λουκ. 8,30)

Τὸ σημερινὸ εὐαγγέλιο (Ματθ. 8,28-33) θὰ τὸ ἔχετε ἀκούσει κατ' ἐπανάληψιν, ἀδελφοί μου, ἢ στὸ σχολεῖο ἢ στὸ κατηχητικό. Ἀλλὰ τὸ Εὐαγγέλιο εἶνε πηγάδι ἀνεξάντλητο· ὅσο νερὸ κι ἂν βγάλῃς, δὲν τελειώνει ποτέ. Ἔτσι καὶ κάτω ἀπὸ τὰ ἀπλὰ λόγια τῆς σημερινῆς περικοπῆς κρύβεται **θησαυρὸς μεγάλος**. Τί μᾶς λέει;

Λέει γιὰ κάποιον ποὺ ἦταν ἄρρωστος. Ἄρρωστος; Μὰ χίλιες φορές καλύτερα νὰ ἦταν ἄρρωστος. Ἔπασχε –Θεὸς φυλάξει– ἀπὸ κάτι ποὺ εἶνε χειρότερο ἀπ' ὅλες τὶς ἀρρώστιες· ἦταν **δαιμονιζόμενος**. Δηλαδή; Εἶχε καταληφθῆ ἀπὸ δαιμόνια· ὄχι ἓνα, πολλὰ δαιμόνια. Κι ἀπὸ τὴν ὥρα ποὺ καταλήφθηκε ἔχασε τὴν προσωπικότητά του, τὸν ἑαυτό του· ἦταν ἀπλῶς ἓνα ρομπὸτ κινούμενο κατὰ τὶς ὁρέξεις τοῦ πονηροῦ πνεύματος. Καὶ τί ἔκανε;

Πρῶτα-πρῶτα –προσέξτε, ἔχει σημασία– ἔγινε **ἀδιάντροπος**. Ἐνῶ ἦταν ντυμένος, ἔσχισε τὰ ρούχα του, τὰ ἔκανε κομμάτια, καὶ παρουσιάζταν **γυμνὸς** ὅπως τὸν γέννησε ἡ μάνα του. Ποιὸς τὸν ἔσπρωξε σ' αὐτό; Τὸ δαιμόνιο. Καὶ ποιὸς σπρώχνει σήμερα γυναῖκες καὶ ἄντρες νὰ πετᾶνε τὰ ρούχα τους καὶ νὰ μένουν γυμνοί; Τὸ δαιμόνιο ἀσφαλῶς.

Εἶχε μιὰ **ὑπεράνθρωπη μυϊκὴ δύναμι**· τὸν ἔδεναν μὲ ἀλυσίδες κι αὐτὸς τὶς ἔσπαζε ὅπως ἔμεῖς σπάμε μιὰ κλωστή· τέτοια δύναμι εἶχε.

Ἦταν ἐπίσης **ἐπικίνδυνος καὶ ἐπιθετικός**· ἔπιανε πέτρες καὶ πετροβολοῦσε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους· κανεὶς δὲν μπορούσε νὰ περάσῃ ἀπ' τὸ μέρος ποὺ στεκόταν, εἶχε γίνει φόβητρο.

Ἔδειχνε μιὰ **ἀφύσικη συμπεριφορὰ** καὶ μιὰ μακάβρια οἰκειότητα μὲ τὸ θάνατο· δὲν μαζεεύταν στὸ σπῆτι, γύριζε ὅλη μέρα ἔξω· κι ὄταν βράδιαζε κοιμόταν στὸ νεκροταφεῖο μὲ τοὺς πεθαμένους, ἀνάμεσα στὰ μνήματα.

Ποιὸς τὸν ἄλλαξε, ποιὰ δύναμις τὸν μετέβαλε; Ἔνας· ὁ **Χριστός!** κι ἀπὸ τὴν ὥρα ποὺ ὁ

Χριστὸς τὸν ἐλευθέρωσε ἀπὸ τὰ δαιμόνια, ὁ λύκος ἔγινε ἀρνί. Γιατί λύκος καὶ θηρίο εἶνε ὁ δαιμονιζόμενος ἄνθρωπος.

Ἀπ' ὅλη τὴν περικοπὴ, ἀπὸ τὸ θαῦμα αὐτό, δὲν θέλω τώρα νὰ σᾶς πῶ οὔτε γιὰ τὸν διάβολο, οὔτε γιὰ τὸν δαιμονιζόμενο, οὔτε γιὰ τὴν γυμνότητά του, οὔτε γιὰ κάτι ἄλλο· θέλω νὰ προσέξτε ἓνα σημεῖο. Στὴν περικοπὴ αὐτὴ ὑπάρχει **μία ἐρώτησις καὶ μία ἀπάντησις**. Τίνος εἶνε ἡ ἐρώτησις; Τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Τίνος εἶνε ἡ ἀπάντησις; Τοῦ δαιμονιζομένου.

Τί λέει ἡ ἐρώτησις; –**Τὸ ὄνομά σου**; Ὅπως ὁ ἀστυνόμος ὅταν συλλάβῃ κάποιον κακοποιὸ ρωτᾷ «Ποιὸς εἶσαι; δός μου τὴν ταυτότητά σου, πῶς λέγεσαι;», ἔτσι ὁ Χριστὸς ζητᾷ τὴν ταυτότητα τοῦ δαιμονιζομένου· «*Τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα;*», πῆς ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου.

Θὰ σκεφτῆ κάποιος· Καλὰ ἓνας ἀστυνόμος δὲν ξέρει καὶ ρωτᾷ, **μὰ ὁ Χριστός!** Ἐκεῖνος τὰ ξέρει ὅλα. Δὲν ἤξερε τάχα ποιὸ ἦταν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου κ' εἶχε ἀνάγκη νὰ τὸ μάθῃ ἀπ' αὐτόν; Ὅχι βέβαια. Τότε **γιατί ρωτᾷ;**

Ἀπόδειξις ὅτι ὁ **Χριστὸς τὰ ξέρει ὅλα** εἶνε ἡ περίπτωσι ἑνὸς ἄλλου ἀγνώστου ἀνθρώπου ποὺ ὁ Κύριος τὸν φώναξε μὲ τ' ὄνομά του· ἐκεῖνου –θυμηθῆτε– ποὺ σκαρφάλωσε σὰν τὸ γατὶ πάνω σ' ἓνα δέντρο καὶ περίμενε τὸν Ἰησοῦ νὰ περάσῃ· καὶ μόλις ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἔφτασε ἐκεῖ, σήκωσε τὰ μάτια, τὸν εἶδε καὶ τοῦ λέει «*Ζακχαῖε,...*» (Ματθ. 9,9). Τί θὰ σκέφτηκε τότε ὁ Ζακχαῖος; Μὰ δὲν μ' ἔχει ποτέ συναντήσει, τοῦ εἶμαι τελειῶς ἀγνωστος· ἀπὸ ποῦ λοιπὸν μὲ ξέρει; καὶ πῶς μὲ ἐντόπισε ἐδῶ πάνω κρυμμένο σὰν τὸ πουλὶ μὲσ' στὶς φυλλωσιές;

«*Ζακχαῖε!*»! Μᾶς ξέρει ὁ Χριστὸς κατ' ὄνομα. Γι' αὐτὸν δὲν εἴμαστε μᾶζα, ἀπρόσωπα νοῦμερα· εἴμαστε πρόσωπα, προσωπικότητες. Ξέρει τὸν καθένα μας λεπτομερῶς. Συνεπῶς, ὅπως

ἤξερε τὸν Ζακχαῖο, ἔτσι ἤξερε καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ δαιμονιζομένου. **Γιατί λοιπὸν τὸν ρωτᾶς;**

Ρωτᾶς σκοπίμως, **γιὰ νὰ βρῆς ἀφορμὴ διδασκαλίας.** Ὁ ἄνθρωπος αὐτὸς εἶχε ὄνομα. Σὰν Ἑβραῖος ποῦ ἦταν, θὰ λεγόταν ἴσως Δαυὶδ, ἢ Μωυσῆς, ἢ Ἀβραάμ, ἢ Ἰσαάκ!... (οἱ Ἑβραῖοι, βλέπετε, παίρνουν ὀνόματα τῆς θρησκείας τους, ὄχι σὰν ἐμᾶς ποῦ υἰοθετοῦμε κάθε τι ξενικό). Ὁ δυστυχῆς αὐτὸς λοιπὸν, ἐνῶ εἶχε ὄνομα, δὲν εἶπε τὸ ὄνομά του. Ἄντ' αὐτοῦ ἀπήντησε ὁ ἄλλος, τὸ πονηρὸ πνεῦμα ποῦ εἶχε φωλιάσει μέσα του, καὶ εἶπε: «**Λεγεὼν!**»! Ξέρετε τί θὰ πῆ αὐτό; **Λεγεὼν** ἦταν μονάδα τοῦ ῥωμαϊκοῦ στρατοῦ με 6.000 ἄντρες· ἰσοδυναμεῖ με μιά σημερινὴ μεραρχία. Σὰν νὰ ἔλεγε δηλαδὴ τὸ δαιμόνιο: Μὴ με πλησιάσῃς, εἶμαι δυνατὸς ἐνῶ ἐσὺ εἶσαι ἕνας ἄοπλος... Καὶ ὁμοῦς ὁ ἕνας νίκησε τὴ λεγεὼνα· γιατί ὁ Χριστὸς, τὸ δαχτυλάκι του νὰ κουνήσῃ, γίναμε ὅλοι κάρβουνο.

«**Ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου;**». Τὸ ἐρώτημα ποῦ ὁ Χριστὸς μας ἀπηύθυνε στὸν δαιμονιζόμενο, τὸ ἀπευθύνει καὶ στὸν καθένα ἀπὸ μᾶς σήμερα. Παιδί μου, μᾶς λέει, ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου;

Προτοῦ νὰ βαπτισθοῦμε, ἀδελφοί μου, δὲν εἶχαμε ὄνομα. Ἦμασταν χωρὶς προσωπικότητα, χωρὶς πνευματικὴ ὀντότητα. Ἀπὸ τὴν ὥρα ποῦ βαπτισθῆκαμε «**εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος**» (βλ. π.β.β.), ἔχουμε ἰσοβίως **ὀνόματα χριστιανικά** (οἱ ὀρθόδοξοι στὸ βάπτισμα δὲν ἐπιτρέπεται νὰ παίρνουμε ὀνόματα ξενικά, φράγκικα ἢ τούρκικα ἢ εἰδωλολατρικά).

Τὰ χριστιανικά μας ὀνόματα μᾶς ὑπενθυμίζουν τὴν πίστι μας καὶ τὴν **ἱστορία τῆς χριστιανοσύνης**, ἱστορία θαυμάτων - δακρύων - αἵματος. Μᾶς φωνάζουν, ὅτι πρέπει κ' ἐμεῖς **νὰ ζήσουμε ὅπως ἀπαιτεῖ τὸ ὄνομά μας.** Ὀνομάζεσαι Δημήτριος; νὰ ἴσαι γενναῖος καὶ ἀτρόμητος σὰν τὸν ἅγιο Δημήτριο, μὴν τρέμεις νὰ κἀνῆς τὸ σταυρὸ σου. Ὀνομάζεσαι Νικόλαος; νὰ ἴσαι ἀνοιχτοχέρης, νὰ κοιμᾶσαι με πορτοφόλι ἀδειανό, μὴν εἶσαι φιλάργυρος - τσιγγούνης. Ὀνομάζεσαι Λουκάς; νὰ εἶσαι φῶς Χριστοῦ διὰ τῶν ἔργων. Ὀνομάζεσαι Λαυρέντιος; νὰ ἴσαι φωτιὰ καὶ λάβρα, ἠφαιστεῖο θείας ἀγάπης. Καὶ οἱ γυναῖκες· ὀνομάζεσαι Μαρία; πρέπει ν' ἀκολουθῆς τὴν ὑπεραγία Θεοτόκο κ.λπ.

Ἄφοῦ πήραμε χριστιανικά ὀνόματα, ποῦ εἶνε ἡ ἀγάπη μας, ἡ αὐταπάρησί μας, ἡ παρρησία μας, τὸ θάρρος μας, ἡ τόλμη μας, ἡ ὁμολογία τῆς πίστεώς μας, ἡ παρθενία μας, ἡ ἀγνότητά μας, ἡ αὐτοθυσία μας; Ποῦ εἶνε ὅλα αὐτά; πέταξαν, ἔκαναν φτερά καὶ δὲν ὑπάρ-

χουν; Σ' ἐμᾶς ταιριάζει τὸ ἐξῆς ἀνέκδοτο. Ὁ μέγας Ἀλέξανδρος εἶχε ἕνα στρατιώτη συνονόματο. Ἄλλ' ὅσο ἐκεῖνος ἦταν ἀτρόμητο λιοντάρι, τόσο ὁ στρατιώτης Ἀλέξανδρος ἦταν δειλὸς σὰν τὸ λαγὸ. Μιὰ μέρα λοιπὸν λέει ὁ βασιλιάς· Ἀλέξανδρε, ἕνα ἀπὸ τὰ δυὸ **ἢ θ' ἀλλάξης διαγωγὴν, ἢ θ' ἀλλάξης ὄνομα.** Ἔτσι κ' ἐμεῖς σήμερα ἀτιμάζουμε τὰ ὀνόματά μας· ὁ Νικόλαος εἶνε φιλάργυρος, ὁ Δημήτριος δειλός, ὁ Γεώργιος ἄνανδρος λιποτάκτης, ἡ Μαρία ἀσημνη, ἡ Ἑλένη ἀστοργη... Καὶ ὁ Ἐσταυρωμένος μᾶς λέει· Ἡ ἀλλάξετε ὄνομα, ἢ ἀλλάξετε διαγωγὴν. Μὴν εἶμαστε σὰν ἐκεῖνο τὸ κατὰσθημα ποῦ ἢ ταμπέλλα ἀπ' ἐξω ἔγραφε «Καθαριότης» καὶ μέσα ἐπικρατοῦσε ἀκαθαρσία. Ἡ ζωὴ μας νὰ συμφωνῆ με τὸ ὄνομά μας.

Γιατί συμβαίνει αὐτό; **Μᾶς ἐπηρεάζουν πονηρὰ πνεύματα**, πλήθος δαιμόνια. Δὲν εἶμαι μέγας Ἀντώνιος νὰ δέσω τὸν διάβολο καὶ νὰ τὸν βάλω πῆ τὰ δαιμόνια ποῦ ἔχει ὁ καθένας. Ἀπὸ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν δαιμονίων **τρία κυριαρχοῦν** τῆς **φιλαργυρίας**, τῆς **φιληδονίας**, καὶ τῆς **φιλοδοξίας**. Αὐτὰ εἶνε ἡ ἀλογόμυγα, ποῦ δὲν ἀφήνει ἡσυχους οὔτε μικροὺς οὔτε μεγάλους, ἀλλὰ σπρώχνει ὅλους σὰν τὸ κοπάδι τῶν χοίρων στὸ γκρεμό (βλ. *Μκ. 13*). Ὁ Θεὸς νὰ με βγάλη ψεύτη, ἀλλὰ ἡ ἀνθρωπότης, ὅπως ἔπεσε πρώτη καὶ δευτέρη φορὰ στὸ γκρεμὸ παγκοσμίου πολέμου, κινδυνεύει τώρα νὰ πέσῃ πιὸ βαθεῖα σὲ τρίτο παγκόσμιο πόλεμο.

Δαιμόνια, λεγεὼν δαιμονίων. Ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου, Ῥωσία; Λεγεὼν. Ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου, Ἀγγλία; Λεγεὼν. Ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου, Ἀμερικὴ; Λεγεὼν. Ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου, Ἑλλάς; Λεγεὼν. Ποιὸ εἶνε τὸ ὄνομά σου, Βαλκάνια; Λεγεὼν. Στὰ τρία δαιμόνια, ποῦ ἀναφέραμε, **ὑπάγονται ὅλα αὐτὰ ποῦ ταλανίζουν τὴ ζωὴ τοῦ κόσμου**· πλοῦτος - χρῆμα - λεφτά, γυναῖκες - σέξ - ἔρωτες, ἐπιδείξεις - ἀνέσεις - εὐμάρεια· αὐτὰ εἶνε τὰ δαιμονικά εἰδῶλα, ἀπὸ τὰ ὁποῖα ἡ ἀνθρωπότης ὀδηγεῖται στὴν ἄβυσσο.

Ἄς προσευχώμεθα στὸ Θεό. Λίγοι εἶνε οἱ πιστοί, ἀλλὰ «**ὄσοι πιστοί**» (βλ. *Γρηγ.*), **μὴ φοβᾶστε!** Ὅπως ὁ ἕνας νίκησε τὴ λεγεὼνα τῶν δαιμόνων στὴ λίμνη, ἔτσι καὶ κάθε πιστὸ παιδί του. Δώστε μου δέκα ἄντρες, δέκα γυναῖκες, δέκα ῥασοφόρους, δέκα ἐπισκόπους με πῦρ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, καὶ **θὰ νικήσουν πάλι**, καὶ ἡ πατρίδα μας θὰ γίνῃ παράδεισος, κῆπος Θεοῦ, ὅπου μέρα καὶ νύχτα νὰ ὑμνοῦμε τὸ Χριστό· ὄν, παῖδες Ἑλλήνων, ὑμνεῖτε καὶ ὑπερυψοῦτε εἰς πάντας τοὺς αἰῶνας· ἀμήν.

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The Lord gives us once again an opportunity to express our solidarity by becoming a supporting and registered member of the parish. We can only urge you to do so because your sustaining membership keeps this parish functioning and responding to the needs of all the faithful. Don't wait until some insignificant date on the calendar. Register with the Church Office **TODAY** and garner all the benefits of being a supporter of Christ's mission on earth.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FOR HUSBAND & WIFE: \$300 PER YEAR

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SENIOR CITIZEN HUSBAND & WIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$225 PER YEAR

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP!

Registering with your local parish is not so much a duty or obligation as it is a **PRIVILEGE**. By registering and offering your annual stewardship, you become an integral member of the living body of Christ as a faith community. By virtue of your Baptism, Chrismation (Confirmation), and Holy Eucharist (Communion), you claim to be a follower of Christ, a witness for Christ, and a practitioner for Christ. May we ask you then to live up to these promises by making your 2020 commitment **TODAY!** The benefits you shall receive beyond grace include the satisfaction and knowledge that this Church and community thrive thanks to your outreach.

YOU ARE PART OF THE GREAT FRESCO OF FAITH

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire.

They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a

most unique pledge: they pledged not to take any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as "unmercenaries" – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

RADIO MINISTRY: Each Saturday at 1:15 PM Fr. Eugene hosts the radio broadcast **MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE NOW IN ITS 22nd YEAR OF BROADCASTING LIVE ON WNYE 91.5 COSMOS FM**, with listener telephone participation. Subjects of interest regarding Greek Orthodox theology, faith and practice, as well as secular topics confronting the nation and the world are discussed. Tune in and join the dialogue by calling 718-204-8900. Check our live audio at **LIVESTREAMINGPLAYER**. The website address. **W.W.W.gaepis.org (Click live radio)**

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