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BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 6, 2011

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 6

21st Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 4)

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary Healers

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries

Coffee Hour

11:45 Movie: "The Climb"

MONDAY/NOVEMBER 7

6:15p.m. Memorial Service for (+) Michael Sokol

7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/NOVEMBER 8

Archangel Michael and All the Bodiless Powers of Heaven

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to

St. Nectarios of Aegina (Nov. 9)

With anointing of oil from his tomb

THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 10

6:30p.m. 40th Day Memorial for
(+) Evan Kalenik

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class:

"The Angels and Their Ministry"

SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 12

9:30a.m. Akathist to Jesus; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 13

22nd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 5)

St. John Chrysostom

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School

"Presentation on the Shrines and Sights in the
Land of Georgia"



Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (91)

Christ, out of love, sought us – but not ours. But men, because of their meager love, seek His good things rather than Him. They expect from His bread, rain, fertility, health, and earthly goods in general. And he gives all with sadness that is not Him, Himself they seek. They have forgotten that when they have received Him, they have received all with Him. The Apostle Paul said: "I do count them all as dung, that I may win Christ" (Phil. 3:8). Elsewhere he writes to the faithful: "I seek not yours but you." (2 Cor. 12:14)

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 10th 40th Day Evan Kalenik
Nov. 17th 40th Day Noah Kanchaveli
Nov. 06, 1963 Helen Bogush
Nov. 07, 1971 Katherine Yarik
Nov. 07, 1971 Vera Medford
Nov. 08, 1928 Anna Barna
Nov. 08, 2005 Anna Albanese
Nov. 09, 1916 Matthew Mukhevich
Nov. 09, 1977 Philip Bukraba
Nov. 10, 1918 Maria Ishchuk
Nov. 10, 1921 Julia Bushinsky
Nov. 10, 1960 Alexandria Kulina
Nov. 10, 1969 John Buday
Nov. 12, 1916 Peter Kliaga

Namesday Greetings – Many Years!

St. Michael/Nov.8th – Michael Tsiwtsiwadze;
Jerry Michael Cirka
St. Nectarios/Nov. 9th – Nectarios Parsells

Offerings for the week of November 6

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health, protection and salvation of Gabriel; for the health of John and Vera; in memory of Joan and Sandy.
Wine – for the health of Gabriel (namesday) and Daniel; in memory of Gabriela-Antoaneta.

Coffee Hour Hosting

Nov. 06 - Motoviloff, Torrisi and Kachek
Nov. 13 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol
Nov. 20 (fasting) Hunchar, Erkman and Turri

“A Presentation on Sites in Georgia” at Coffee Hour, on Sunday, November 13th

This past July the Sokol family was privileged to spend 10 days in the country of Georgia (Iberia). Our parishioners, Kakha and Ekaterine graciously hosted the visit to their home country and the families of many of our Georgian parishioners extended unparalleled hospitality during their stay. At the Coffee Hour a presentation will be made - along with some Georgian goodies – of photo highlights from around the country, including historic churches and holy sites. Stay and join us this cultural experience.

An Important Study Paper: “The Parish Community: Our Life in Christ”

This study paper is being handed out today and extra copies will be placed in the vestibule. We ask you to read and study the paper. It defines our understanding of what exactly a parish church is and what a parishioners' vocation is. This paper is also being sent out to a number of Orthodox Christians who we know are not members of any parish. Copies will also be sent out to Orthodox Christians wishing to return to the parish or to anyone - seeking an authentic life in Christ. Please let Father James or Reader Symeon Combs know of individuals that might profit from the Study Paper. You are welcome to take extra copies yourself and distribute them to family, friends and neighbors.

Nativity 40 Day Lent

The Nativity fast begins on November 15th and ends after the Divine Liturgy on December 25th. In this Lenten time a fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. Days of fasting modification are indicated on your parish wall calendar.

Memorial Services

For (+Noah Kanchaveli – 40th Day), Nov. 16th, 7:30p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 17th, 7:00p.m.

Giving-Bean Fund Raiser

Specialty Coffees, teas and Chocolates are on sale. Order forms are on the vestibule stand and posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Great food gifts for the holidays. The Fund-Raiser ends Nov. 27th.

St. Nicholas Project for Seminarian Family

This year we will again support the Morrison family at St. Tikhon's Seminary. Gifts that may be given were posted in last Sunday's Bulletin or you may find Project Sheet on the bulletin board. For more information or any questions, please contact Maria Torrisi (732-545-5642) or mdtorrisi@gmail.com.

**THE FEAST OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE UNMERCENARY HEALERS AND PHYSICIANS
CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

On the First Sunday of the month of November, 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 been 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:

Today we praise the blessed choir of the holy unmercenary physicians: the Apostle and Evangelist Luke, the excellent healer of the infirm; Antipas, Charalampus and Blaise, the most honored hieromartyrs; Spyridon and Modestus, the all-splendid luminaries of the Church; the three pairs of divinely wise saints, Cosmas and Damian, who shared the same names and the same ways; Cyrus and the glorious John; the divine Panteleimon and Hermolaus; Diomedes and Sampson; together with Mocius, Photius and Anicetas, Artemius, Thalaleus and Tryphon.

Eighteen of the Unmercenaries were professional physicians and three were bishops. One of the bishops was also a physician. Like all saints, these holy men 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 "Unmercenaries" which means "penniless."



The saints' love for God was so great that they gave up friends, family, and all comforts of life to follow Him. None every married, but each chose to remain a virgin, keeping his body and soul pure for God. They followed the narrow and difficult path which leads to eternal life, and they gladly gave up all pleasures of life to inherit it.

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 names of Jesus. 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.

Let us draw near to the holy saints seeking their aid for ourselves and for all those afflicted, weary, suffering and afflicted with diseases and illnesses of body, soul and mind, singing:

Rejoice, O glorious assembly of unmercenary physicians, who watch over all the world after death even as you did while alive, O most blessed ones who burn with love and sympathy for all, universal saviors and fervent helpers for those who have recourse to your temple, salubrious wellsprings from whence we draw forth cures! With love do we honor you who pray to Christ, that He send down great mercy upon us.



Prayers to the Unmercenary Saints

Physicians of the ailing, treasures of healing, saviors of the faithful, most glorious Unmercenaries, heal those who cry out in need and in pain, beseeching our merciful God that he deliver us from the snares of the enemy.

You Who alone are a speedy succour, O Christ, manifest Your speedy visitation from on high upon Your sick servants; deliver them from their infirmities, and cruel pain; and raise them up again to sing praises unto you, and, without ceasing, to glorify You: through the prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos and Your Unmercenary Saints, O You Who alone love mankind have mercy on us and save us.

Through the prayers of the holy Unmercenary healers and the Most Holy Theotokos, may the Lord, our God, have mercy on us and forgive our sins, and heal our bodies and souls from all manner of sickness and diseases, that we may praise and glorify His Holy Name forever and ever. Amen.

Troparia that may be said for the sick, the suffering and before taking medical treatments, examinations, surgery and medicines:

St. Panteleimon (tone 3) Reposed in 305

O holy and great-martyr and healer Panteleimon, interceed with our Merciful God, that He will grant unto our souls, remission of our transgressions.

Ss. Cosmas and Damian (tone 8) Reposed in 3rd century

O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers Cosmas and Damlan, visit our infirmities; freely you have received, freely give to us.

St. Elizabeth (tone 4) Reposed in 1917

You did reject worldly vanlety and glories, having chosen the way of the ascetics. You were guided by Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, how to unite the teachings of Christ with good deeds. Together with Barbara, your fellow-struggler, you did also receive a martyr's crown. Wherefore Christ has crowned you with a two-fold crown, O humbly-wise Princess Elizabeth

St. Luke the Archbishop and Surgeon (tone 1) Reposed in 1961

Hearld of the way of salvation, confessor and bishop of the Crimean land; true guardian of the traditions of the Fathers, invincible pillar, instructor of Orthodoxy, Godly-wise doctor, holy hierarch Luke, unceasingly pray to Christ the Saviour, to grant unwavering faith to Orthodox Christians salvation and great mercy.