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5th Sunday after Pentecost

Greatmartyr Procopius

- 8:40am – 3rd & 6th Hour, Confessions
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Rom. 10:1-10
Gospel: Mat. 8:28-9:1
- Coffee Hour – Please come downstairs for a fellowship following the Divine Liturgy.

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, JULY 14

6:00pm – Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:40am – Hours, Confessions

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

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From Nothing to Everything in a Moment

On July 12 the Church remembers the woman, called Veronica (or Beatrice) whose story is told in Matthew 9: 20-22. She has been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years.

It would be hard to imagine a person whose life held less promise. This woman's condition, which she had endured for such a long time, cut her off from society in many ways. She was considered to be unclean, and could not take part in the traditional social or religious events. She was not even supposed to be intimate with her husband, or to touch anyone.

In Luke's Gospel we are given a further detail that Matthew's account does not contain: this woman had spent all her money going to doctors and taking their recommended medicines or undergoing their suggested procedures, hoping to find a cure. She had not simply accepted her terrible affliction, but had tried with everything she had to do something about it. The failure to find a cure, for all those years, must have added to her heavy emotional burden.

Desperation, sadness, poverty and loneliness were things this outcast woman lived with every day. She was a person about as close to having nothing as it is possible to be.

Matthew's Gospel tells us that her encounter with Jesus Christ took place when He was on His way to do a great work: a leader in the synagogue, whose daughter had just died, was asking Him to "lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

This leader had something in common with the lowly Veronica; they shared faith in Jesus Christ. Matthew quotes her as saying something similar to what the leader had said

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Stephen & Lillian Sokol, Faith Verona, Elizabeth Zuber, Olga Stecher.

THE DEPARTED:

Peter Kalada, Benedict Benda, Georgette Saba, Matilda Skripak, Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Marianne Benda.

about his daughter. Veronica says, "If I only touch His garment, I shall be made well." So she breaks the rules about uncleanness and does touch the fringe on His garment.

Jesus' response is immediate and unhesitating: "Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well." With these words He gives her not only healing, but hope for the rest of her life. She is not only cured, but she can take heart, or look forward with hope and confidence to the coming years of her life.

In one of the readings for this day, Saint Paul tells us what happened to the woman when she reached out in faith to Christ, and what happens to all those who put their faith in Him. Everything, Paul writes in I Corinthians 3: 22-23, becomes theirs: "For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

By her act of faith in that one moment, the woman who had nothing was given everything. She simply had to step up and receive what is promised to all people. We can make it the aim of our lives to do the same. ■



Announcements

❖ Parish Council meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, July 9 at 7pm. All members are urged to attend.

❖ Upcoming: Church School Conference for all interested will be in August 4, 2012 at Wayne, NJ. Please contact Father Igor for registration information.

❖ Our 90th Jubilee Celebration is coming up! Please reserve the weekend of October 27-28, 2012 for the celebration. Also, your help in preparation for the event is greatly needed and highly appreciated: "Many hands make light work". More information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

❖ Coffee Hour sponsors are needed. Please sign up at the candle desk.

❖ Stop&Shop, A&P and ShopRite Shopping Cards are available at the candle-stand. Do your shopping as you always do it, and help our church raise funds at no additional cost to you.

❖ Always available at the candle desk are memorial candles, and Bread and Wine for the Holy Eucharist. They can be offered in honor or in memory of your loved-ones. Please remember that not only these offerings are a sign of your faith and hope in God's help which is always sent to all who turn to Him and His Saints with faith and prayers; but also these are simply the deeds of mercy needed for the salvation of those whom you pray for, as well as for your own salvation.

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.