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The Honor God Shows Us

Five of the seventy apostles are remembered by the Church on October 30: Cleopas, Tertius, Mark, Justus and Artemas.

The five all have interesting stories – some became bishops, some were martyred, and one was the son of Joseph, the man betrothed to Mary. But the best known to us is Cleopas, to whom the risen Christ appeared on the road to Emmaus.

Cleopas and his equally disheartened companion agree with the other followers of Christ that the news of His resurrection brought by the women was an "idle tale" (Luke 24: 11), not to be believed. Now they are walking the road

to the village of Emmaus together and talking about it all.

Jesus joins them, and their sad expression is as revealing as the forlorn tone of their words: "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." They do not recognize Him; they only know that what they hoped for has ended in disappointment.

Here is where Jesus honors their intelligence and ability. He refrains from excoriating them for not knowing Him. He does not reveal Himself with a blast of glory that will completely overwhelm them and make it impossible not to recognize Him. Instead, He reminds them of what they already know – the Old Testament prophecies and "in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." He lets their minds and hearts work toward recognition.

When they reach the village, Cleopas and his companion see that Jesus apparently intends to travel on. They invite Him to supper, still not knowing who He is, but glad for His company. At the table He again does nothing that will compel them to

Intercessory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Genevieve Bobenko, Michael Bzik, Mary Fechisin, Andrew Fabian, Mary Hadginske, Barbara Kary, Helen Kurnewitz, Margaret Lawler, Kathleen Lazarczyk, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Ann Velebir.

recognize Him. He just does the simple, warm thing He did so often during their years together. He blesses and breaks bread, and gives it to them. And that is how they come to realize who He is. Jesus honors them by allowing their discovery to be their own.

There is a striking example of the way God honors us in Genesis 2:20, where we read that Adam "gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field." There is no suggestion that God prompts Adam; the names are completely what the man wishes them to be. In Genesis' own words, "...whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name" (2:28b).

The Qu'ran describes the naming of the animals quite differently. The chapter entitled "The Cow" tells us (8:29) that Allah "taught Adam the names of all things." Then Allah places these things before Adam and says, "Tell them their names." This is pure recitation, not at all the honor Genesis accords Adam by letting him use his abilities to create names.

That honor is among the multitude of gifts given by the One who "gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age" as Paul writes in Galatians 1:4, one of the readings for this day.

Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to **Elizabeth Hatsko** who celebrates her birthday tomorrow. May God grant you and all who celebrate a birthday this week good health and happiness for Many Years! Mnohaja Lita!



Announcements

◆ Please do not forget that the **Daylight Saving Time** ends next Sunday, November 5th by turning clock backward 1 hour. Even though there is an extra hour that morning, try not to be late for the Divine Liturgy.

◆ Today during coffee hour there will be a **short organizational meeting** of all children, parents, and possible teachers who are interested in re-opening of our **Church School**. All interested are welcome.

◆ **Your help is needed:** in church we pray, besides others, for our parishioners who are incapable of being with us. If you would like to "adopt" one of those home-bound parishioner who are on the Prayer List in this bulletin and mail/deliver them weekly bulletins with readings, as well as monthly newsletters, please see Fr. Igor. Also, if you missed a Sunday in Church, you can pick up the bulletin from previous week in a box by the bulletin board.

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.



October 29, 2017

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- **8:45pm** – Hours
- **9:00am** – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20
Gospel: Lk. 8:26-39
- **Coffee Hour** – everyone is invited for fellowship following the service
- Organizational **Church School** meeting

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
6:00pm - Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
(DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS)
9:00am - Divine Liturgy