



THE TROPHY-BEARER

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How To Love As God Does?

"Be perfect just as your father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). This is what Jesus Christ tells us in His Sermon from the Mount which is regarded as one of the most beautiful passages in the entire New Testament. At the same time the Sermon of the Mount contains the most challenging set of commandments laid out by our Lord Jesus Christ. *"Turn the other cheek, love your enemies, giving more than you were asked for or be perfect like the heavenly Father".* It is tempting for one to ask, "Are these not impossible tasks to perform?" Christ's call to perfection is a call to love as God does. But how can we love like God if we don't know Him? We need to realize that there is a radical difference between knowing God and pretending to know Him. *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).*

In *Joy to the World*, one of the most popular English carols, we hear the following verses: *"Let earth receive her king/ Let every heart prepare Him room".* The only proper way to receive God and to enter into communion with Him is by actually making room for Him in our hearts instead of just saying it. This work of making room for Him in our hearts must become our deepest commitment. Our *intelligence, our power and our talents avail for nothing if our hearts are not ready to receive God.* What we need is a real, deep,

interior conversion that is followed by a genuine change in order for us to receive God's grace and to be touched by His holiness. As long as we think that we know better or that our own personal principles are untouchable we won't be able to get closer to God or to understand His Gospel or to feel His presence and grace. Pride doesn't leave any room for God to work because it brings with it its stubbornness and its ignorance.

In spiritual life, the aim of all struggle and ascetic practice is to lead man to humility, to free him from the ego that torments him, so that he can receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. All this struggle is necessary, not for us to ascend spiritually, but for us to descend, to be humbled," Elder Vasileos from Mount Athos once wrote. Humility attracts the grace of the Holy Spirit and it is only He that can teach us how to love like God does. Saint Siluan of Mount Athos also said, *"The Lord taught me to love my enemies but without the grace of God we cannot love our enemies. The Holy Spirit is the One who teaches love."* People could pretend that they know God just as they could also pretend to know love, however, genuine love cannot be achieved nor experienced without God. The true, genuine love that Saint Paul describes in his famous letter to the Corinthians is the work of the Holy Spirit in us. This true, genuine love is not a human achievement. This kind of love that can endure all. It is not proud. It does not envy. It does not rejoice in evil or lies but in the truth. This is the kind of love that can help

us to love as God does. This kind of love which is the sum of all virtues cannot be acquired or experienced without God. "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" (1John 4:16).

With love in Christ,
Fr. Cristian

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday April 4th-3rd Sunday of Great Lent (The Cross).

Epis. Hebrews 4:14- 16; 5:1-6. **Gos.** Mark 8:34-38; 9:1.

Sunday April 11th-4th Sunday of Great Lent (St. John of the Ladder).

Epis. Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:8-19 (Ven. John). **Gos.** Mark 9:17-32 (Healing of the epileptic son); Matthew 4:25; 5:1-12 (Ven. John) (Sermon on the Mount – Beatitudes).

Sunday April 18th-5th Sunday of Great Lent (St. Mary of Egypt).

Epis. Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 (of the Saint). **Gos.** Mark 10:32- 45; Luke 7:36-50 (of the Saint). Tone 4.

Sunday April 25th-6th Sunday of Great Lent (Palm Sunday).

Epis. Philippians 4:4-9. **Gos.** John 12:1-18. Follow the Triodion



Holy Sepulchre Church (Jerusalem)

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6th -Zoom Presentation (His Grace Bishop Andrew speaker) 7:00pm

April 17-Zoom Presentation (Fr. Cosmin Sicoe speaker) 4:00pm

April 15th - Parish Council Meeting

April 18th - CMH Cookie Day

April 23 -Saint George

April 24 -Lazarus Saturday

Spring Cleaning

Sunday April 25th - Palm Sunday

April 26th to April 30th - Holy Week

(please see calendar for scheduled services)

LADIES AUXILLIARY

Always available for sale:
cabbage roll's 20.00/dozen
pierogis at 7.00/dozen

Please call the office at 306-352-0112 to place your order.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the ladies for working so hard for our phone-in Easter Sale.

Thank you to Dennis and Egon for being there for us.

Stay safe!

May God Bless You!



CHURCH FINANCES FOR 2021

Month	February	Year
Income	12,186	39,260
Covid Relief from Government	3,679	5,534
Expenses	9,983	26,645
Net Gain (Loss)	5,882	18,149

Lenten Charity Project

Dear Parishioners:

Every year the St George Charity Committee promotes a Lenten Project to address those less fortunate in our community, following is the information for this years project.

During the season of Lent, we live more simply. While we are always called to help our neighbour, in Lent we pay special attention to the needs of others.

St. George has built a special relationship with the Canadian Mental Health Association, and the people who use their Drop-In Centre. Mental Health services are especially important during this pandemic time of limited contact and increased stresses, and like us at St. George, Mental Health find themselves coping with changes in what they can do. We have been unable to cook meals for them, or provide home-baked treats. They have had to limit the number of people who can gather.

The Charity Committee would like to use Lent to show Mental Health that we are still thinking of them. Could you help us gather some things that meet the needs their mem-

bers have now? Some of these things you may have at home, and others can be easily purchased when you are doing your own shopping.

Things for people to pass the time.

e.g. puzzles, adult colouring books, word search books, journals, sketch books. Felt pens or markers, drawing or colouring supplies. DVDs.

Personal care items.

e.g. pocket/purse size hand sanitizers, black disposable masks, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving supplies, hair brush/comb, small mirrors

Things for summer

Back packs, summer hats/caps, beach towels, blankets or yoga mats for sitting in the park, sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses

Dairy Queen gift cards

These are special treats for members. A \$10 card provides a meal and ice cream!

There will be a box at the back of the church for items you bring. Mental Health thanks the people of St. George for thinking about them. Dawne Peterson – Charity Committee Member

Sincere condolences to the family of

BILL KRASIUN

May God rest him in peace!



7 DAY CANDLES

Marilyn Randall: In memory of Ethel Toma, Constantine Toma, Baby James and Sharon Toma

Iris & Ty Klewchuk: - In memory of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters may their memory be eternal.

Iris & Ty Klewchuk:- For good health family, Ty Jr., Carla, Donald, Cassidy, Brendan, Cody and Cherie and Cody. Gods blessings on them.

Iris & Ty Klewchuk:- For our friends, Art and Marg who are going through difficult times.

Iris & Ty Klewchuk:- For friend Anne for a speedy recovery

William Beckel: - In memory of my Papa, Wayne Josefson

Andrew Beckel: – For my Grammy, Shirley Josefson, for God’s peace and comfort

The Beckel Family :- For health and Christ’s peace for Auntie Connee Gherasim

Louise & George Holoboff – God’s blessings for for the health and safety of the Prepchuk and Holoboff families

Louise & George Holoboff – in memory of our parents, may God rest them in his loving arms with peace, memory eternal.

Louise & George Holoboff – Blessings and prayers for our extended families

Louise & George Holoboff - Prayers for all people and a better world in the future.

Stela Popa – for loan & Family, Oana & Family , Roberta & Jay, Stela

Carol Sagin:– in memory of parents Dan & Mary for protection, guidance and good health of whole family

Trevor Street – Prayers for mothers health

Denise Klippenstein - prayers in memory of Dan & Jean Guraluik, Frank & Zelma Klippenstein

Denise Klippenstein -For good health and God’s blessings on family, Ken, Denise, Ken, Tanya, Donna, Scott Grandchildren - Adam, Zara, Ben, Jonah, Daniel, Great Grandson Brigham

Denise Klippenstein -Birthday Blessings for Adam, Scott & Tanya

Denise Klippenstein -Safe travels for Grandson Ben

NAME: _____
MEMO: _____



MEET OUR CHILDREN

Haii,

My name is Maria Troanca and I am 9 years old. My mother is a doctor and my father is a teacher. I have one little sister named Naomi who is almost 4 years old. I am in grade 4 at St. Dominic Savio School. I do gymnastics and I love it a lot. I also like skiing, playing with my friends and going to school to meet my friends. In summer, I enjoy going to summer camps and horseback riding.

