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OCTOBER 7th – 19th Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 2
(Commemorating the Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla; Venerable Simon & David)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: 2 Cor 11: 31-12:9

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 20: 11-18/**LITURGY:** Lk 6: 31-36

Troparion: "When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead; and when from the depths, Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out to Thee: 'O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!' "

Kontakion: "Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! Therefore, the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever!"

Spiritual Food:

A Matter of Time

One cannot really know a person unless one is willing to spend time with him. Yet man's value system is so confused that he is willing to spend twenty years learning a vocation and not five minutes a day to know God. We go through life acquainted with almost everything except God. The result of this is described by F. J. Sheed:

"Not knowing God he (modern man) does not know what he is; equally he does not know what he is here for, where he is supposed to be going, how to get there. He is on a journey, but does not know his destination, has neither a map of the road nor the rules of the road. Lacking this indispensable knowledge, men occupy themselves with other matters, beer, or women or rare stamps or science. One man, for instance, is a great authority on butterflies. Upon his subject he will talk endlessly and with an admirable enthusiasm. But interrupt his discourse on butterflies to ask him what he knows about himself and where he is supposed to be going and how: he will answer that these are religious questions, and that he has no time for them, being so deeply engaged with his butterflies. The thing is farcical but terrifying. One can make no sense of a man who gives so much attention to butterflies that he has none left for his own meaning."

What is there to say of a person who has all the time in the world to get to know butterflies, or electrical engineering, or restaurant management but none to get to know God and himself?

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** we remind you that our children are downstairs in classes after Holy Communion, so when you go downstairs, please proceed to the kitchen for refreshments – **quietly, of course!**
- (1-A) **PARASTOS AFTER CHURCH:** for +Jovan Vujatovich – brother of +Dolly Grba...
- (1-B) **THIS THURSDAY:** Choir Rehearsal at 7 PM – New Music to learn!
- (2) **REMINDER:** Nut-roll Baking continues THIS TUESDAY the 25th – 9 AM!
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Nick Trbovic Lucy Pcholinski Katie Repasky Donna/Nick Moss-NH
Stella Stipanovich -NH Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich Keith Bedell
Margaret Ivkovich Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch V. Rev. Paul Lazor
Richard Buzzelli Patrick Singer John Walker Danijela Belo
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Very Rev. Dragan Filipovic +Martha Zivkovich- +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia
+Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich
+Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich +Jovan Vujatovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge
+Stoyanka Vranesevich +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Betty Perich
+Dorothy Shumkaroff +AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich,+Vasilije Sokolovic
/Mateja Matejich +Dorothy Sevich +Ann Bogus +George Medich
+Arlene Crnkovich +Amy Pacura
- (5) **GROUPS Ministry Dates:** MEN – Tuesday the 16th; WOMEN – Tuesday the 30th!
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
(HARVEST DRIVE:
- (7) **Sisterhood Slava** –NEXT Sunday, October 14th – Come celebrate with us – sign-up NOW!
- (8) **WEDNESDAY: October 24th:** Akathist for all who suffer from Diseases – 7 PM!
- (9) **Sunday, October 21st:** Sisterhood meeting after Church – please join us!
- (10) **Monday, October 22nd:** Education Classes return – 7 PM! (Theme TBA!)

FROM PAGAN SOLDIER TO CHRISTIAN WARRIOR!

One of the great Roman military leaders during the reign of the Emperor Trajan was a righteous man named Placidus. While hunting one day, Placidus had a vision of a Cross. This pagan Roman soldier heard a voice, instructing him to go to a Christian priest and be baptized! He obediently did so, bringing his wife and two sons with him as well. At his baptism, he received a new name: EUSTATHIOS.

Knowing that he could no longer remain in Rome, Eustathios and his family went to the land of Egypt, where they settled in a village named Vadisis. Here they lived quietly for some 15 years, content to serve the Lord in a quiet and humble way.

Back in Rome, however, Eustathios was still remembered as a brilliant commander. When the Roman Empire faced attacks from barbaric invaders, the Emperor Trajan sent two of his finest officers out on a mission to find Eustathios. Somehow, the officers managed to find their former friend and fellow soldier. They convinced him to "take up the sword" again, and Eustathios led his army to victory in an important battle.

Triumphantly, Eustathios and his family were taken back to Rome, where they were asked by the Emperor to offer sacrifice to the pagan Roman idols. Refusing to do so, Eustathios informed the Emperor that he now followed a "HIGHER AUTHORITY"; He was now a CHRISTIAN!

The enraged Emperor devised several cruel means of torture for Eustathios and his family. Still, their loyalties remained with the Lord rather than Rome. Finally, this saintly family achieved martyrdom when they were thrown into a white-hot metal box.

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