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NOVEMBER 18th – 25th Sunday After PENTECOST – Tone 8
**(Commemorating the Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Episteme of Emesa;
St. Tikhon the Confessor, Patr of Moscow)**

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Mk. 16: 9-20/**LITURGY:** Lk. 10: 25-37

Troparion: "Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial, to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: 'Glory to Thee!'"

Kontakion: "By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead, and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!"

Spiritual Food For Thought:

It's the Way You Look at It

Let me share this story with you. It is by Fulton Oursler:

A distraught woman in a Boston hotel . . . called the manager: "I am dizzy and faint, my whole body is trembling. Somebody in the next room has been banging a piano the whole day. If you don't have it stopped at once I shall collapse and you will be responsible." "I wish I could help you, madam," the hotel manager replied, "but I don't dare. That pianist is rehearsing for his concert tonight in Symphony Hall — it's Paderewski." "Really!" quavered the complainant. "Oh, that's different!" Immediately she began inviting her friends to come over and listen with her.

It reminds me of what Jacob said after he woke from the dream in which God had spoken to him, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it" (Gen. 28:16).

For Pondering

Don't blame the doctor if the patient refuses to take his pills. Don't make the fatal mistake of judging Christ by some of His sorry representatives. At some time or another all of us inadvertently misrepresent Him.

— Anonymous

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

- (1) **TODAY:** we take our LAST collection for our Thanksgiving Drive – **do your best please!**
- (2) **REMINDER:** This TUESDAY is the deadline for Thanksgiving Drive – families will be given their goods then.....!
- (3) **WEDNESDAY:** Feast-Day of St. Michael Arch-Angel – **9:30AM Divine Liturgy!**
- (4) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Nick Trbovic Carl Magdic Lucy Pcholinski Katie Repasky Donna 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
Mark Vojnovich-NH Vlade Baskot Melva Dandrea Child Danijela Belo-H
- (5) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Ray Moss +Helen Tankosich +V.Rev. Dragan Filipovic V. Rev. Dennis Pavichevich
+Martha Zivkovich- +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach
+Sophie Vranesevic +Alex Hutsko +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich
+Nick Pilipovich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Amy Pacura
+Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich/
+Vasilije Sokolovic +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +George Martich
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
(HARVEST DRIVE: is underway – please bring in your goods for the pantry!)
- (7) **THIS WEEK – JOIN US:** We have been selected by the Diocese to HOST the World War I Exhibit, **from November 23rd-30th** – there will be 12 Panel Exhibits set up in Our Hall, with appropriate ENGLISH handbooks explaining the Serbian text of each Panel!
(Please spread the word – this is a magnificent and educational display!)

- HELP needed to set up and dismantle the Panels for Transport to next site!
- (8) **THANKSGIVING DAY: This THURSDAY** at 9:30AM – JOIN US!!
- (9) **NEXT Sunday, November 25th:** Parish Annual Meeting After Church!
- (10) **Our Church-school** has applied to participate in the Festival of Trees at Heritage Park – we are looking for 'SERBIAN' items to decorate the tree with...ok? (You will get your ornaments back....)

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES FOR ALL!

Our Church has long been known for Her rich and meaningful symbols. There is no question that our Faith is greatly enhanced by the symbolic significance that is captured in many of our objects and actions in our devotions.

One of our most recognizable and important symbols is also one of our simplest: THE CANDLE. Candles serve several practical purposes. They guide and illumine our path. We are warmed by their glow. They radiate a feeling of comfort and safety as their flames cut through the shadows of darkness.

Candles are widely used in our Church. Our altars are adorned with them. Candles are prayerfully placed before icons. Godparents are presented with them during a baptism. A bride and groom hold them during the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. In each of their many and varied uses, candles provide us with the same symbolic meaning: that Jesus Christ is our "*Divine Light*." From the time the Righteous Simeon proclaimed Him to be "*the Light to bring revelation to the Gentiles*," Christ has been synonymous with "*light*." Just as a candle warms, guides, and illuminates, our Lord, likewise, stands before us, brilliantly showing us the way to salvation. Like an Eternal Beacon, Christ searches for all those who have strayed and are lost, hoping that His loving rays can lead them to the safe harbor of God's heavenly kingdom.