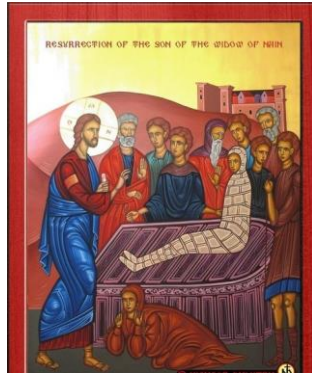


SUNDAY OCTOBER 4: TRINITY 16



YOU, LORD, ABOUND IN LOVE (Ps 86,5)

The Gospel for this morning (Luke 7 11-17) records the beautiful story of the raising of the widow's son. It is a story about which we could say many things; let one quotation from St Augustine suffice for today: *Christ raises the dead from their graves more easily than we can rouse a sleeper from their bed* (Serm. 98). The reading also notes the *compassion* of the Lord, and this is a theme that runs throughout the propers, all of which cry to the Lord for mercy, His *continual pity* as the collect calls it. The epistle (Ephesians 3, 13-21) is a prayer for the Ephesians, and it is interesting to note what this prayer contains. Is this what we pray for?

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Mass today is offered for the repose of the soul of *Fr Joe Allen*, who died recently.

October is *teen month* in the Archdiocese, and to start things off we are glad to have *Elijah Kitsmiller* read for us this morning.

Well done St Columba's! We contributed both to the \$ 800,000 raised by the Archdiocese for *Beirut*, and the 6,000 pounds of food and household items and the \$2,300 donated this month to *Sr Carmen*.

Well done, too, *Fr Demetrios*, who was awarded his Master's degree from the Antiochian House of Studies last month. He is now completing his PhD.

The *choir loft* has now been decluttered. Those who want to *social distance* may find refuge there.

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PROPERS

INTROIT: Be merciful unto me, Lord, for I will call daily upon thee : for thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery

COLLECT: O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church: and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness.

Second Prayer: Of the Saints. Third Prayer: For the Departed

EPISTLE: I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith : that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height : and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him, that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask, or think, according to the power, that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

GRADUAL: The heathen shall fear thy Name, Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when his glory shall appear. Alleluia, alleluia. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: At that time: Jesus went into a city, called Nain: and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother : and she was a widow, and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her: Weep not. And he came and touched the bier. (And they, that bare him, stood still.) And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying: that a great Prophet is risen up among us: and that God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

OFFERTORY: Make haste, O Lord, to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul, to destroy it. Make haste, Lord, to help me.

SECRET: Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that by the protection of thy holy sacraments, we may ever be defended against all the assaults of the devil.

COMMUNION: O Lord, I will make mention of thy righteousness only : thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now : forsake me not, God, in mine old age, when I am grey-headed.

POSTCOMMUNION: We beseech thee, O Lord, that the operation of thy heavenly bounty may in such wise prevail upon us both in body and soul : that the desires of our hearts being done away, we may in all things be governed by the effectual working of the same.

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PRAYER LIST

Pray for One Another – James 5, 16

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop Yohanna; Metropolitan Saba and the diocese of Bosra-Hauran; Metropolitan Elias and the diocese of Beirut; our armed forces and first-responders; Carole; Dru; Katie; Olivia; Grace; Joanie; Chris; Liam; Jim; Megan; Stella, Bill and family; Rebbekah; Betty; all those

afflicted by the Corona virus and all those fighting it, doctors, nurses, scientists; for peace and justice in society; Ellen; Connie; Michael; Linda; Brielle; Adele; Mary; St Innocent Orphanage; PJ and Carmel; Leanne; Bethany; Laurie; Debbie; those suffering as a result of natural disasters; Mary, James, Charles, Mark; Kris; Justin; Edana; Lisa; Dennis

+ Fr Joe; Archbishop Michael; Archpriest Alexander; Archpriest Stephen; Priest Nicola; Priest Justin; Subdeacon Lawrence; Kh Selma; Shamassy Mary; Joanne; Valerie; Chuck; Adrien; Walter; Eliot; William; Alex; Ivan; Jo Ann; Stasha; Irene; Morris

KALENDAR

5: Mon: St. Placidus & his Companions, Mm: **Ben Cover birthday**

6: Tu: Feria

7: Wed: Feria: comm. St. Mark, BC, 336; Ss. Sergius & Bacchus, Mm: Mass, 6.30pm

8: Th: Feria

9: Fri: Feria, comm. Ss. Denys, BM, Rusticus, & Eleutherius, Mm: Abstinence: NO ROSARY TODAY

10: Sat: Our Lady: Vespers, 5.30pm



THOUGHT: *The devil has no knees*, the Fathers teach us. It is a metaphorical way of saying that he is proud, refusing to bow before God. Do we have knees, though? *Do we bow our knees unto the Father* (epistle), in all things obedient and submissive to His Will?