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**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

**EPISTLE READING**

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**Galatians 2:16-20**

Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20 BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Reading is from Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.

**GOSPEL READING**

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We extol now the current of your spring, O all Lauded One, the streams of which are abundantly flowing from a quarried rock. The miracle astonishes our minds, how stone became a never ending stream. It becomes for those who drink of it with faith a gift of cures and healings. Thank you, O all-pure Maiden, for your help. Thank you for your protection. Thank you for all your miracles, O virgin Mother of God.

**COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour today will be held immediately following church service. Everyone is invited to attend.

The new coffee hour sign up sheet has been posted in the social hall.

**BAKING SCHEDULE**

The ladies will be baking on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. All help will be greatly appreciated.

**OUR PRAYERS**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following parishioners:

**Virginia Thomas**-Beacon House, 100 Reservoir Rd. St. Clairsville, OH 43950 740-695-1662

**Helen Joseph**- 1208 S. Zane Hwy., Martins Ferry, OH 43935 740-633-1609

**Angie Titonis**-Woodland Hills, 608 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Weirton, WV 26062

**Tony Kefalos**-234 East Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 740-695-1579

**Thalia Giannaris**-338 Sinclair Ave. Yorkville, OH 43971

**Father Menelaos Papageorgiou**-Polifonti 21B 2047 Strovolos, Nicosia CYPRUS

**Beverly Christakis**-C/O 1650 Sawgrass Dr. Uniontown, OH 44685

**Ethel Augoustidis**- Park Health, 100 Pine Ave. rm 203, St. Clairsville, OH 43950

**Chris Pashalis**- 69090 Blaine Chermont,, Bridgeport, OH 43912 740-633-5932

**John Mallis** – 1103 Broadway Street, Martins Ferry, OH 43935

If anyone would like to speak with our parishioners in nursing homes or homebound, please feel free to call them or send an encouraging card and wish them well.

**No Paraklesis on Wednesday September 23 – Fr. Michael will be at Diocesan Clergy Laity Conference in Cleveland.**

**Saturday September 27, Vespers at 5:00 PM**

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Holy Cross in the First Mode

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

A man still subject to physical impulses has not yet been crucified with Christ (cf. **Gal. 2:20**), and if he still drags natural thoughts along with him he has not yet been buried with Him. How then can he be raised up with Christ, to live in newness of life?

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