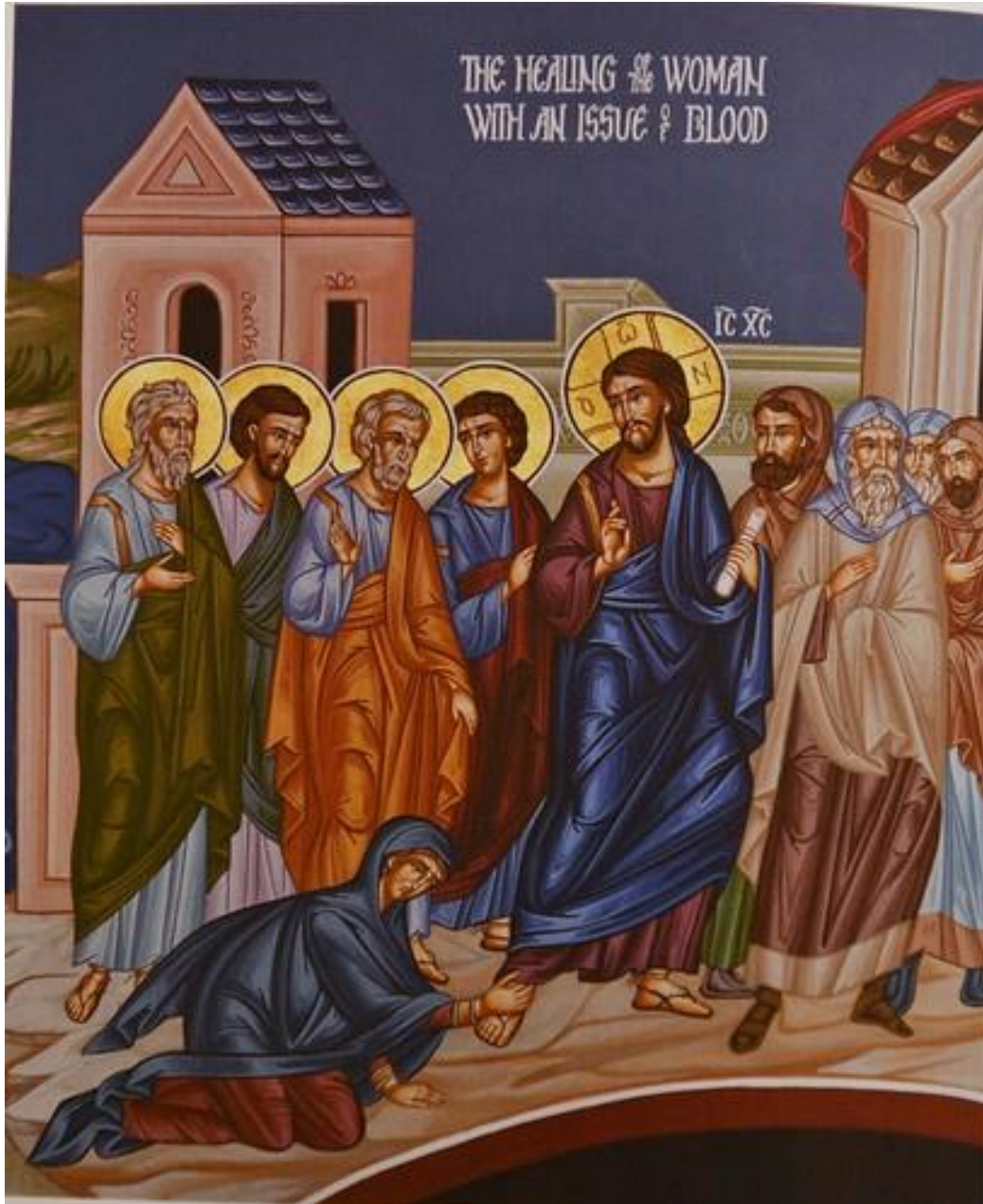


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**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
29 October 2023**

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Feast of St. James – October 23rd

THE GOSPELS ARE UNANIMOUS in telling us that, out of His twelve chief disciples, the Lord Jesus had a special relationship with Peter, James and John. Along with Andrew, Peter's brother, they were the first called of the twelve. After calling Peter and Andrew to follow Him, Jesus invited James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee, to do so as well. Jesus then visited the synagogue in Capernaum and He went to the house of Simon (Peter) and Andrew, taking James and John along with Him (see Mark 1:29-31).

The Gospels record that Jesus singled out Peter, James and John, making them His closest associates and favored companions. When the Lord was called to the house of Jairus, who feared for his daughter's life, *"He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James"* (Mark 5:37).

It was these same three disciples who witnessed the Lord's transfiguration on the mountain and who were closest to Him at the end of His ministry. *"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 'Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?'"*(Mark 13:3, 4) It was the same three who followed Him into the Garden after the Last Supper. *"Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' And He took Peter, James, and John with Him..."* (Mark 14:32, 33).

The Death of James

A few years after the death and resurrection of Christ, there was *"a great famine throughout all the world, which happened in the days of Claudius Caesar"* (Acts 11:28) who reigned from ad 41 to 54. This famine is mentioned by a number of contemporary writers, both Jewish and pagan, such as Josephus, Tacitus and Suetonius, who described the famine as *"the result of bad harvests that occurred during a span of several years"* (*Lives of the Caesars*, 18).

“Now about that time [the time of the famine] Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also” (Acts 12:1-3). James was thus the first of Christ’s closest followers to die; Peter was freed from prison (see Acts 12:5-11) and went on to strengthen the Churches springing up throughout the Roman Empire.

St Clement of Alexandria, who lived in Jerusalem at the end of the second century, recorded an otherwise unknown anecdote concerning the death of St James. Eusebius included it in his *History of the Church*. “Concerning this James, Clement, in the seventh book of his *Hypotyposes*, relates a story which is worthy of mention; telling it as he received it from those who had lived before him. He says that the one who led James to the judgment-seat, when he saw him bearing his testimony, was moved, and confessed that he was himself also a Christian.

‘They were both therefore, he says, led away together; and on the way he begged James to forgive him. And he, after considering a little, said, Peace be with you, and kissed him. And thus they were both beheaded at the same time’ (*History of the Church*, Book II, 9). The head of St James is reputedly buried in Jerusalem’s Armenian cathedral, which is dedicated to St James the brother of John and also to St James the Just, the Brother of the Lord. In one of its chapels, built in the fifth century, a red marble slab in front of the altar marks the place where St James’ head is buried, on the supposed site of his beheading.

St James in Spain?

According to the tradition of the early Church, St James died without leaving Jerusalem (cf. Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata* VI; Apollonius, quoted by Eusebius, *Church History* VI.18). Nonetheless, there is a highly revered tradition in the West that St James had brought the Gospel to Spain and then returned to Jerusalem where he died.

According to this tradition, sometime after Pentecost, Saint Peter cast lots with the Apostles to determine the portions of the world to which each Apostle would bring the Gospel. James was chosen to travel to Iberia. No certain mention of such a tradition is to be found in any early writings nor in the early councils; the first certain mention we find is in a ninth century martyrology by the Swiss Benedictine monk, Notker of St. Gall.

According to another Spanish tradition, on January 2 in ad 40, the Mother of God appeared to St James standing on a column on the bank of the Ebro River, instructing him to build a church there in her honor. This pillar is venerated today in the present Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, in Zaragoza, central Spain.

Even more revered in Spain is the shrine of Santiago (St James) de Compostela in Spanish Galicia, reputed to be the resting place of St James’ body. According to a tradition recorded in the 12th century *Codex Calixtinus*, St James’ disciples were able to claim his body after his beheading. It was then supposedly transported miraculously to Galicia where it was buried in Compostela.

It is said that these relics were unearthed in the ninth century by a hermit and they became the focal point of an annual pilgrimage to Compostela, called the Way of St James, which has been held ever since.

In 1879 the saint’s supposed remains at Compostela were unearthed again and in 1884 Pope Leo XIII issued a bull, *Omnipotens Deus*, declaring “in perpetuum” that these were indeed the remains of St James and his two companions, Athanasius and Theodorus. There is no historical documentation to support this assertion.

Augusta Spirit and Truth Young Adult Ministry Presents


FALL DANCE FOR LIFE

Saturday
October
28
7 - 10 pm

Come support a pro-life cause! 18+ are welcome

Tickets:	\$10 BEFORE Oct 13th	Wear your best Halloween costume! Winner gets a prize! Location: St. Mary on the Hill Parish Hall
	\$15 AFTER Oct 13th	
	\$20 at the door	

Call/Text to purchase tickets: 706.267.3352
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WE HAVE RECEIVED A VERY GENEROUS OFFER – during the season of the Christmas Fast (beginning 15 November) an anonymous parishioner has offered to match any donations we receive two to one. This is a wonderful opportunity to make your generosity to the parish count even more!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are doing their annual Catholic Citizens Essay Contest The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students — in public, private or parochial schools — in grades 8-12 during the current school year. Contestants must write from 500 to 750 words on this topic: How can the Church evangelize in the digital age? The deadline for entry is the 29th of October. There are monetary awards. If interested, see Fr. Michael for an application.

Sunday Collections

Attendance	Date	Collection
29	3 September 2023	511.50
40	10 September 2023	618.00
31	17 September 2023	75.00
31	24 September 2023	0.00
27	1 October 2023	60.00
39	8 October 2023	\$1,192.00
40	15 October 2023	\$451.00
38	22 October 2023	

Divine Liturgy Intentions:

For the Living:

Bishop Francois, Fr. John Azar, Fr. James Graham, Fr. Michael Copenhagen, David Mangelsdorf, Brian Frank, Nookid Graham, Ali de la Vega, Dn. Kent & Diana Plowman, Mandie, Nick Baiad, Charlie & Kathleen Barnette, Alfonso de la Vega, Michael A Skrocki, Medical Personnel and First Responders

For the Dead:

Announcements

We are live-streaming on our Facebook page at the following days & times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8:00AM, The Third Hour

Friday – 6:00 PM Weekday Vespers

Saturday – 6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00AM Orthros & 10:00AM Divine Liturgy

JOIN US IN PRAYING the 3rd Hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8am. This is a short prayer service from our version of the Liturgy of the Hours. It lasts less than 20 minutes or so. Come join us!

PRAYER OPPORTUNITES AROUND TOWN –Most Holy Trinity parish will be hosting a Men's Holy Hour every Friday morning from 6-7am. There will also be a coffee hour and reflection time afterwards – Men from all parishes are invited to attend for whatever portion of the time they are available. For the Ladies – St. Joseph's will be hosting a Women's Holy Hour on the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

Resurrectional Troparion

(Tone 5)



Let us, O faith - ful, praise and wor-ship the Word,



co-e-ter-nal with the Fa-ther and the Spi - rit, born of the



Vir - gin for our sal - va - tion, for He was



pleased to be lif - ted in the flesh up - on the Cross and



to en-dure death and to raise the dead by His



glo-ri-ous Res-sur - rec - tion.

Prokimenon

Reader: You, O Lord, will us and preserve us always, from this generation.

All: You, O Lord, will us and preserve us always, from this generation.

Reader: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

All: You, O Lord, will us and preserve us always, from this generation.

Reader: You, O Lord, will us and preserve us always, from this generation.

All: From this generation.

Readings for the Week:

Monday:	1 st Thessalonians 2:20-3:8	Luke 12:1; 12-15
Tuesday:	1 st Thessalonians 3:8-13	Luke 14:25-35
Wednesday:	1 st Thessalonians 4:1-12	Luke 15:1-10
Thursday:	1 st Thessalonians 4:18-5:11	Luke 16:1-9
Friday:	1 st Thessalonians 5:9-13; 24-28	Luke 16:15-17:4
Saturday:	2 nd Corinthians 11:1-6	Luke 9:57-62

Saints of the Week:

Oct. 29: Venerable Martyr Anastasia; and our Father Abramius
Oct. 30: Holy Martyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia
Oct. 31: the Apostles Stachys, Apelles, Amplias, Urban, Aristobulus & Narcissus counted among the 70 Disciples; and the Martyr Epimakius
Nov. 1: Holy Martyrs & Wonderworkers Cosmas & Damian
Nov. 2: Holy Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphtonios, Elpidephor & Anempodisios
Nov. 3: Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas; and the Great-Martyr George
Nov. 4: Holy Father Joannicius the Great, hermit of Mt. Olympus; the Holy Hieromartyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra; and of the priest Hermeus
Nov. 5: Holy Martyrs Galaction and his wife Episteme

Word Search

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 Begged
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 Cloak
 Crowds
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 Daughter
 Daughter
 Dying

Faith
 Falling
 Feet
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 House
 Jairus
 Jesus
 Laughed
 Master

Peace
 Physicians
 Power
 Ruler
 Synagogue
 Touched
 Twelve
 Weeping
 Woman

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Knights of Columbus
JFK Council

1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm
Most Holy Trinity

4th Degree Assembly
2nd Wednesday of the month, 7pm
St. Ignatios

Publicans Prayer Group
Postponed until Further Notice

New Parishioners:
Please register with Fr. Michael.

Mystery of Holy Confession
Please contact Fr. Michael to set up a convenient time.

Mystery of Christian Initiation
Expectant parents should notify Fr. Michael prior to the birth of the child. Adult converts should contact Fr. Michael so arrangements may be made for any necessary instruction and sacraments.

Mystery of Holy Crowning
Those planning to marry should notify the Fr. Michael
at least six months prior to the desired Wedding date.

Mystery of Holy Anointing
Please notify Fr. Michael when you or a family member is in need of anointing.

To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at 1-800-479-5910.