



Real Courage...

When I was a small boy, I attended Church every Sunday at a big Gothic Presbyterian bastion in Chicago. The preaching was powerful and the music was great. But for me, the most awesome moment in the morning service was the offertory, when twelve solemn, frock-coated ushers marched in lock-step down the main aisle to receive the brass plates for collecting the offering. These men, so serious about their business of serving the Lord in this magnificent house of worship, were the business and professional leaders of Chicago. One of the twelve ushers was a man named Frank Loesch. He was not a very imposing looking man, but in Chicago he was a living legend, for he was the man who had stood up to Al Capone.

In the prohibition years, Capone's rule was absolute. The local and state police and even the Federal Bureau of Investigation were afraid to oppose him. But singlehandedly, Frank Loesch, as a Christian layman and without any government support, organized the Chicago Crime Commission, a group of citizens who were determined to take Mr. Capone to court and put him away. During the months that the Crime Commission met, Frank Loesch's life was in constant danger. There were threats on the lives of his family and friends. But he never wavered. Ultimately he won the case against Capone and was the instrument for removing this blight from the city of Chicago. Frank Loesch had risked his life to live out his faith. Each Sunday at this point of the service, my father, a Chicago businessman himself, never failed to poke me and silently point to Frank Loesch with pride. Sometimes I'd catch a tear in my father's eye. For my dad and for all of us this was and is what authentic living is all about.

-Bruce Larson, in Charles Swindoll, Living Above the Level of Mediocrity.

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

Winston Churchill

Announcements

Today: Myrrh-bearing Women

The Third Sunday of Pascha is dedicated to the Myrrh-bearing Women who cared for the body of the Savior at His death and who were the first witnesses of His Resurrection. This Sunday is for us a feast of the courage of the faith, and of the fidelity in commitment and service as we honor these faithful women.

Liturgical Custom

Please remember that during this Paschal-Easter Season, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition – but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Welcome Deacon Candidates

On this Sunday we welcome in our midst the deacon candidates who are visiting our parish family. Let us offer our prayers for them and their families as they prepare to serve our Holy Church in the diaconal ministry. *Welcome- Вимаємо!*

Easter Egg Hunt

Following the Divine Liturgy the children of our Church School will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt. We ask all the children to please gather in front of the Church at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The younger children are too be accompanied by their parents. Thank you!

Patronal Feast-St. George

On Friday, April 23rd we will celebrate our Patronal Feast: St. George the Great Martyr. To celebrate and honor our Patron Saint we will have on Thursday evening, April 22nd a Vespereal Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. On the Feast itself, April 23rd, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

Parents Meeting

This year seven of our parish children will celebrate their First Reconciliation. What a blessing this is for our parish family! As part of preparation for this special day a meeting of the parents will take place next Sunday, April 25th, following the Divine Liturgy in the Church hall. We look forward to this celebration which will take place on Sunday, May 16th, and we offer our prayers for all our children that are so active in the life of our parish.

Scholarship

The Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards, provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by May 10th, 2010.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, April 11, 2010 was \$1232.00.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

MOTHER'S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Given By:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

*** DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010***

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?"

On this Third Sunday of Pascha we remember in our Holy Churches the Myrrh-bearing women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. People who in the course of the Gospel are hardly mentioned, yet who, when Christ was seemingly defeated, when death, rejection, betrayal and hatred had conquered, proved to be people of faithfulness and courage, the faithfulness of the heart and the courage that can be born only of LOVE.



At the moment of the Crucifixion all the Apostles had fled with the exception of St. John, who stood at the foot of the Cross with the Mother of God. Everyone else had abandoned Christ, only a small group of women stood at a short distance from the Cross, and when He had died, they came to anoint His Body which Joseph of Arimathea had sought from Pilate, unafraid of being recognized as a disciple, because in life and in death love and faithfulness had conquered. It was not an intellectual conviction that held them as Disciples of Christ. It was something which perhaps could be defined in the words of the pilgrims to Emmaus: "was not our heart burning within us when He was speaking to us on the way". All the way from Galilee to Jerusalem, from the peace of the land to the tragedy of Jerusalem, all this time they had been listening and their hearts had come to life - not with personal love but with a deep sense of life eternal.

So today we keep the feast of a group of people who proved faithful, the ones who in their frailty had not fled, and the ones who in the face of defeat and tragedy had suddenly become disciples and faithful. Let us remember them, not only seeing their glory as we have done today in the Divine Liturgy, but also asking ourselves: "Do we belong, to any extent, to the example given by one or another of them?". In day to day circumstances of life would you come out and say: "I am one of His disciples!" On this Sunday let us ask ourselves: Is any one of us Joseph of Arimathea...or is any one Nicodemus? Can we say that we are like these Myrrh-Bearing Women, whom neither the needs nor the defeat nor the death of Christ had been able to alienate us from Christ? This Sunday for us is a great opportunity to review our courage of faith and our fidelity to our Risen Lord. Amen.

