

Lighting Our Lamp

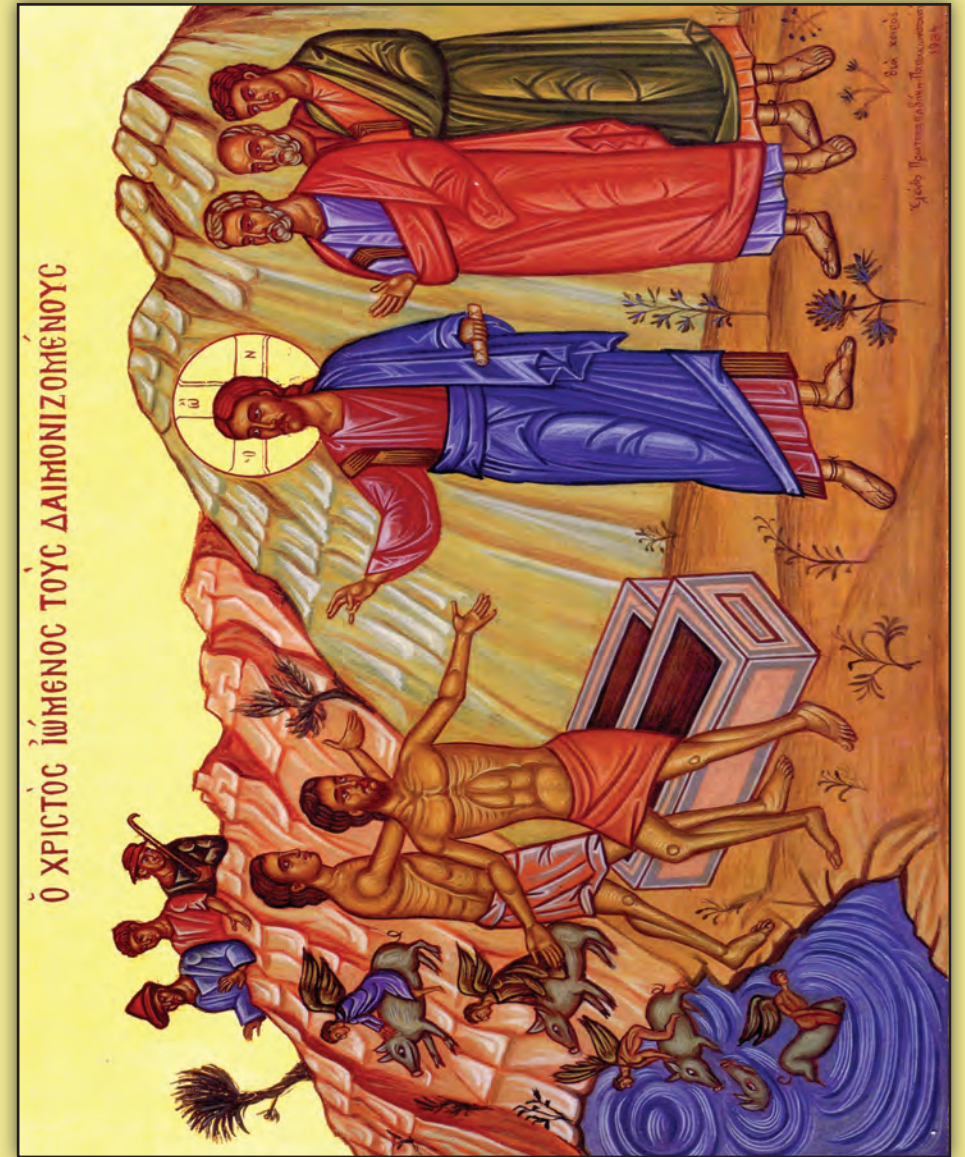
God is fire and He is so called by all the inspired Scripture (cf Heb 12:29). The soul of each of us is a lamp. Now a lamp is wholly in darkness, even though it be filled with oil or tow or other combustible matter, until it receives fire and is kindled. So too the soul, though it may seem to be adorned with all virtues, yet does not receive the fire – in other words, has not received the divine nature and light – and is still unkindled and dark and its works are uncertain. All things must be tested and manifested by the light (cf. Eph 5:13). The man whose soul's lamp is still in darkness, that is, untouched by the divine fire, stands the more in need of a guide with a shining torch, who will discern his actions. As he has compassion for the faults

he reveals in confession he will straightway straighten out whatever is crooked in his actions. Just as he who walks in the night cannot avoid stumbling, so he who has not yet seen the divine light cannot avoid falling into sin. As Christ says, “If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees this light. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because he has not the light in him” (Jn 11:9-10). When He said “in him,” he meant the divine and immaterial light, for no one can possess the physical light in himself.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday July 10 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+George and +Chrystyna Kinal from Family)
Wednesday July 13 9:00 a.m.	(+Olga Cherub from Friend)
Thursday July 14 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren from Ruth)
Friday July 15 9:00 a.m.	(+Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene Nagurney)
Sunday July 17 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Jane O’Shea from the Drabek Family)

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turcek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

GOD WITH US CATECHISM

When we walk away from God, when we turn our back on those in whose communion God has placed us, we do not find independence but simply dependence on someone or something else. We see this in today’s Gospel in the story of the demoniacs. A demoniac is someone who is under the dominion of the devil. This is exactly what the devil wants. He entices us with a false notion of freedom, of so-called “independence” to get us to turn from our true dependence on God, on each other, on the Church, to seek so-called “freedom.” “You will be like God,” the devil told Adam and Eve – the world of the self, or rather self-delusion – is the dominion of the devil. Jesus, in healing the demoniacs, reveals and pours out God’s life back into these people. He puts them back into communion with God who is love and with the entire community of God which is bound together in love. However, notice the curious response of the townspeople to Jesus’ freeing the demoniacs from their suffering, their dominion from the Evil One. They ask him to leave. Why is this? Shouldn’t they have been happy to see the men freed from their suffering? By saving the demoniacs, casting the demons into the herd of pigs, Jesus disrupted their economy. It inconvenienced the townspeople, who made their livelihood from the pigs. They were more concerned with the financial impact of this healing than they were on the well-being of the two men. Jesus has not only come to free us from the devil dominion of the devil, but to restore our communion with God and with one another. This is the heart of Jesus’ healing ministry, to be the Incarnation of God’s love, and the restoration of our communion.