



**The 3rd Sunday
of the Holy
Resurrection**
April 23, 2023

***“He took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.***

Then their eyes were opened...” (Lk 24:31)

Divine Liturgy
Sunday at 4:30 pm
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From our Pastor...

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were privileged enough to enjoy a mystical experience with Christ in what seemed to be a celebration of the Divine Liturgy: He explained the Holy Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word) and then broke Bread and distributed (the Holy Eucharist). His truth had remained hidden from their eyes up until that point: When the eye of the Spirit was opened, the physical semblance gave way to a reality of a another dimension, a mystical reality that can only be experienced in that intimacy of closed doors and hidden nights with Jesus...

Fr. Jacques



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Saint of the week: Matthias the Apostle

Matthias, whose name means “gift of God,” was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was “a witness to Christ’s Resurrection,” (Acts 1:21) according to St. Peter. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension.

According to various traditions, Matthias preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern day Turkey), and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis (modern-day Georgia) or by stoning in Jerusalem.

He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovered alcoholics.

May his prayers be with us ! Amen.

First Reading: 2Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him,
we will also live with him;
if we endure,
we will also reign with him;
if we deny him,
he will also deny us;
if we are faithless,
he remains faithful
—for he cannot deny himself.

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”

He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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