

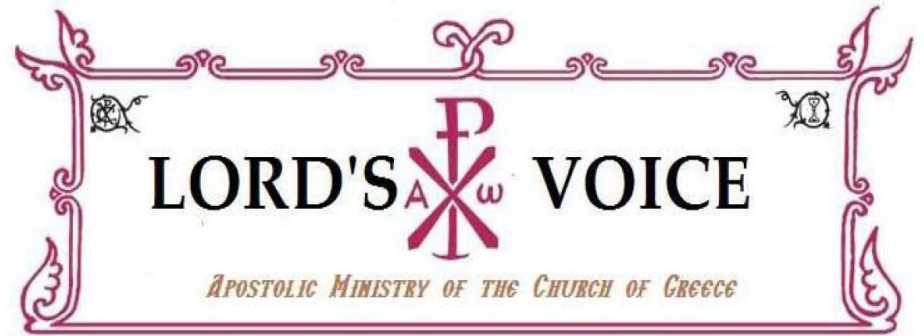
were falling and being crushed. From His Resurrection and afterwards, death becomes for each one who will believe in Him, the gate through which he passes to eternity, to eternal company with the Lord, His angels and saints, all those registered in the heavens.

Our therapy and resurrection set out from here

So long as man is living in the Church and using the means which She grants us, "with time" he is cured and resurrected, relating from here with the saints of God. Our cure-resurrection is granted freely. That which Christ seeks from us is that we trust Him, despite all our sins and our many seriously great and secret and manifest passions. We should call upon Him an infinite amount of times with His name above every name. "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me". Simultaneously we should retain an enmitous attitude towards our whatsoever passions. We should follow-as much as we are able-the fasts of our Church, we should participate in Her mysteries, we should implement God's commandments as much as we are able, because these comprise "the perfect medicine of the soul" (Saint Gregory Palamas) and, analogous with all of these, Christ "makes the outcome" of our trials. This means that He protects us and delivers us or He gives us patience to endure the spiritual struggle and in time He grants us His peace and His calmness in our hearts, healing us and resurrecting our bodies and souls from this very life, precisely as He intervened in the life of the hemorrhaging woman and the head of the synagogue Jairus.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014 7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE, Nektarius the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis, Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus, Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople, Theoktisti of the Isle of Lesbos, Symeon the Translator. TONE OF THE WEEK: Plagal of the First Tone **Eothinon** Eleventh Eothinon
EPISTLE St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20
GOSPEL Luke 8:41-56
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014 Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist
EPISTLE St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2
GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13



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CHRIST IS THE RESURRECTION OF OUR SOULS AND OUR BODIES

To the fearful event of the defeat of death today's Gospel refers, brethren, as also to the cessation of the many year long hemorrhaging of a woman. First we are informed that the leader of the Jewish synagogue Jairus, kneeling before Christ, is asking Him to heal his 12 year old daughter, who was gravely ill and at that time was dying. Simultaneously a woman with a 12 year hemorrhage, frustrated from the doctors, approached Him in a manner, so that she would not be perceived by the crowd and, certain for her cure, touched Him at the fold of His garment, in order to immediately become well. Christ asked who touched Him and to the response of His disciples that there are many who are pushing Him and crowding up against Him, He declared that He felt curative power coming out of Him. The woman fearing because she did not escape His attention, narrated before everyone what happened. Christ encouraged her, saying that her faith in Him had saved her and that she could henceforth be peaceful. At that moment someone notified the head of the synagogue that his daughter reposed. Christ, telling him to not fear, went to his home and declaring there that the girl is sleeping and did not die, caused the ironic comments of those present. Before the parents and His three disciples, He grabbed the girl by the hand and

7th Sunday of Luke

The Gospel of Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

shouted to her to get up. Her soul obeying Christ, returned to the body and, before the surprised eyes of her parents, she resurrected.

The hemorrhage of our soul

Man's heart resembles many times a deep sea full of whales, sea monsters, "animals small and large", as the Proemial Psalm of Vespers describes. Just precisely as "our innards and the sea, never calm down" according to our national Poet (Dionysius Solomos), the same with the dispositions, the tendencies, the drives, the sense of the soul, constantly waver influencing man's body also. Our passions very many, many times create such earthquakes and such a disturbance, that they truly bring us to a condition like that of the hemorrhaging woman. We become frustrated from people, because we overly estimate them. When however the person constantly addresses Christ with an ecclesiastical way of life, participating in the mysteries of our Church, with faith, with trust like the hemorrhaging woman, asking Him to help and even in his disbelief many times, he is healed by Him. His heart, through the taking away of the liquid puss of the passions, is altered from the wound into a spring of joy, glorification and rejoicing. Furthermore the difference between the words [in Greek pigi-pligi] wound -spring is the liquid consonant lambda!

Death has been defeated

The Lord resurrecting Jairus' daughter, gives a prelude to the complete crushing of death through His own death upon the Cross and His Resurrection, which will occur not too much later. From Christ's Resurrection and afterward, everything is shining in the light of eternity. While death continues existing and we are found before its spectrum, it has been "unnerved" by Christ and we are not anxious. Before Christ, it was a wall upon which we