

was lying in the bed next to him, was healed as soon as part of the Saint's clothing was placed on him.

Healing and salvation in Christ, is a real event through faith in Him, and participation in the uncreated energies of His nature. Through faith we approach Divine Communion. In every Divine Liturgy, the priest calls us to participate with the fear of God, faith, and love, in a different communion, in Divine Communion. He calls for a personal contact of each person with the body itself and the blood of the Lord for the healing and salvation of all. Let us take an example from the daring and faith of the hemorrhaging woman, which led her to her personal contact with Christ, and let us all acquire this contact and communion with God through participation in the sacred Mysteries of the Church, and above all in Divine Communion.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE ,
Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople, Luke the Monk of Taormina

EPISTLE READING: *St. Paul's Letter to Galatians 2:16 - 20*

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 8:41 - 56*

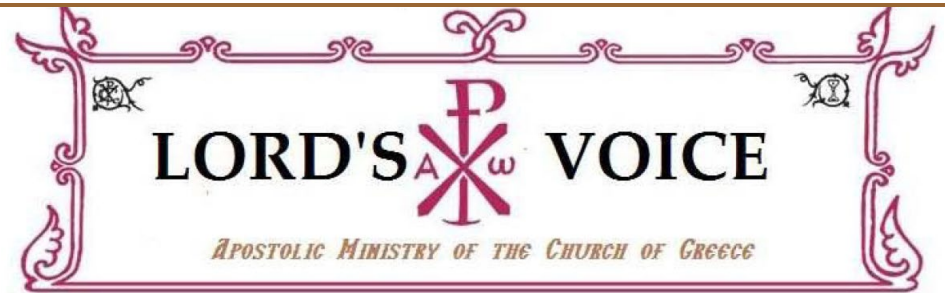
TONE OF THE WEEK : *Fourth Tone*

EOTHINON : *Tenth Eothinon*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE ,
John Chrysostome Archbishop of Constantinople, Anthousa, the Mother of John Chrysostom, Damaskinos the New Martyr of Mount Athos

EPISTLE READING: *St. Paul's Letter to Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2*

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 10:25 - 37*



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AN ODD CURE

After the return of Jesus from the region of the Gadarenes, He was met by a man named Jairus, who was the first in order of the synagogue, and he begged Him to go to his house, because his twelve-year-old daughter was dying. As they advanced through the crowd, a hemorrhaging woman from a young age, approached Him and, after touching the hem of the Lord's garment, was cured. As soon as Jesus realized the fact, He asked to learn who was the one who touched him. In the crowd, however, it was impossible for the disciples to understand who this person was. The woman, out of reverence and shyness, appeared before Him and confessed her action, as well as the reason why she had done it.

The power of the will

So, a different way is unfolding before us with which the grace of God worked. Having an intense and deep desire to be cured of her illness, but also fully aware of the position of the woman in the society of that time, she knew that it would be difficult to approach Jesus and ask Him for her healing. However, her will was so strong, that she believed within herself, that she would find healing even just by approaching Jesus and ask Him for her healing. However, her will was so

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING: 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 and those who were with him 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.

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Her faith, that is, was so much, that the miraculous grace of God acted on her and heal to be cured of her illness, but also fully aware of the position of the woman in the society of that time, she knew that it would be difficult to approach Jesus and ask Him for her healing. However, her will was so strong, that she believed within herself, that she would find healing even just by touching the Lord's garments. Her faith, that is, was so much, that the miraculous grace of God acted on her and heal. In other cases, such as those of the man born blind, or the paralytic in Bethesda, Jesus asked the sufferers about their faith in Him, before He healed them. Here, however, the faith of the woman was declared and self-evident, and therefore divine grace acted automatically. We would dare to say that she herself "stole" the grace of the Lord with her deep faith. The divinity of Jesus healed the corrupted human nature, through faith in the Creator himself.

Faith as a condition of salvation

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move, and nothing shall be impossible to you" (17:20), we read in Matthew's Gospel. However, there is an important point that should not escape our attention. Soteriologically in the sense of the deification of human nature by grace, faith is not an end in itself. Faith alone does not save, as was maintained by other confessions.

Faith in Jesus leads to healing, and leads to salvation. The hemorrhaging woman had faith that directed her steps to a meeting with God, in a contact with Him. Her body - that is, her very human nature - came into contact with the deified human body of Jesus, even if it was surrounded by His garment. In the Acts of the Apostles, it is mentioned that the people took their sick people out into the squares "so that when Peter would come, his shadow might overshadow them" (5:15). From the life of Saint Nektarios, we know that after his repose, the disabled patient who