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Gospel Reading ~ Luke 13:10-17
Epistle Reading ~ Ephesians 4:1-6
Repose of St. Innocent, First Bishop of Irkutsk (1731)

This Week at a Glance

Thurs, Nov. 30th

9:30 am - Akathist of Thanksgiving

Sat, Dec. 2nd

6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sun, Dec. 3rd

9:00 am - The Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Sunday School - Yolka Practice

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Gospel Meditation

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a woman who had struggled with an infirmity for 18 years. And He healed her on the Sabbath no less. He could have waited until the Sabbath was over. He could have waited until he was asked by the woman. He could have healed away from the gaze of the ruler of the synagogue – yet he chose not to. The question is why he did this?

Jesus himself gives the answer. "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound for 18 years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Here in essence is the difference between the old covenant and the new covenant. The old was based on obedience to the law. Justification before the law was how the pious Jew saw as fulfilling his obligation to God. One only has to remember the prayer of the Pharisee referred to in chapter 18 of Luke who justified his actions by fulfilling his obligations under the law, unlike the tax collector who beat his breast saying "God be merciful to me a sinner".

Baptism

John Levenberg & Lea Loizos' son Luas will be baptised on Saturday, December 9th at 2pm. Any parishioners who would like to attend this joyous event are welcome. Please RSVP with Lea by December 2nd.

Turkey Drive Success

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Annual Turkey Drive. We delivered 135 turkeys to St Herman's on Wednesday, and will deliver 15 frozen turkeys to Haven House this week.

Christmas Concert/Yolka

Our annual parish Christmas Concert & Children's Yolka will be held immediately after liturgy on 12/17. If any children want to participate, see Tina Casey, Dawn Koukios or Maura McCartney.

