

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 37 (3511) September 10th, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time - A



2023

**October 14, 4pm - 9 pm**

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

**October 20-21**

Fall Rummage Sale

**November 18**

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

**November 19**

Parish Family Day

11 am Thanksgiving

Mass

**December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat

**December 10**

Christmas Concert

**December 25**

Christmas



Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

***O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Aldona Zander (9th anniv.)	(R.Zander)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in Ukraine and the world	
in thanksgiving - for sister Nijole	(sisters)
†Silvestras Cepas (20th anniv.)	(Pabedinskas family)
for Verbickas' deceased family members	(M.Grambus)
†Romualdas Tumpa	(L.Tumpa)
†Vida Stripinis and Vida Sukys	(Cuplinskas)
blessings of the Lord for family	(JMC)
special intention	(JMC)

Parish office  
hours

**June - October**

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9 a.m. - 2 pm.**

**Friday**  
**9 a.m. - 1 pm.**

**Cantors of the Masses:**

**9 AM** - Dana Pranaitis

**11 AM** - Grazina Adie, Audra Rusinas,  
Adriana Verbyla, Laima Underys  
**organist** - Ilona Beres

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**The week's Holy Masses**

**MONDAY** (September 11): 7 p.m. †Alida Groen in't Woud (family); in thanksgiving for Rohan Almeda (Almeda family);

**TUESDAY** (September 12): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for Leskauskas' deceased family members (A.Morkunas);

**WEDNESDAY** (September 13): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); request grace of health for Onute (daughter Vida);

**THURSDAY** (September 14): 7 p.m. †Juozas Cirusis (Z.R.Kruzikas); †Valentina Grybas (Jaglowitz family); blessings of the Lord and request grace of health for Onute (O.Dirmantas);

**FRIDAY** (September 15): 7 p.m. †Mike McInerney (B.B.Degutis);

**SATURDAY** (September 16): 9 a.m. †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family); request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Petras Jonikas (wife);

**SUNDAY** (September 17): 9 a.m. †Bernadette Brosnou (OP); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for Rusinas' deceased family members (R.M.Rusinas); for Barsciauskas' deceased family members (family); †Vladas Stabas (daughter Violeta); †Antanas Valincius (B.B.Degutis); †Elena and Feliksas Senkus (Cuplinskas); †Alfonsas and Birute Juozapavicius (family); †Liudmila Sukauskas (AJurcevicus); †Skirmantas Trainys (2nd anniv.) (family); request grace of health for Garsva and Johnson families (parents).

**Capital Fund - \$ 346,560**

*B.Pichler - \$50*

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -**

**August 27th** - 34 envelopes - \$ 1,148

No envelopes - \$ 49

Direct deposit - \$ 1,340

**September 3rd** - 40 envelopes - \$ 1,700

No envelopes - \$ 92.25

Direct deposit - \$ 2,540

**THANK you for your generosity...**

**Welcome to all** parishioners returning after their summer vacations to classrooms, studies and work. **We invite you** to join and participate in our parish activities as: Lectors, Choir members, Altar servers, Liturgy Committee members, Youth Committee members, Family Committee members, Hospitality Committee members, Parish Maintenance Committee members. May you enjoy a meaningful and productive season...

May the Lord bestow his abundant blessings upon one and all!

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**We welcome all** those who have returned and invite you to enjoy coffee and sweets on Sundays after 9 am and 11 am Mass.

*We invite everyone to attend!*

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**Congratulations to all our singers, Parish Choirs and ensembles** returning to another season of rehearsals, Mass choral singing and performances.

*Singers and instrumentalists - young and old are invited to join:*

**Youth and children's choir** - registration September 10th.

*Rehearsals will be Sunday after the 11 am Mass. All children and youth between the ages of 7 - 17 are welcome to join.*

*(leader: Daina Babeckas, [dainababeckas@gmail.com](mailto:dainababeckas@gmail.com))*

**Kankles ensemble** - registration September 10th after the 11 am Mass. Children and youth from the age of 10 are most welcome.

*(leaders: Alexandra Valaitis, Daina Sablinskas)*

**Choir "Svaja" and "Volungė" choir**

*(leader: Dalia Viskontas [dalia.viskontas@gmail.com](mailto:dalia.viskontas@gmail.com))*

*You are ALL welcome...*

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**"KIŠKIŲ KLUBAS"**

"Kiškių klubas" welcomes parents/grandparents with Preschool Toddlers/Babies for friendship, Lithuanian songs, games and activities in the Resurrection Hall every Thursday morning 9:30 am - 11:00am, starting October 5th, 2023.

Registration contact: [lili.steer@sympatico.ca](mailto:lili.steer@sympatico.ca) or cell: 416-801-3689.

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**"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve..." (Mt 20.28)**

**Announcement for Altar Server Recruitment**

**We invite and encourage all our girls and boys**, who have received their First Communion, to volunteer and join the ranks of our current excellent group of Altar Servers.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to serve God at Holy Mass and also to serve our Parish *Community of Faith*. For more information, please contact Deacon Kazimieras at 416-550-6413.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and your *engagement* in our Parish.

**Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend is fast approaching. The celebration begins on Saturday, November 18th with a gala dinner and show, "Better than Hollywood". An evening full of surprises and wonderful memories awaits you! Dinner with wine, cash bar and much more! Tickets are \$70 per person, on sale at the parish on Sundays or online at \*insert link from poster\*. For info contact [ritagrybas@gmail.com](mailto:ritagrybas@gmail.com).**



**We hope to see you all on Sunday, November 19th as the celebration, "From your Hand..." continues with parish family and friends at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11AM, followed by music, youth entertainment, photo apps and a special commemorative video produced by Andy Kaknevičius.**

### **KLJS Announcement**

On September 23rd in the cafeteria of our parish KLJS will be hosting their annual general meeting. In the evening at 7pm we invite everyone young and all ages to our Eurobash! There will be live music, a cash bar and food. Please join us as we celebrate our youth and our community!



Join us for a stimulating and engaging literary event...  
**Sunday, September 24th at 4 p.m. Toronto Lithuanian House**  
1573 Bloor Street West, Toronto (one block west of Dundas)

**Guest translators: Professor Violeta Kelertas and Maryte Racys** will present their translated-into-English-version of the Lithuanian literary creations by acclaimed and much-loved writer, **Julija Zemaite's originals written between 1860 and 1920 Marriage for Love A 19th Century Lithuanian Woman's Fight for Justice.** Accompanying the guest speakers will be American-Lithuanian writer and Birchwood Press publisher **Birute Putrius to introduce her latest work The Last Book Smuggler.** This event will be moderated by well-known Toronto author and literary critic **Antanas Sileika.**

Refreshments will complete the enjoyment of the afternoon. Donations welcome.  
Hope to see you there! *Event hosted jointly by Lithuanian House & Toronto KLB*

**The Toronto Lithuanian youth ensemble "Gintaras" is starting its 2023-24 season. We cordially invite everyone who wants to dance to join our dance groups. Rehearsals for the children's and youth group will begin Thursday September 28th at 6:30 PM. Rehearsals for the student group will begin Sunday September 17th at 6:00 PM. Registration forms and additional information are available on the Toronto Gintaras website: [www.torontogintaras.com](http://www.torontogintaras.com) Rehearsals take place at the Anapolis Halls (St. John's Halls) (2185 Stavebank Rd. Mississauga ON L5C 1T3)**

**All youth and children are invited to participate in the SILENT AUCTION by donating**

**ARTWORK CREATED AT HOME**

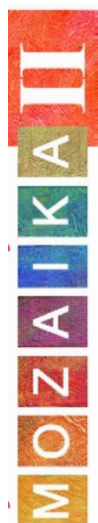
Donate your artwork to our Parish fundraiser by **September 17th.**  
If you would like the artwork to be framed by the Mozaika committee please use 8"x10" sized paper.  
If the artwork is a different size, please donate it framed.

**MENAS SUKURTAS NAMUOSE**

**Kviečiame vaikus ir jaunimą prisidėti padovanojant savo meną**

We will gladly accept your artwork donation at the Resurrection Parish Church office: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 12 pm. at 1 Resurrection Road, Etobicoke

Or you can contact [raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com](mailto:raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com) for other drop off times.



**OCTOBER 14TH, 6 PM - 9 PM**

**Pope calls for October to be dedicated to praying for peace in Ukraine**



Pope Francis meets with members of the Synod of the Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, and invites Christians to dedicate October to praying for peace and reconciliation in Ukraine.

Insisting that there is "a need for more prayer, for conversion, and an end to the conflict" in Ukraine, and in a response to a request from Ukrainian Bishops, Pope Francis "expressed his desire that during the month of October, especially in [Marian] Shrines, the Rosary be dedicated to peace and reconciliation in Ukraine."

The appeal to dedicate October to prayers for peace in Ukraine came during a meeting with the Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, who are holding their annual Synod in Rome.

Suffering of the Ukrainian people - At the beginning of the nearly two-hour encounter, the Pope was greeted by Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, "who recalled the painful situation in which his country finds itself, with an increasing number of dead, wounded and tortured people, and who thanked the Pope for the affection shown in so many ways and on so many occasions."

A statement from the Holy See Press Office noted that, following the greeting from Major Archbishop Shevchuk, several of the assembled bishops shared with the Pope their stories of "the suffering that the Ukrainian people are experiencing in different places and in different ways."

The Press Office noted that the Holy Father "listened attentively" to their testimony, and "with some brief interventions, expressed his feelings of closeness and participation in the tragedy that the Ukrainians are experiencing, with a 'dimension of martyrdom' that is not spoken about enough, subjected to cruelty and criminality."

He also spoke about "his sorrow for the sense of helplessness experienced in the face of war," which he ascribed to "the devil, who desires to destroy."

Pope Francis turned his thoughts especially to the Ukrainian children he has met. "They look at you and have forgotten their smile," he lamented. "This is one of the fruits of war: taking children's smiles away from them."

Following the way of Jesus - Finally, the statement noted, Pope Francis "recalled the example of Jesus during the Passion, who did not remain a victim of insults, torture, and crucifixion, but bore witness to the courage to speak the truth, to be close to the people so that they would not be discouraged."

"This is not easy," the Pope said. However, he continued, "This is holiness, and the people want us to be saints and teachers of this way that Jesus taught us."



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Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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