

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15)

Listening to the Word of God

In the icon of the Parable of the Sower on the front cover of the bulletin we see Jesus sowing seeds of Divine Wisdom – His words – to four groups of people. Only one group, however, is listening attentively. The other three hear but do not listen. Rather, they are preoccupied with the “anxieties, riches and pleasures of this life.” (Luke 8:14)

Which group are we in? We hear the Word of God spoken and preached in church each week, but do the cares and concerns of life and living cause us to quickly forget the lessons and examples taught by Jesus?

If we fail to integrate the teachings of Christ into our daily life, are we very different than the members of those three groups who heard but did not act on the Word of God? Consider the simple lesson from the following illustration:

Young Johnny reached for the ringing phone one Saturday evening, and his father told him, “If it’s that guy from work calling, tell him I’m not home!” Later that evening, the family went out for dinner. Johnny’s mother noticed that the waitress had undercharged them. “That’s bad for them but good for us!” laughed mom. On the way home, dad explained to Johnny that the new radar detector he recently had installed on his car was to “beat the police” and avoid speeding tickets. Later that night, as Johnny finished his Sunday school lesson, he reflected on what a good Saturday it had been. It was much better than last Saturday when his parents grounded him for cheating on his math test.

What lessons do we teach by the examples we set?



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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

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Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)
 1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009
 Contact: Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973
 Next Liturgy: Sunday, October 24th, at 3pm

Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church
 1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742
 Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930
 Next Liturgy: Saturday, October 30th, at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 10.17.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Herb Markowski Requested by: Cathy Johnson
Tuesday 10.19.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 10.22.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 10.24.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +William Rudy Requested by: The Kotula Family

This is the *Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council*.
 Propers begin on page 141, then 263, Tone 4.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: If anyone has used printer cartridges, we will happily accept them. You can leave them in our labeled box in the room next to the Narthex. We plan on recycling them and earning rewards to put towards new cartridges for use in the church office. We appreciate your donations!

FOOD DONATIONS: Just a reminder, at this time, *please do not leave any non-perishable food items, for donation, in our church.* You can, however, donate them to the Southwest Emergency Services located at 1201 Maple Avenue, in Arbutus (it is just around the corner from our church). Their phone number is 410-247-8154.

KIELBASI FREEZER SALE: We have a limited supply of frozen “**smoked kielbasi**” for sale and available to take home after Liturgy today. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. Price and size vary.

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God

- Designed me.
- Created me.
- Blesses me.
- Heals me.
- Defends me.
- Forgives me.
- Loves me.

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In the parable of the sower, Jesus Christ points out one important thing, that the harvest of the sown grain depends not only on the grain itself, but also, to a large extent, on the good land. Note that only the grain that fell on good soil gave a bountiful harvest. God sows the seed of his word: counsel and instruction in the human heart. And in order for it to bear good fruit, man's cooperation with God is needed. Therefore, it is not enough just to believe in God and pray to solve life's problems. One should always combine prayer with concrete actions.

The secret of the Kingdom of God is that only those who not only listen to the Word of God, but also follow it, can become partakers of it. There are many people who boast that they have read the Scriptures many times, but the word "living and active" has not found expression in their way of life.

The history of the Church testifies to the example of many saints, they heard the word of God and their lives were changed and transformed. Ignatius Brianchaninov taught: "Do not be satisfied with just one fruitless reading of the Gospel, try to keep His commandments, and read its deeds. It is a book of life, and it must be read with life."

Everything that Christ said to His listeners is a gift of God to man. It is a talent that God gives to man, and it is up to us to multiply it or dig it up. You can memorize a large number of Gospel passages, you can admire them, but if they have not become our way of life, then this talent (knowledge of the Gospel) is buried in the ground. Not only will it not benefit man, but on the Day of Judgment, it will be known that we knew and understood them, but did not live by them at all.

St. Theophanes the Hermit, speaking of the rules of reading for spiritual instruction, emphasized that it is necessary to make it a rule to read until it touches the heart. As soon as something touches us, one thought or another, we must stop reading and try to keep the focus of attention on these words of Scripture as long as possible. In this way, we create favorable conditions for the Word of God to germinate inside our hearts. We translate as it were formal rational knowledge into the realm of cardiac knowledge, from where naturally it will then begin to realize itself in our lives.

Dear believers! The Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY: A *free* retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, is scheduled for November 5 –7, 2021, for men, ages 18-35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The retreat will be conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere will be prayerful, positive, and fraternal. All registrants must be fully COVID vaccinated to attend. **For more information and to register, no later than October 13, 2021, please visit www.bcs.edu.**

HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE: Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our hearts. Visit www.respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life to read a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article.

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER: A virtual program, via zoom, entitled, **Saturday Morning Spiritual Reflection: "Optimism's Chain Reaction,"** with Becky Johnen, Ed.D., will be held on October 23rd, from 10-11:30am. The offering for this class is \$20. Please register by October 18th. For more information or to register, call 724-438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net.

REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA: Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick posts videos of her reflections each week on the Sisters of St. Basil the Great's Facebook page. This is a transcript of her August 4th reflection. It may be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown/>.

Glory to Jesus Christ! We continue with the Beatitudes: "**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.**" Well, "satisfaction." We find ourselves these days saying, "If only I could. If only we could." Yet, in these times, as the pandemic continues to be and to feel long, we are wishing for things to be different. I want to raise our awareness that can help us spiritually. Think of this Beatitude: "*Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.*" Generally speaking, in this country, our nature is often quite well-satisfied. So, a sense of longing can be pretty rare, except in these times. Jesus is the fulfillment of all of our hungers, our thirsts. But what if we're not aware of them? In this time, we can long for a greater love, peace, harmony, meaning, a new understanding. That might give us a sense of what it is to hunger and to thirst for righteousness. What is righteousness? It's the fullness of what God has to give us. We seek Him but sometimes we don't remember. Actually, there is a God-sized hole in each of us and only our Lord Himself can fill it. We can turn to Him with prayer, we can turn to Him in the Eucharist where He gives Himself to us, whether in the sacrament or spiritually if we can't be in the church.

Jesus Himself said these words in John's Gospel: *Jesus stood up in the temple and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him'." He said this is reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive.* The fullness of spiritual life comes through our Lord Himself. When we have found that, let's be aware to share that satisfaction with others who still don't know where to find fulfillment. Those, for instance, who are looking for love and goodness in all the wrong places. Those who are stuck on themselves, those who are condemnatory of others. They need our help to find what life is all about: hungering and thirst for God; the only true fulfillment. God bless you.

2021-2022 GCU (GREEK CATHOLIC UNION) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS: GCU invests in the goodness of education and believes that our young people will be tomorrow's leaders—the people who will carry our faith and traditions into the future. With the GCU scholarship program, they invest in their education so they can give back when it's their turn. To be eligible for a GCU scholarship, the student must be a member as of December 31, 2020, of the GCU, with either a permanent life certificate or an annuity with a minimum balance of \$2,000. Applications for the 2022 awards will be available from October 1 through December 31, 2021. Visit www.gcuusa.com for more information and to apply for a scholarship.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Be content and do not fear because God is with us.

Place a letter from the list in each circle to make a 4-letter word in each column. Read the message from God in the circles.

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EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: A fall craft project is being planned for Sunday, October 31st, along with a snack. Please send the church an email and RSVP for this project no later than October 22nd, so that we can ensure we have enough supplies. Also, visit www.godwithusonline.org, and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions, that you can use in your catechesis. **It is not too late to register, a child, for our ECF Program. Please send Fr. Serhii an email and let him know.**

"If we don't teach our children who God is, someone will teach them everything He is not!"

- Author Unknown

INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Fr. Joseph Borodach (he is a priest in the Pittsburgh Diocese and recovering from surgery – Uncle of Alex Demyan), Greg Rudy, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

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Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website and click on the Tithely link. **"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work"** (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

2021 "FALL" SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL – Saturday, November 20th from 10am – 2pm: Our festival will be for pre-orders/take-out only. **We need volunteers to help make our festival a success. Please be generous with your time.** Contact Mary Demyan, mdemya1@verizon.net or 410-591-5654, if you are able to volunteer. Festival order forms were recently mailed out and are also available on our website, under "News." You can either submit orders online, mail your form to the church rectory, or leave it in the collection basket, in the back of our Temple. There are also extra order forms, in envelopes, available on the shelf, in the Narthex, next to the stack of bulletins. **The pre-order date deadline is Monday, November 8, 2021.**

Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 9am – holupki making (volunteers are needed to help roll, cook, and clean-up)

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9am – kolachi making (we plan on making 400+ kolachi and need as many volunteers as possible to help roll, bake, package them, fill orders, and help in clean-up)

Friday, November 19, 2021, at 9am – volunteers needed to peel potatoes, cut onions, etc., along with setting up the hall up for the festival

Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 10am-2pm – volunteers needed to work the festival, as well as cleaning up after the festival

BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED: Gather up your favorite recipes and get the whole family involved! **We will be having a bake table, at our upcoming festival next month.** We welcome all kinds of baked goods. Please wrap/package your baked goods in sellable portions. **We also need someone to manage the bake table.** You can contact Mary Demyan, and let her know you will take on this task. Thank you in advance for your help!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

Veteran's Day Commemoration 2021

**All military veterans, living or deceased,
will be remembered at the Divine Liturgy on:
Sunday, November 7th**

Living Veterans:

Deceased Veterans:

Your Name:

Donation \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Rev. Serhii Deiak