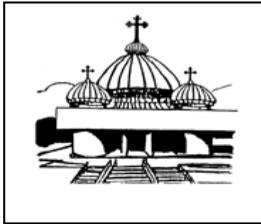


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DIVINE LITURGY:

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

Confession: Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

Baptisms & Marriages: By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

July 22, 2018 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: **1Corinthians 3 9-17** see explanation on page 381 Gospel: **Matthew**

14:22-34 see explanation on page 42 Propers for the Divine Liturgy: ***Tone 7 on page 353***

Prayer Intentions July 23-29

Monday – Friday No Divine Liturgy

Saturday 4:00 p.m. +Adela Martyn (40th day) – Mr. & Mrs. A. Pawluch

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Health of Anna Krawczuk – Klys/Selisnyj Family

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – English – for Parishioners

CABBAGE STEAMING – We need men to help steam the cabbage on Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Thank You in advance for your help.

CABBAGE WORKSHOP - we need your help cutting cabbage on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am. Thank you for your help.

FINANCES:

Available in the printed bulletin at the church.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Жертводавцям складаємо щиру подяку!

SUMMER STUDENT DONATION: We have hired one student, Kateryna Debruyn, for 10 weeks this summer. We are asking our parishioners for donations to help off-set this cost of summer employment. Any support you may offer will be greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's Men's Club
Golf Classic 2018

A great day was had by all
at our 14th annual golf tournament.

Thank you participants, sponsors, volunteers and guests
for your tremendous support.

"Y'all come back now, y'hear!?"

Lou Bukatowicz - convenor
Bill & Mary Evanochko - co-convenors

Matthew 14

What a stunning reversal! In most of the gospel stories, we see Jesus drawing his disciples' attention to the needs of the people around them—people who are like “sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). But today, we see the *disciples telling Jesus* about a hungry crowd of followers. In yet another unexpected reversal, Jesus turns the tables on the Twelve: “Give them some food yourselves” (Matthew 14:16). *I'm not the only one who can do these things; you can take care of them as well.*

Jesus' response no doubt takes the disciples by surprise. The little bit that they had couldn't possibly be enough. But Jesus doesn't scorn their contribution. Instead, he welcomes them into the miracle he is about to perform by commissioning them to distribute the food.

Give them some food yourselves. You can do it. That may not be what you want to hear when you bring your petitions to the Lord. Perhaps you are praying for a friend who is in a difficult situation. Like the disciples, you are

concerned, and so you ask Jesus to intervene. You ask him to perform a certain kind of miracle, and in a way, that makes sense to you. But what if Jesus sends you back to your friend and tells you to take care of her, just as he did with the apostles?

While we don't often hear Jesus saying something like this, this is what he is doing when miracles don't seem to flow automatically. He is inviting you to be Christ in that situation. Remember, he has given you his Spirit for a purpose. Of course he wants you to be part of his mission in the world! He loves using his people in creative, unexpected ways to bring about the miracles we long for.

Of course, Jesus doesn't expect you to do all the work any more than he expected his disciples to feed everyone by themselves. But he does want you to do some of the work. So bring his grace into situations of fear and darkness. Be his voice of comfort where there is sickness. Provide the embrace, the listening heart, and the steadying hands that so many need. You'll be giving them something to eat each time you do.

“Jesus, stretch my faith today. When I see someone in need, show me how to bring the miracle of your love to them.”

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