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Saturday, October 17, 2020

5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy (St. Mary’s): +Joyce & +Pete Sesti (requested by Helen & Mickey Nymick)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 – 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Music: Tone 3, pages 135-136

8:45 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (St. Anne’s): +John & +Margherita Uhrin (req. by John & Mary Ann Pittman)

11:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (St. Mary’s): +Margaret Hospodar (requested by her friend & neighbor)

THE SOWER AND THE SEED



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Jesus invites us today to look within ourselves: to be grateful for our good soil and to work on the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to receive the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if the stones of laziness are still numerous and large in us; let us identify and call by name the brambles of vices. Let us find the courage to make a good *soil remediation*, a good remediation of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and prayer our stones and our brambles. Thus Jesus, the good sower, will be happy to carry out an additional work: to purify our heart, removing the stones and thorns that choke the Word.

-- Pope Francis I (Angelus Message July 16, 2017)

Saturday, October 24, 2020

5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy (St. Mary’s): +Lindsey Alton-Dixon (requested by Tom & Marlene Dixon)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020 – 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Music: Tone 4, pages 141-142

8:45 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (St. Anne’s): +Robert L. Edwards (requested by the Susan Cooper Family)

11:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (St. Mary’s): +Kenneth Holliday (Anonymous Request)



ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
Gerald & Karen Holliday 10/19



ROSARY SOCIETY INTENTION
The Rosary Society intention for the month of October is: **FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTIONS.**



IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please remember in your prayers
Donald Jenkins; John Rhodes; Michael Goral; Mike Flinko; Susan Shearer & Val Hevner. *May God grant them many years!*

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS!



**WOMEN OF THE THEOTOKS
OCTOBER PROJECT
ALICE PAUL HOUSE
COLLECTION**

WISH LIST:

Paper towels	Napkins
Disinfecting Wipes	Kleenex
Laundry Detergent	Bleach
Pump Hand Soap	

GIFT CARDS:

Walmart	Dollar Tree
Sheetz	Giant Eagle
Dollar General	Martins
	Big Lots



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

+Charlotte P. Markovitch: The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of +Charlotte Markovitch as requested by her

husband, Mr. Joseph Markovitch. The one-year anniversary of her passing was September 29, 2020. *Mary God grant to His departed servant, +Charlotte, Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory! Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
WEDNESDAY**



Volunteers are needed Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. to prepare Power Packs for this month's distribution at Homer City Elementary Center. Thank you to all those who donated toward the Power Pack Program this month!! God Bless you for your generosity!

"Any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor."

--Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.

--Thomas Jefferson

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In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus recounts to the crowd the well-known Parable of the Sower. In a certain way it is an "autobiographical" passage, for it reflects the very experience of Jesus, of his preaching. He identifies himself with the sower who scatters the good seed of the Word of God and notes the different effects it obtains, in accordance with the way in which people hear the proclamation.

Some listen superficially to the Word but do not take it in; others accept it at the time but are unable to persevere and lose it all; there are those who are engrossed by worldly concerns and enticements; and those who listen receptively, like the good soil: here the word bears an abundance of fruit.

However this Gospel also puts the accent on Jesus' preaching "method", that is, on his use of parables. "Why do you speak to them in parables?", his disciples ask (Mt 13:10). And Jesus answers distinguishing between them and the crowd: to his disciples — namely to those who have already decided for him — he can speak openly about the Kingdom of God, to others, instead, he must proclaim it in parables, precisely to encourage their decision, conversion of the heart; indeed, by their very nature parables demand the effort of interpretation, they not only challenge the mind but also freedom. St John Chrysostom explained: "And this he [Jesus] says to draw them unto him, and to provoke them and to signify that if they would covert he would heal them" (cf. *Homily on the Gospel of Matthew, 45, 1-2*).

Basically, God's true "Parable" is Jesus himself, his Person who, in the sign of humanity, hides and at the same time reveals his divinity. In this manner God does not force us to believe in him but attracts us to him with the truth and goodness of his incarnate Son: love, in fact, always respects freedom.

--Pope Benedict XVI 7/10/2011