

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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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava Isusu Khristoo!

Oct. 16-17, 2021

The 21st Sunday

THIS WEEKEND we plan to livestream the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, the 17th at 9 am via the Youtube platform. Please inform all your relatives and friends about this great chance to sing and pray with us, as we call out our prayers and praises unto the Lord God. Our plan is to livestream the Liturgy next weekend on Saturday, the 23rd, 6 pm.

ON THURSDAY we sang the burial liturgy for +Michael Homa, 73, brother of Anna, Donna and Dr. George Homa. We are confident that the Good Lord Jesus will now take +Michael home to heaven to be with his parents Joseph and Mary Homa, VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS thank all our dear faithful for their donations to support the Pro-Life movement. we also thank our faithful for their generosity in this regard.

WE STILL MAY HAVE COPIES OF Father's most recent publication in "The Fisherman" magazine. The piece tells the story of Father's first fishing trip with his Dad Peter to the Chesapeake Bay.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM, CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA Google Meet, is doing quite well with about 55 students, ten catechists, three support persons. we still have room for a few more students. To enroll a child in our school, simply beam up our parish website and fill out the registration form.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL OUR AILING AND ELDERLY FOLKS INCLUDING Luba Jackson, the Katarynick Family, Irene Dychdala, the Tomchick Family, Marie Seder, Jimmy Deskiewicz and all our struggling faithful.

WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL to all our faithful parishioners for their generosity toward our Parish. We thank the folks who donated in church and those who donated via the US Mail. God bless all our good folks who love the Lord and His holy Church here in Bridgeport.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 16, 6 pm

+Marianne Cameron (Barrett Family)

Sunday, Oct. 17, 9 am

+Maruszczak, Fonock Fam. (Children)

Saturday, Oct. 23, 6 pm

+John Grohoski (Michele Basmajian)

Sunday, Oct. 24, 9 am

+George, Mary (Elaine, Cindy)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

When the women disciples of the Lord learned the glad tidings of the Resurrection, and cast aside the curse of their Forefathers, they called out to the Apostles: "Death is overthrown, Christ-God is risen, granting mercy to the world."

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

My Savior and Redeemer in that He was God, rose from earthborn bonds and destroyed the gates of Hell, and as Lord He rose up on the third day, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

O Lord, Your works are glorious, and in wisdom You created all things, amen.

LOVE, Fr. Ronald