Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Icon of the Healing of the Gerasenes (Luke 8:26-39)

Jesus Casts Out the Demons

What have I to do with You… I beg You, do not torment me! This was the demonic spirit within the possessed man, not the man himself. The demon did not want to leave the body he inhabited.

1. Demonic possession is when a demonic spirit resides in a human body, and at times will exhibit its own personality through the personality of the host body. Demonic possession is a reality today, though we must guard against either ignoring demonic activity or over-emphasizing supposed demonic activity.

2. We are not told specifically how a person becomes demon possessed, other than the inference that it must be by some sort of invitation, whether offered knowingly or not.

3. Superstition, fortunetelling, so-called harmless occult games and practices, spiritism, New Age deception, magic, drug taking and other things open doors of deception to the believer, and real demonic danger to the unbeliever.

4. People often get involved in the occult or demonic things because there is something there that seems to work. Unfortunately it is not something at work, but a someone at work – a demonic spirit.

5. We can say that demons want to inhabit bodies for the same reason why the vandal wants a spray can, or a violent man wants a gun – a body is a weapon that they can use in their attack against God. Demons also attack men because they hate the image of God in man, so they try to mar that image, by debasing man and making him grotesque.

6. Demons have the same goal in Christians (to wreck the image of God) but their tactics are restricted; in regard to Christians, demonic spirits were disarmed by Jesus' work on the cross (Colossians 2:15), though they can both deceive and intimidate Christians, binding them with fear and unbelief.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Khristoo!

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The 23rd Sunday

THIS WEEKEND we will live stream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday at 9 am on the YOUTUBE platform for the convenience of all our faithful, near and far. Next weekend we plan to once again livestream the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, the 6th of November, at 6 pm. Be sure to inform all your brothers and sisters about this wonderful service we provide.

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL BEGIN COUNTING THE FOLKS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE HOLY liturgies, in accord with the instruction of Archbishop Borys. Please be sure that you and all your family attend services in the coming weeks so that both Our Lord and Bishop might see our strong faith.

OUR PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GOING STRONG NOW at the midpoint of the fall semester. To register a student in our school, simply beam up the parish website and fill out the school registration form. We will then contact you and direct you to the proper classroom on GOOGLE MEET for the Sunday, 11 am school session. It's all free and all for you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE GIVEN US THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE scholarships they award every year. These monetary awards will be distributed to parish students in attendance in a Catholic school, from elementary through college. See Father after Liturgy for an application packet.

TODAY READINGS INCLUDE: St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (2:4-10) about the vastness of God's love. The Gospel reading is from St. Luke Chapter 8, Verses 26-39, about the possessed man and his encounter with the Lord and subsequent healing.

A FEW COPIES may remain of Father Ronald's first fishing trip with his Dad Peter. The story was published in THE FISHERMAN" in this October,s edition. See Father for a copy of the story.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parish ailing and elderly folks, particularly: Tom Newmaster, Luba Jackson, Irene Dychdala, Marie Seder, Jim Deskiewicz, the Katarynick Family, Tomchick Family, and all our ailing and struggling faithful. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a call...?

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DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Oct. 30, 6 pm	+Dorothy Saboe (The Parish) +Lev Markiw, David, Bob (The Markiw Family)
Sunday, Oct. 31, 9 am	+Dr. Howard Leyboldt (Wife Joanne)
Saturday, Nov. 6, 6 pm	+Horace, Mark (Mary Ellen Hitchens)
Sunday, Nov. 7, 9 am	+Fonock, Maruszczak, Bednar Fam.(Bill M.)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Angelic Powers were on Your sepulchre, as the guards became deadlike, as Mary stood by the tomb seekingYour most pure Body. You, O Lord, captured hell yet were not detained by it. You are the Giver of Life, glory be to You!
GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE Son...

TODAY"S KONTAK: When Christ God raised up the dead from the valley of gloom, He gave Resurrection to all the human race. He is the Savior, the Life and God of all mankind.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, save Your People, bless Your Inheritance.

LOVE, Fr. Ronald