

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Sergius and Bacchus -- October 7th

Heroic Spirit of Priests

The shepherd needs great wisdom and a thousand eyes to examine the soul's condition from every angle ... The shepherd of sheep has the flock following him wherever he leads; or if some turn aside from the direct path and leave the good pasture to graze in barren and dangerous places, it is enough for him to call loudly, drive them back again, and restore to the flock those who were separated. But if a man wanders away from the right faith, the shepherd needs a lot of concentration, perseverance, and patience. He cannot drag by force or constrain by fear, but must by persuasion lead him back to the true beginning from which he has fallen away. He needs a heroic spirit, not to grow despondent or neglect the salvation of the wanderers, but to keep on thinking and saying: 'Perhaps God may give them the knowledge of the truth and they may be freed from the snare of the devil.'

His sheep was a sign of love for Himself ... God has given greater power to priests than to natural parents, not only for punishment, but also for help. The difference between the two is as great as between the present and the future life. Parents bring us into this life; priests into the life to come. Parents cannot avert bodily death nor drive away the onset of disease; priests have often saved the soul that is sick and at the point of death, by making the punishment milder for some, and preventing others from ever incurring it, not only through instruction and warning, but also through helping them by prayer. They have authority to remit sins, not only when they regenerate us, but afterwards too ... Again, natural parents cannot help their sons if they fall foul of the prominent and powerful, but priests have often appeased the anger of God himself, to say nothing of rulers and kings.

It is not surprising that the Lord said concern for

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

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The 19th Sun.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is off to a great start this fall with some 75-80 students already enrolled. A few youths are still MIA, however, and they can still register for this new school year. We are so grateful to all our School Staff, Teachers and Principals, as well as all our good parents who bring their young ones to School Sunday at 10.

WE ARE ORGANIZING a Girls' Sodality within the framework of our Sunday School and will meet with our teenage girls this Sunday after School. Denise Daniels and Michele Burns have agreed to be moderators of this group, which will have both a service and social mission in our parish. All our young girls are welcome to be members.

THE ADULT SEMINAR "Sundays with Father" will meet next Sunday, Oct. 13, at 10:10 am on the topic of "Our Christian-Catholic Morality". We will discuss the source of our moral teaching. Where do our moral laws come from? Are there exceptions to these laws? Do these laws change over time? So come and learn with us next Sunday!

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 13, at 6 pm we will celebrate "New Life" by personally inviting all our new parents along with their newborns to Church. We have not seen some of these infants since they were baptized the past year or so. After the Liturgy we will bless all the newborns with holy oil along with their parents.

OUR CHURCH has a new and beautiful website thanks to techie Denise Daniels. Check it out and you will be truly amazed!

www.sspeterpaulukrchurch.us/

ON THURSDAY we sang the burial liturgy for +Mary "Mamie" Budick, 81, wife of Joseph and mother of Joseph Jr. and Linda Ley. Mamie was a faithful parishioner and terrific worker in our Parish Hall. Today we all pray that our Lord will grant her peace - VICHNAYA PAMYAT.

ON WEDNESDAY we successfully removed the 500 gal. oil tank from the church property. Now all our buildings are heated by natural gas furnaces with no more remnants of our old oil heating systems.

OUR PARISH HAS wheel-chairs and even a walker for use by our people and friends. They are yours for the asking!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Barbara and Anna Boychuck (John and Billy)
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful & Olga Dryer (The Glowa Family)
Thursday, 7 am +Mary Budick (The Pogash Family)
Friday, 7 am +Elise Gombos (Olga Orenak)
Saturday, 8 am +George Dychdala (The Simko Family)
Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful
Sunday, 9 am +Walter Paul (The Paul Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal,
You vanquished hell with the splendor of Your Divinity. When You raised up the dead from teh subterranean abodes, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Life-Giver Christ our God, Glory be to You."

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: You did rise from the tomb, O Savior Almighty, and hell saw this miracle and was afriad. Creation also saw this and exulted with You, as Adam and Eve rejoice. The world, O My Savior, praises You forever.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: My strength and my song is the Lord, Who has been my salvation, amen.

F. Soudal