

Prove Your Faith by Your Trust

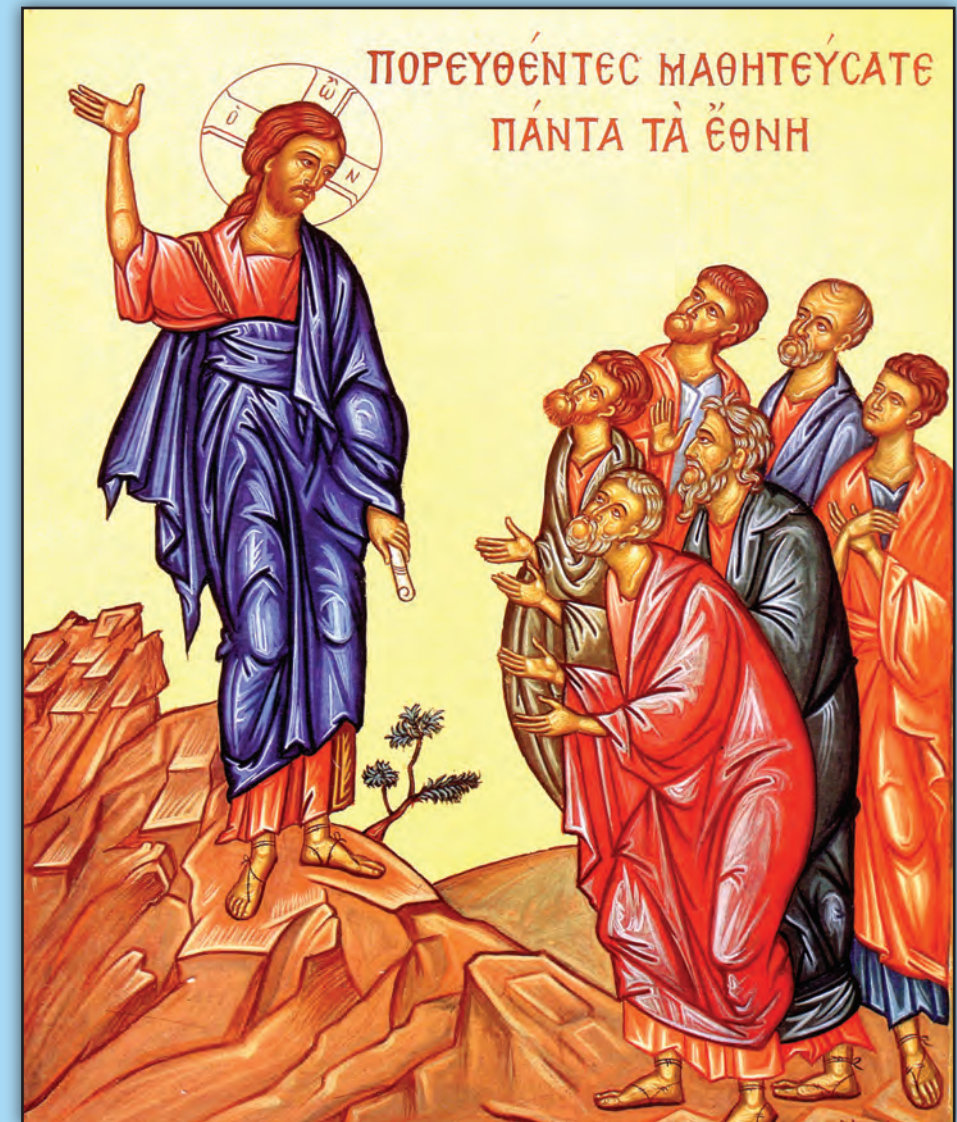
‘Look at the birds of the air,’ says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence bestows an unfailing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people’s supply running short is human greed. The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. ‘Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass

which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!’ Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from Providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

St. Ambrose of Milan

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| Sunday June 18 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | Father’s Day (Living and Deceased Fathers) (For the Parish) |
| Thursday June 22 9:00 p.m. | (+Marguerite Soulsbury from AM Gogniat)) |
| Friday June 23 9:00 a.m. | (+Motria Sloniewsky from Family) |
| Sunday June 25 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | Sunday of All Ukrainian Saints (For the Parish) (+Ivan and +Stephania Fur from the Futey Family) |

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

Today’s Scripture readings speak of faith, which is “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). The Epistle tells us, “now that we have been justified through faith, let us have peace with God.” In today’s world we desperately need peace: All over the world, and especially in our country, we see civil unrest, riots, disease, injustice, and death. Yet Saint Paul says that we Christians “exult in tribulations.” That’s not to say that we are glad these terrible things are happening, but we rejoice because through them God works good: “tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God’s love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” By suffering, God makes us stronger, better people. Though the gift of faith, we have hope, we can be sure of God’s love for us, and that He has a plan. God is taking care of us, and St Paul explains why we can be sure of this, saying that, though we would be hesitant to give our lives even for righteous men, Jesus gave His life for us, even though we are sinners! The Gospel reading continues this theme, comparing us to birds and the flowers. Jesus says “But if God so clothes the wild flower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore do not be anxious.” Jesus is telling us to trust Him completely, not worrying about tomorrow. But this doesn’t mean that we should do nothing. We should give ourselves over to God completely. In the last verse of today’s gospel, Jesus says, “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” In other words, if we seek God in all things and at all times, and we strive to do His will and follow His commandments, then He will take care of us and make sure that we have what we need. Jesus tells us that, to do this, we must make sure our spiritual eyes are healthy. We need to pray often, and look at God, and not at the chaos and evil in the world around us, lest we forget Him. If we do this, as Saint Paul tells us, we will have peace. (But that doesn’t mean we won’t have trials and troubles, for trials and tribulations make us stronger!)

Happy Father’s Day 2023

This Sunday, we greet all of the Fathers of our Parish and wish them God’s choicest blessings. Our Fathers are called to be good role models and guardians of our families. Especially in our Parish of the Holy Family, may St. Joseph, faithful foster-father of Our Lord, and faithful spouse of our Ever-Blessed Mother, intercede before our Lord Jesus Christ for health and blessings upon our Living Fathers and for mercy and eternal life upon our Deceased Fathers.