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6th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30am – General Confession
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: **Rom. 12:6-14**
Gospel: **Matt. 9:1-8**
- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by John Korello in honor of all our troops.

Schedule of Services

Wednesday, July 7th
6:00pm – choir rehearsal

Saturday, July 10th
6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, July 11th
9:00am – Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida and Coffe Hour in memory of Halina & Jan Szeszawiczy & John Gryc offered by Walentyna & Mirosław Szeszawiczy

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If you have any information to be added into weekly bulletin, please send your info to

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Are You Also Still Without Understanding?

On July 7th and 8th we read Matthew 14:35-15:21. The reading starts on a wonderful note as Jesus walks among His people. They send word around the whole region, and soon all who are sick come, press close, and touch the fringe (or tassel, worn by every pious Jew) of His garment. Then we read that "... as many as touched it were made well."

But in the very next verse we are moved away from this beautiful picture of the Savior surrounded by and ministering to the sick. The scribes and Pharisees challenge Jesus with a question: "Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." Once again, Jesus' piety and His healing miracles are of no interest to His opponents. They are seeking a way to undermine Him, and they have both authority and a reputation as learned men, because they come from Jerusalem, the center of the Jewish faith. They are formidable enemies.

But Jesus is quick with a challenge of His own. He refers to a rule of the Pharisees that says a man who has vowed to give his property to God can excuse himself, because of that vow, from the duty of supporting his parents. Jesus calls this an example of "tradition" being put ahead of what anyone knows is right and good—to care for those who raised us. It is a transgression of God's commandment to honor your father and mother.

Next, Jesus applies Isaiah's powerful words to the Pharisees, warning them to adhere to the word of God rather than human tradition. He calls the people to Him, and tells them, "Hear and understand: not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." When the disciples warn Him that the Pharisees are offended by this apparent disrespect for ritual and tradition, He describes them as "blind guides" (meaning morally blind) and tells the disciples to let them alone. They are tied to their human traditions, and those

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinsky, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

traditions, not having been "planted" by His Father, "will be rooted up."

Yet even the disciples need an explanation of what Jesus has said, so He provides it, while expressing His sadness, or perhaps surprise, that they are "also still without understanding." He says that what goes into the stomach simply passes through the body. The things that come out of the mouth are far more able to defile us, because they proceed from the heart.

Verse 19, in which Jesus names some of the most terrible of these things, reminds us that we have spiritual work to do. We must pray and struggle so that we can avoid and overcome the things He has named.

Verse 20, in which He says that eating with unwashed hands won't defile anyone, reminds us of the reason why the Pharisees hated and feared him, and would work so diligently to destroy Him.



Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in honor of Grandpa John Wanko's Birthday – by Grandchildren.



Announcements

❖ Thank you very much to all of you who participated in the cervices and picnic for the feast of our patrons saints last week. Beautiful cervices were served and we also had a joyous time at our festal picnic. Thank you for all your delicious dishes and for the cleanup afterwards, which was a breeze... Some of the pictures are already available on our web site.

❖ There will be a choir rehearsal this Wednesday, July 7 at 6:00pm. All Choir Members are urged to attend. Please remember that practice makes perfect. Your participation is desperately needed.

❖ Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed. Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: July 11 – by Walentyna & Mirosław Szeszawiczy; July 18 – by Wasilewski Family.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Mr. John Wanko, Mrs. Galina Harasim, Mr. George Hook and all who celebrate their birthdays in the month of July! God Bless you with good health and happiness for Many, Many, Many Years! Многая лета!

Welcome to our Parish

We warmly welcome all families, friends and guests to our parish. We are glad to pray with you here today. Over the past eighty-six years, hundreds of people have called Ss. Peter and Paul their home. If this parish is the kind of a spiritual home you have been searching for, we would love to have you become a part of our family.