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September 19, 2010

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross.

- 9:10am – Reading of Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: **2 Cor. 6:16-7:1**
Gospel: **Matt. 15:21-28**
- 11:00am – Carpathian Club Picnic – Please join us for picnic, organized by Carpathian Club. Everyone is welcome. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, September 25
6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, September 26
9:10am – Reading of Hours
9:30am – Divine Liturgy

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If you have any information to be added into weekly bulletin, please send your info to Fr.IgorKsn@gmail.com

The gospel for this Sunday describes how a Canaanite woman comes up to Jesus. Her daughter is possessed with a devil, and she implores Jesus and cries out to Him; but Jesus does not answer, and His disciples want Him to tell her to go away. Jesus then says that He has only been sent to the lost sheep in Israel; but still the woman is not discouraged and keeps on insistently. Jesus answers her with apparent hardness: *is He to take the bread from the children to cast it to the dogs? Truth, Lord, says the woman humbly, but the dogs themselves eat the crumbs which fall from the table. "Great is thy faith" Jesus says to her: let it be done unto this woman according to her faith. And her daughter is immediately made whole.*

This episode shows how the mission of the Messiah, at first destined for the Jews, is graciously extended to the Gentiles. Spiritually, this gospel shows what intense faith, and prayer which is humble and insistent can achieve. Jesus seems to be silent. He seems to say hard things (but, perhaps, when He spoke of the children's bread that is not cast to the dogs, this hardness was tempered by a smile). Our Lord acts in this way when He wants to test the strength of our faith. But He does not refuse His grace to someone who is humble enough to compare themselves to a dog feeding on crumbs fallen from the table. Let us look at the Canaanite woman's reaction when Jesus says that He has only been sent to the lost sheep of Israel: "Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, Lord help me". It is often at the very moment when Jesus seems to put up a decisive refusal that we must redouble our faith, come near to Him, worship Him and beg for His help. The formula 'help me' is always acceptable to the Lord, even if the particular form of help we are seeking is not that which He desires to give us. "Lord, Thou dost say "no: to me. I come to Thee and adore Thee: help me as Thou dost judge it good".

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, George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, 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!

Special Thank You

to all of you who made donations to decorate the Holy Cross of the Lord with flowers. May God's Blessings be upon you!



Today's Memorial Offering

• **Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of Mary Grudinoff – Anniversary of Death – by John & Helen Wanko.

• **St. Nicholas's Cross** – in memory of Mary Grudinoff – Anniversary of Birth – by John & Helen Wanko



Announcements

❖ Mark your calendars: We are pleased to announce that His Grace Bishop Michael will visit our parish on the Thanksgiving weekend of November 27 & 28. More details are coming up. Please save these dates and plan to attend on both days.

❖ We are planning to install new carpet in our Church. If you would like to support this project, please make your contribution at the candle desk. Thank you.

❖ The Bayonne "R" Club will be holding their annual flea market in a few weeks. If necessary, please contact any member to arrange for pick up of donated items.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk.

❖ Available at the candle desk are memorial candles, Altar bread and wine to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

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.