

Christ Continues to Catch People

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder had made them mute, they beckoned to their partners,

to those who shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey.

For many have taken part with the Holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria



Icon of the Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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September 27, 2020

First Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

– 18th after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle 2 Cor 9:6-11

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

Next Sunday: Epistle 2 Cor 11:31-33

Gospel Lk 6:31-36

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 9/28

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 9/29

8:30am Divine Liturgy: Happy Anniversary Fr. Ovidiu and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean by Doru and Ann

Wednesday 9/30

8:30am Divine Liturgy:

Thursday 10/1

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Earl and +Jodie Fosnaught and +Ioan and +Rhegina Igna by Family

Friday 10/2

8:30am Divine Liturgy: For the living and deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary

Saturday 10/3

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 10/4

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Parastas: Babb and Ungruean Family

Church Bulletin donated in September 2020 by Ana and William Galida for health and salvation of Barbara Greavu.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

All are invited to coffee hour in the small hall and outside provided by Grete and Daniel Heatherly in celebration of Ana Heim's birthday. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: September 20, 2020

Loose	\$7.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,765.00
Donation for Fr. Radu	\$25.00
Bulletin sponsor for October	\$40.00
Candles	<u>\$71.00</u>
Total	\$1,908.00

Donations by Craciun Family

+Fica Barcutian, brother of Liviu Barcutian	\$100.00
In memory of Apan and Odesteanu Family	\$50.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Earl and Amparo Adkins
H/S Stella Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Suzie Dragos and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Rita Cristea and Family	Mircea Cristea

H/S Howard Parker
H/S Family

Scott and Jaime Parker
George and Maria Marcu

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Missy Lawver, Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family for the health of Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **Maria Poplacean in honor of the living and in memory of the deceased persons that were born in the month of September: In honor of Vicky Unger,**

Connie Unger, Sharon Ernst, Jennifer Johnson, Ana Heim, Ana Ivanus. In memory of Bishop +Louis Puscas, +Opal Junka, +Sherry (Hank) Valentine.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated in **celebration of Grete and Daniel Heatherly's 10th wedding anniversary and Fr. Ovi and P-sa Gabriela Marginean's 18th wedding anniversary by Ana and William Galida. Congratulations and many healthy and happy years to all!**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated **Tony Orlando.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for August 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Magnificat of Stark County is presenting a ***Life in the Spirit Seminar.*** It will begin on October 5th and meet weekly thru November 16 from 6:30-9pm. Please RSVP by October 2 to Rosemary Pfiffner (330) 499-9371. Life in the Spirit is **OPEN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN** and will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church in North Canton OH. Social distancing and all COVID requirements will be in place. For more information, please call Rosemary Pfiffner @ 330.499.9371. "Let anyone who thirst come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him." ~John 7:37-38 SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 to cover materials. If you cannot afford the donation, please let us know.

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website:

stgeorge.click2stream.com. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to smile.amazon.com. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using smile.amazon.com!

Benefit Dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will be hosted on Saturday, November 7th, at a new location: Saint Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Cleveland. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required by October 26. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy buffet dinner, entertainment and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. If an in-person event is not possible, a live online event may be held. For more information and to register my please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

Parish events:

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30pm.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30pm.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

Their Mothers May Have Said:

“Sampson! Get your hand out of that lion. You don't know where it's been!”

“David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We paid good money for those lessons.”

“Abraham! Stop wandering around the countryside and get home for supper.”

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! I told you never to play with fire!”

“Cane! Get off your brother! You're going to kill him some day!”

“Noah! No, you can't keep them! How many times do I have to tell you, don't bring home any more strays.”

“Gideon! Have you been hiding in that wine press again? Look at your clothes.”

“James and John! No more burping contest at the dinner table, please people are going to call you the sons of thunder.”

“Judas! Have you been in my purse again?”

“Jesus! Be careful with those tools; you don't want to put a nail through your finger.”

Word of Life

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. “Every Suicide is Tragic”

For all who are forgotten or cast off,
especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged:
may they be treated according to the dignity
with which God created them;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*

Alex Rotar – September 28th

Ana Heim – September 28th

Gabriel Stoffer – September 29th

Joey Stoffer – September 3rd

	Mon 9/28	Tue 9/29	Wed 9/30	Thu 10/1	Fri 10/2	Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4
	Ana Heim's birthday Alex Rotar's Birthday Very Rev. Ovidiu and Ven. Father Chariton	Gabriel Stoffer's Ven. Father Cyriacus	Hieromartyr Gregory Abstinence	Apostle Ananias. Ven.	Cyprian and Justina, +Rev. Fr. Eugen Abstinence	Shafeek and Patricia Joey Stoffer's H. Father Dionysius +Bishop Vasile Louis	H. Father Hierotheus, 2nd SUNDAY AFTER
5am							
6am							
7am							
8am							
9am			Liturgy: Happy Birthday Nuți! 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: +Earl and +Jodie Fosnaught and +Ioan and +Reghina Igna by Family	Liturgy: For the living and deceased members of the Ladies Auxiliary		
10am							
11am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
12pm							Coffee: Babb Family 11:30am
1pm							Parastas: Babb and Ungurea n Family
2pm							
3pm							

HOW MANY TV CHANNELS can you access – 300, 400, more? How many do you actually use? How fast can your car travel – 150 mph? How fast do you actually drive? Does your Smartphone have more apps than you'll ever use? Manufacturers design their products based on the conviction that people want more than they really need. As humorist Will Rogers said back in the 1920s, "Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like."

This dynamic, called consumerism, has been known for over 100 years. As more people became financially able to buy more, do more, and travel more "conspicuous consumption" became a way of life for an increasing number of people, particularly in Europe and America. The great symbol of this phenomenon, at least in the U.S. has been "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, when people descend on stores in a Christmas Shopping frenzy to grab the latest thing before it's sold out.

Pope Francis has repeatedly denounced a way of life devoted to conspicuous consumption, contrasting it to a Christ-centered way of life. "The encounter with the living Jesus, in the great family that is the Church, fills the heart with joy, because it fills it with true life, a profound goodness that does not pass away or decay.

"But this experience must face the daily vanity, the poison of emptiness that insinuates itself into our society based on profit and having (things), that deludes

young people with consumerism," he said before thousands in St Peter's Square.

"Young people are particularly sensitive to the emptiness of meaning and values that surrounds them. And they, unfortunately, pay the consequences."

Critics have accused the pope of introducing socialism or even Marxism into Church teaching. In fact, the anti-consumerism he espouses may be found in the New Testament and even in pre-Christian philosophers.

How God Provides

St Paul sets forth his "Christian economics" in 2 Corinthians 9:8 – "*God is able to make every gift abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work*". The first plank in his three-fold approach is to recognize that **God is able to provide for us**. We often emphasize our own contribution to life, forgetting that our talents, our abilities, our very existence comes from God. As we read in the Epistle of James – and repeat regularly in the Divine Liturgy – "*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights...*" (Jas 1:17). We are, to be sure, co-creators with Him by virtue of our creation in His image; but there is nothing good wrought by our hand apart from Him.

Secondly, God provides for us in a specific manner. He provides for us *all sufficiency in all things*. In other words, He guarantees that we have **everything we truly need**.

Third, He guarantees us *an abundance*, over and above what we need, but for a specific purpose: *for every good work*. We have enough for what we actually require and even more, for the purpose of doing good.

What Do We "Need?"

St Paul's economics are easy to understand in principle, but we find ourselves with a lot of questions when we try to apply his teaching. When does "need" – I must have – become "excess" – I can use or I want? And is it good for me to have everything I want and can afford?

We recognize the negative effects on our body if we eat or drink to excess. But there are even more serious effects on our soul. Our physical cravings can lead to a psychological dependency: the feeling that I can't live without X, Y or Z. Overeating leads to overweight, physical discomfort and illness; overdependence on material things leads to psychological unhappiness and spiritual emptiness.

Philosophers throughout the ancient world recognized this apart from Christianity. Lao-Tzu, the fifth-century BC Chinese author of the *Tao Te Ching* said it this way: "To know you have enough is to be rich." The first-century Roman philosopher Seneca noted, "*It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor.*" Another Stoic philosopher, Epictetus, Himself born into slavery, had so freed himself from dependence on the material that he reportedly said in AD 55 that, "*Contentment comes not so much from great*

wealth as from few wants.” These pagan philosophers would likely have agreed with the Lord when He said, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man [i.e. one dependent on his material wealth] to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mk 10:25; Lk 18:25).

Enough vs. Abundance

St. Paul is clear: the purpose of any abundance we may be given is for doing every good work. Do you have more than you need? Don’t look to add to your holdings – you will simply be frustrating God’s purpose for your life. As the Prophet Isaiah warned those who build their life around making more than they need, “*Woe to those who add house to house and field to field... their many houses shall be desolate*” (Is 5:8, 9). Wealth, it must be said, is not wrong. Not using it according to God’s plan turns it – and us – aside from God and His way.

Even this is a principle that non-Christians and non-believers of every kind have espoused. This is evident in the way people have made their own the saying “Live simply, so others may simply live.” Non-Christians have attributed it to Mohandas Gandhi, the Indian nationalist or to Henry David Thoreau, the nineteenth-century American Transcendentalist thinker. Roman Catholics have found it in the writings of Mother Theresa of Calcutta or in the teachings of their first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. The idea is clearly easy to accept, but demanding when we try to put it in practice.

One help for those who might try to devote their abundance to the doing of good is the teaching of St John Chrysostom. He reminds us that God’s purpose in commanding almsgiving is not only for the sake of the recipient. It is also, if not primarily, for the donor. The recipient of alms receives physical sustenance but the giver of alms grows in his or her spirit, imitating the Giver of all good gifts.

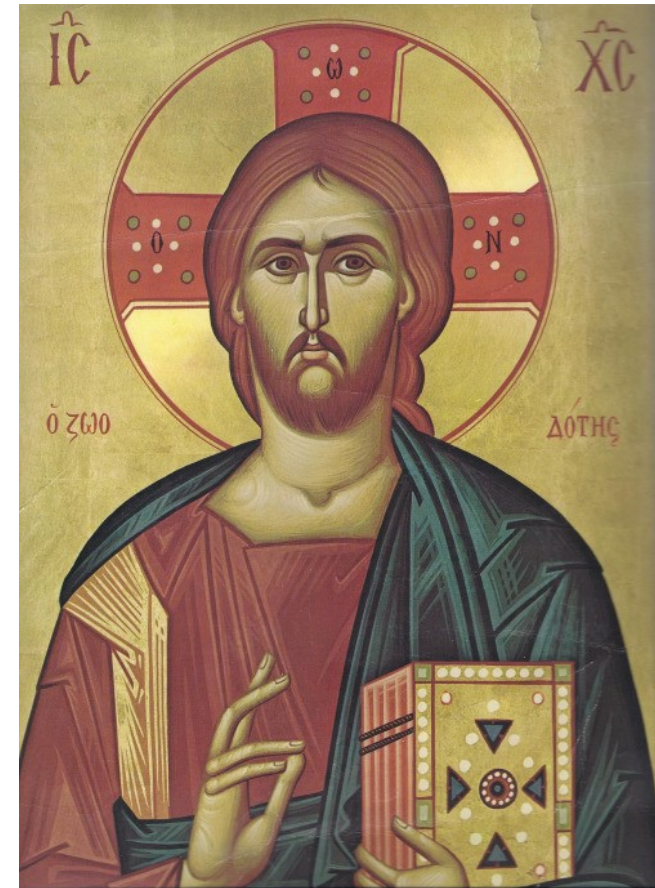
St John Chrysostom on Almsgiving

We are given time by our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ for the seeds of almsgiving to fall upon our hearing. Christ has given us the sower to imitate. He sowed his seed on good earth and from it reaped a hundred fold. Hear the message proclaimed by his action.

Behold, the lovers of God, the lovers of honor, and the lovers of the poor are all gathered together as in an arena – God is standing by, receiving the little money given by the lovers of the poor and granting them in exchange the kingdom of heaven. I beg you, let none of us forfeit this grace. Let none of us neglect this great and world-transcending gift for the sake of a little money. I entreat all of you: with diligence let us purchase the kingdom of heaven.

First Homily on Almsgiving

*First Sunday after Holy Cross
(17 Pentecost, 1 St Luke)*



The Giver of All Good Gifts