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### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Epistle: Corinthians (3:9-17) Gospel: Matthew (14:22-34)*

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waes, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the dsiciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

#### TROPARION TONE VIII

You did descend from on high, O Merciful One! You did accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to You!

#### KONTAKION TONE VIII

By rising from the tomb, You did raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Father George, the committees, and the St. Nicholas Parish** would like to thank **all** involved who made vacation church camp a huge success for all children! To all the parents and those who donated, thank you for your time, effort, and contributions.

### Important Dates:

**Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – There will be no Divine Liturgy served for Saint Elijah.**

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> -** Diocesan Day at Shadeland! Divine Liturgy at 10:00. Picnic immediately following Liturgy with the performance beginning at 1:00. Cevapi, food, beverages will be served. Please support our children and Shadeland!

**Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> –** The Saint Nicholas Maintenance Committee is sponsoring an "Oldies Concert/Dinner Dance". The proceeds will be used to purchase a storage shed. A basket auction will be available with the following themes: Golf, Pittsburgh sports, lottery tickets, Bath & Body Works, gift cards, wine, liquor/bourbon, and scrapbooking. Additionally, a small freezer of meat will be raffled! The Maintenance Committee will purchase all items and assemble baskets. We are asking all auxiliary organizations, committees, and parishioners for a monetary donation to offset the costs. We are suggesting a minimum donation of \$10 per person. Money may be given to: Sondra Deaunovich, Natalia Petrulli, or Susan Glenn. Thank you for your help!

### REMINDERS

**Adult Bible Study –** Cancelled for Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Vespers** ó Saturday evening 6:00 p.m. Confession 6:30 p.m.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT: FAITH AND DOUBT

Today's gospel speaks of faith and doubt. When all is well in our lives, doesn't it seem easier to have faith in God? Yet, when we come to a difficult time, when the waters become rough and the wind is intense, our fear rises to the surface and takes over our reassurance. Why do we allow that to happen? Doubt is an experience common to all *people*. Our minds tend to doubt and fear and question what the Holy Gospel says rather than simply believe. **We** are the imperfect humans, we are Peter in today's gospel, who must work constantly on not having "double-mindedness". Double-mindedness is a result of a person's beliefs always changing. The Bible says, "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." (James 1:6-8). Doubting and faith, therefore, are in direct opposition.

Jesus knew God's plan for His life. It was the most difficult plan that anyone could imagine. Yet, He stayed the course; He had faith in His Father – our Father. We, like Jesus, are children of God, and He is the loving, compassionate, ever-present parent. Rely on that; trust in that. Regardless of our sins, our doubts, our fears, God still loves us and always will.





