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Christ Continues to Catch People

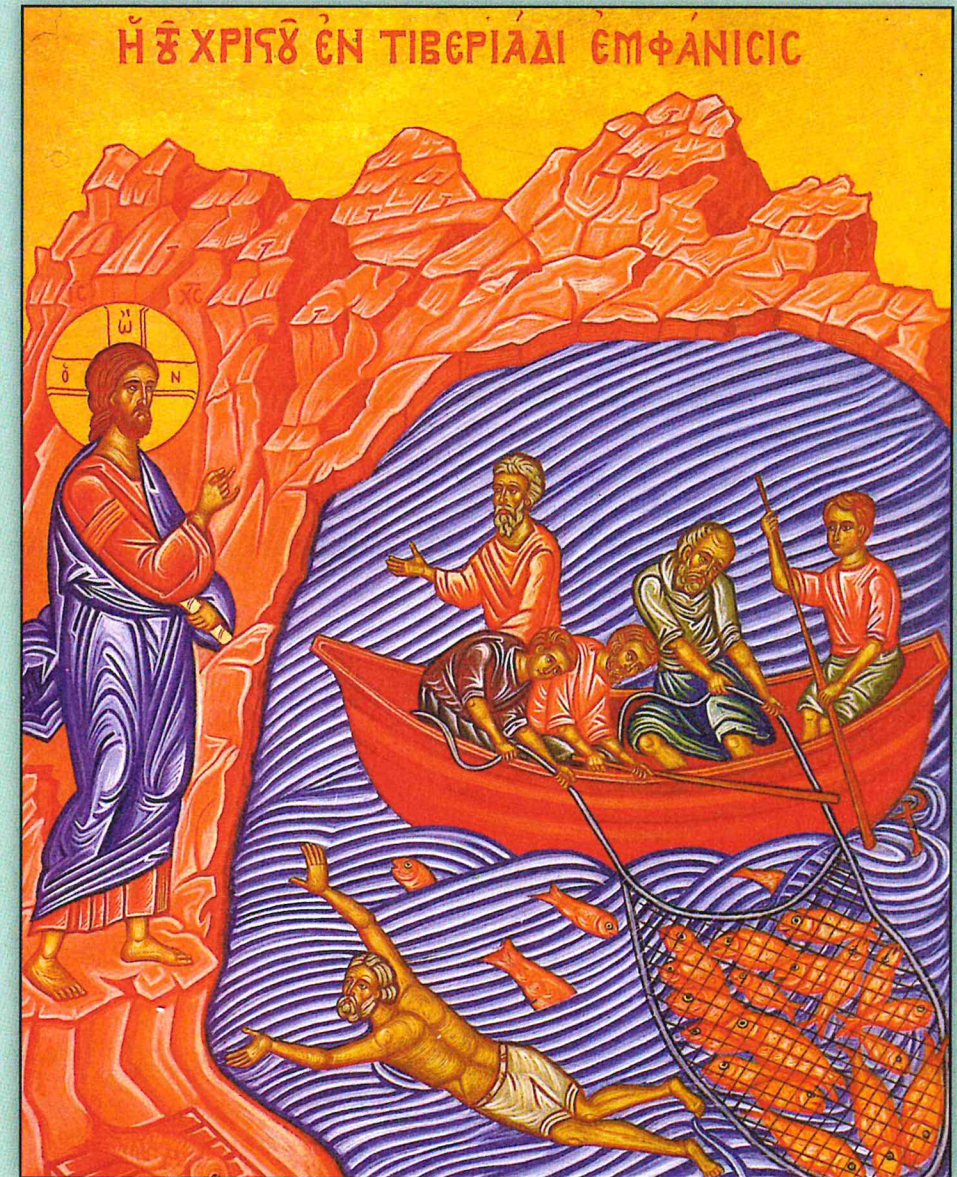
He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign 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

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Catch of Fish

15th Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tone 7

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

September 17– September 23, 2023.

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + **Irene Tkachyk** req. by Alice Kennedy

Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners** (livestreamed)

Monday 9:00 a.m. No Liturgy this week

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Annual

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Eparchial

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Priests'

Friday 9:00 a.m. Retreat

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. +**Dawn & +Joseph Erdock, Jr** req. by Joseph Erdock, Sr

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners** (livestreamed)

Epistle Readers: 9/3 – Dolores Kramer; 9/8 – Beverly Kostishak; 9/10 – Ellen Sinkovich; 9/14 – Marie Wanchick; 9/17 – Judy Kostura; 9/24 – Beverly Kostishak; 10/1 – Jennifer Keer.

Candle Offering:

Breakfast with Father:

Sunday, October 8, 2023 following the Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

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Eastern Christian Formation Class:

As noted in last week's bulletin, our ECF classes resume today.

18th Sunday After Pentecost

God's initiative is very much at work in today's Scripture readings. Simon Peter's "vision," his experience of God, that happens by virtue of Jesus' action forces him not only to be overwhelmed but to become acutely aware of his own condition: "I am a sinful man," he cries out. Both sin or transgression and its consequences are denoted by the term hamartia. It should be noted that what Simon saw, not what he heard, caused him to grasp the power and significance of Jesus. The word of this man accomplishes what his own efforts could not.

This "call of the disciples" - three are named, though the spotlight is on Simon Peter - is more dramatic than the call recounted in Mark 1:16-20 and Matthew 4:18-22. The development of the Lukan story closely resembles John's story of Simon Peter's miraculous catch in chapter 21 (1-13). Listen to one of its verses: "Cast the net to the right side of the boat," says Jesus, hearing they have no fish, "and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish" (v. 6). We have the sense in both accounts, Luke's and John's, not only of miracle but of God's abundance, plenitude, fullness.

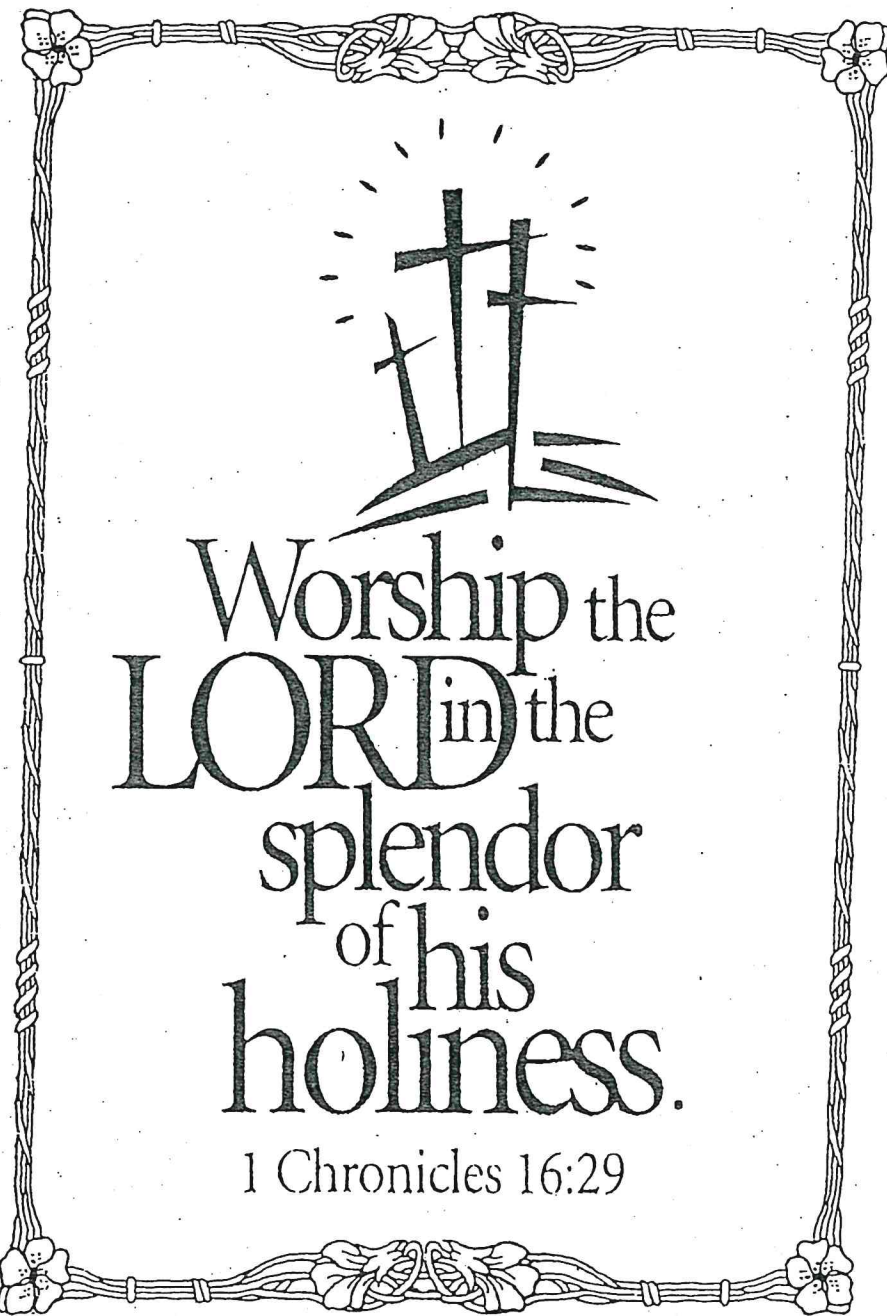
God initiates, God allows a response from God's loved one and finally God mends or reconciles. "Fear not," says Jesus. And now the mission planned from all time for the one called can begin.



Wisdom Of
The

Byzantine
Fathers

Let us keep in mind the sayings of the Lord and the letters of the apostles. They have both told us beforehand there will be heresies, and in anticipation have given us warnings to avoid them. Since we are not surprised they exist, we should not doubt they are capable of doing shameful things. The Lord teaches us that many "...ravening wolves shall come in sheep's clothing." Now what is this sheep's clothing but the external surface of a profession of love for Christ? Who are the ravening wolves but deceitful spirits lurking within the Church to waste the flock of Christ? Who are the false prophets but deceptive predictors of the future? What are the false apostles but the preachers of a false gospel? Who are the Antichrists, but now and forever, those who rebel against Christ? Heresies today will not tear apart the Church by their perversion of doctrine any less than the Antichrist will persecute her by his cruel attacks except that persecution makes martyrs, but heresy only apostates. The Apostle Paul says, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." He considers heretics "not approved" and urges people to turn away from them Tertullian.



Worship the
LORD in the
splendor
of his
holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29

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Blessers

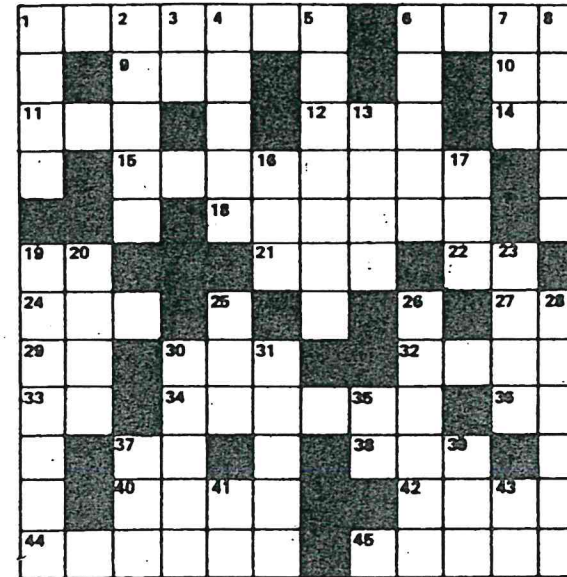
Each person listed in the left-hand column gave a blessing to a person, or persons, listed at the right. See if you can match them.

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|----------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 1. Isaac | _____ | a. Mary and Joseph |
| 2. Joshua | _____ | b. Elkanah and his wife |
| 3. Laban | _____ | c. Children of Israel |
| 4. Melchizedek | _____ | d. Caleb |
| 5. David | _____ | e. Jael |
| 6. Moses | _____ | f. Pharaoh |
| 7. Simeon | _____ | g. Jacob |
| 8. Eli | _____ | h. Sons and daughters |
| 9. Jacob | _____ | i. Barzillai |
| 10. Deborah | _____ | j. Abram |

- J. 4 (Gen. 14:18, 19)
 I. 5 (II Sam. 19:39)
 H. 3 (Gen. 31:55)
 G. 1 (Gen. 27:27, 30)
 F. 9 (Gen. 47:7)
 E. 10 (Judg. 5:1, 24)
 D. 2 (Josh. 14:13)
 C. 6 (Deut. 33:1)
 B. 8 (I Sam. 2:20)
 A. 7 (Luke 2:33, 34)

BLESSERS

BOOK OF EZEKIEL



ACROSS

- Called "father of Judaism."
- Ch. 26--Prophesy against nation of _____.
- Ch. 1--Vision of _____ on the Cherubim.
- Wood cutting tool.
- Suffix; "of, or relating to."
- Priest's vestment.
- American footsoldier.
- Ch. 1--Prophesy against _____.
- Choir, or choir school.
- Past Veteran. (abbrev.)
- The _____ Commandments.
- Objective case of "I."
- To free or disencumber.
- Library of Congress.
- "Over and in contact with."
- To perceive with the eye.
- Designates Ethiopia.
- Physical Education.
- Colloq.: a fall or dive.
- Electrical Engineer.
- Atomic Energy. (abbrev.)
- Short quick leap.
- Authentic.
- A girl's name.
- Ezekiel is noted for his interest in the _____.
- Ch. 43 begins instructions for the _____.

DOWN

- Ch. 25--Prophesy against _____.
- Ch. 29- _____ is referred to as a crocodile.
- Knock Out (abbrev.)
- Ch. 14--Ezekiel condemns _____.
- Skin of an animal.
- A country around Black Sea referred to in Ch. 38.
- Waste piece of cloth.
- Ezekiel believed God restored through the _____ of Israel.
- Ch. 19--Allegory of the _____.
- Ch. 12-- _____ Symbolic of Exile.
- The thigh of any animal.
- Ezekiel was first _____ to receive call outside Holy Land.
- Ch. 15--Parable of the _____.
- Otherwise.
- Golf ball placed on this.
- Ch. 3--God commands Ezekiel to "eat the _____."
- River mentioned in Ch. 3.
- Ch. 34--God calls Israel his interest in the _____.
- Ch. 17--Proverb of the Great _____.
- Interjection of inquiry.
- Ch. 30:20-26--Pharaoh's Broken _____.
- Ch. 24--Allegory of the _____.
- Short for "Alfred."
- Residential Area (abbrev.)



BOOK OF EZEKIEL