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They All Ate and Were Satisfied

Our Lord in a desert place changed a few loaves into many, and at Cana turned water into wine. Thus before the time came to give men and women His own Body and Blood to feed on, He accustomed their palates to His bread and wine, giving them a taste of transitory bread and wine to teach them to delight in His Life-giving Body and Blood.

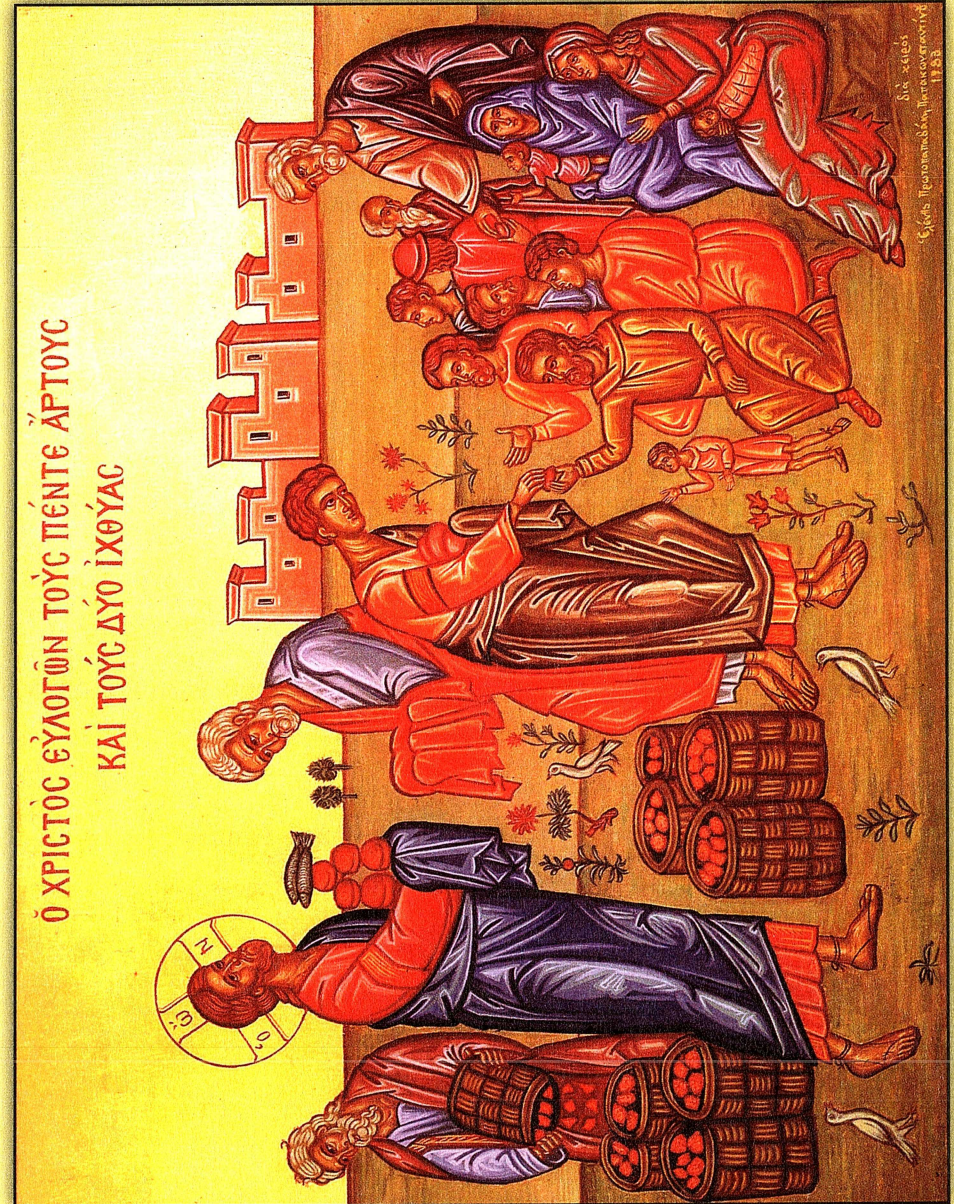
He gave them things of little value for nothing to make them understand that His supreme gift would be given yet more freely. He gave them for nothing what they could have bought from Him, what in fact they wanted to buy, to teach them that He asked them for no payment.

When it was not permitted them to give Him the price of bread and wine, which they could have done, they certainly could not pay Him for His Body and Blood.

Moreover, as well as giving freely He lovingly coaxed us, offering us these small things without charge to attract us and cause us to go and receive something greater and beyond all price. He awakened our desire by things pleasing to the palate in order to draw us to that which gives life to the soul. He gave a sweet taste to the wine he created to show how great is the treasure hidden in His Life-giving Blood.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Feeding the Five Thousand

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 7

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, 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.

July 31 – August 6, 2022

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p. m. + **Jeanette Lohin** req. by Catherine Simodejka

Sunday

8:00 a.m. + **Agnes Valosin** req. by James & Amy van Blarcume & Son (at St. Mary)

10:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
livestreamed

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. + **Michael Cherrybon** req. by MM Peter Palko & Family

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. + **Mary Chaposky** req. by Mary Barda

Thursday

8:00 a.m. + **Mary Nagg** req. by Maurice & Veronica Lord

Friday Vigil of the Transfiguration of our Lord (at SS Peter & Paul)

6:00 p.m. + **Stephen Fedeles** req. by MM Emil Kutsock

Saturday **Transfiguration of our Lord**

9:00 a.m. H&B Parishioners (at St. Mary)

Saturday Vigil of Sunday (at SS Peter & Paul)

4:00 p.m. + **Joseph Lohin** req. by Elaine L. Kunze

Epistle Readers: 7/9 – Marie Wanchick; 7/10 – Beverly Kostishak; 7/16 – Dolores Kramer; 7/17 – Laura Mitchell; 7/20 – Marie Wanchick; 7/23 – Judy Kostura; 7/24 – Ellen Sinkovich; 7/30 – Dolores Kramer; 7/31 – Paulette Murphy; 8/6 – Ellen Sinkovich; 8/7 – Jannifer Keer; 8/13 – Beverly Kostishack; 8/14 – Anna Keer; 8/15 – Judy Kostura; 8/21 – Gail Burgess; 8/27 – Paulette Murphy; 8/28 – Laura Mitchell; 8/29 – Marie Wanchick.. (If you cannot be present for any time, kindly contact another reader to cover for you).

Candle Offering: Mother of God – Peace in the World.

Saturday, August 6th is the Solemn Holy Day of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ. The tradition of blessing of fruit takes place either at Vespers the evening before or at Matins the day of; or the most recent tradition of blessing the fruit after the ambon prayer during the Divine Liturgies for the day

We will bless fruit on both Friday, the Vigil of the Holy Day and on the Holy Day during the Divine Liturgies celebrated to commemorate Jesus' Transfiguration in the presence of His Apostles Peter, James and John.

A table will be set up in front of the Sacramental Table (Tetrapod) for this purpose. Kindly bring the fruit you wish to be blessed and place it on the table provided.

++ Obviously, the Dinner Sale scheduled for August is cancelled since the work on the kitchen upgrade has not even begun at the time of this writing. I know this is a disappointment to everyone looking forward to it.

FEEDING THE WORLD IN A DESERTED PLACE. CHRYSOSTOM: Finally he said to them, "Bring them

here to me." Although this was a deserted place, he that is here is ready to feed the world. The

one who is speaking to you is not subject to time, even though "the day is now over."

In John's Gospel it is further related that these were loaves of barley. This is not mentioned

accidentally but with the object of teaching us to trample under foot the pride of costly living.

Such was also the diet of the prophets. THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 49.I.

WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE

You have destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened paradise to the thief. The sorrow of the women You turned to joy. You commanded Your apostles to proclaim to all: "Christ our God is risen, granting great mercy to the world" Troparion, Resurrection Tone Seven.

No longer can the might of death rule over men; Christ has come destroying and crushing its power. The Abyss is now in chains. The prophets with joy unite in proclaiming "The Saviour has appeared saying to those who believe: 'Come forth, you faithful, to the Resurrection'" Kontakion, Resurrection Tone Seven.

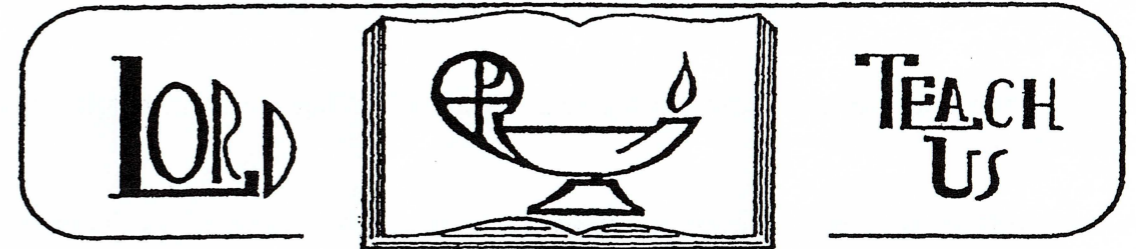
May the Lord give strength to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace Prokimenon, Resurrection Tone Seven.

The Apostles saw the Resurrection of the Creator. They were amazed and sang the angelic hymn of praise. This is the glory of the Church; the devil has been defeated. This is the wealth of the kingdom. O Lord, You suffered for us; glory be to You! Vesper Hymn, Tone Seven.

Christ fulfilled the prophecies of David. On Sion He manifested His greatness to His disciples. He showed Himself praised and glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, first as the Word before He became man; now incarnate He died for us as man. He rose by His own power. He is the Lord and Lover of mankind Vesper Hymn, Tone Seven.

Mother of God, you became a mother outside the law of nature. In birthgiving you remained a virgin. This is beyond understanding and human speech. Words cannot describe the wonder of your birthgiving. More glorious is the nature of conceiving, O Pure One! The manner of your birthgiving is beyond our understanding. For when God wills, the laws of nature are broken. We firmly believe you to be the Mother of God. We hasten to you in prayer: Intercede for the salvation of our souls Vesper Hymn, Tone Seven.

O Christ, You descended into the Abyss; You despoiled death and arose on the third day; You raised us with you; We glorify Your all powerful Resurrection. O Lord, You alone love mankind Vesper Hymn, Tone Seven.



Worry

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet Proverbs 3: 24.

Then Jesus aid to the disciples, "And so I tell you not to worry about the food you need to stay alive or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is much more important than food and the body much more important than clothes. Look at the crows: they do not have storage rooms or barns; God feeds them! You are worth so much more than birds! Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it?" Luke 12: 22 – 25?

What is the use of worrying? What good does it do? Will it add a single day to your life? Of course not! And if worry can't even do such little things as that, what's the use of worrying about the bigger things Luke 12: 25, 26.

Be anxious about nothing, but in everything b y prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ Philippians 4: 6, 7.

He who listens to me shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil Proverbs 1: 33.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good Romans 12: 21.

Conscience, The Inner Voice

What is the conscience? How do we experience it? What does faith tell us about conscience?

A man relates this story about his childhood at age seven or eight. There was a carpenter's shop near his home. One day, it suddenly occurred to him - he no longer knows why - that he could take a sawed-off plank with him as he passed. So he stole the piece of wood; he took it without permission because it was not his. It was a small piece of wood, completely unimportant and worthless, perhaps, but he stole it and ran off with it, as if he achieved some sort of life-time challenging goal. When he reached his home, panic seized him. He hid it on the porch and was tormented all day by the question: "What am I going to do with this piece of wood?" Later in the afternoon, he took it up from the porch and brought it back secretly to the workshop, replacing it exactly where it had lain before he stole it.

Were his torments that day really connected with his conscience?

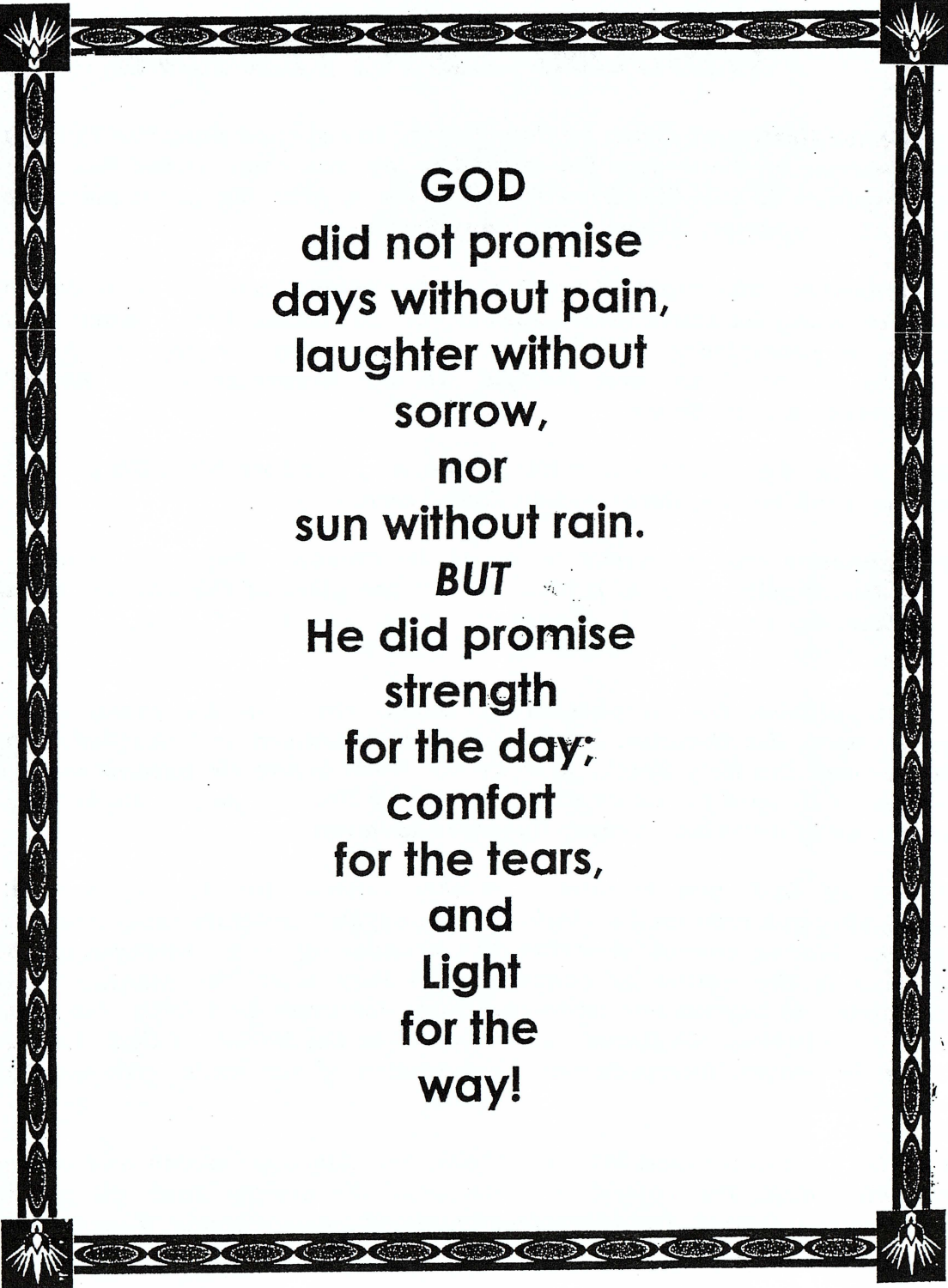
What was going on inside him?

Was it fear of discovery, fear of punishment, or perhaps the fear of disgrace because he had done something what was "not done" and risked being caught red-handed in this profoundly inappropriate conduct?

We can say that nothing deeper was involved greater than fear of getting caught, but even so, we would still have to ask why stealing should not be done. Was it merely the fashion in society at the time to refrain from stealing? Was it socially an unacceptable practice?

Was it just an arbitrary rule of behavior in society that overwhelmed him?

Was it merely the case that one's parents brought him up - or perhaps better yet, drilled him - to refrain from stealing?



GOD
did not promise
days without pain,
laughter without
sorrow,
nor
sun without rain.
BUT
He did promise
strength
for the day;
comfort
for the tears,
and
Light
for the
way!