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## Celebration of the Holy Mysteries

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS: 1/2 HR BEFORE DIVINE LITURGY

#### BAPTISM & CHRISMATION / ANNOINTING OF THE SICK / COMMUNION CALLS & VISITATIONS:

CONTACT FR. IHOR TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:**

CONTACT FR. IHOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO SETTING THE ACTUAL WEDDING DATE

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN:**

CONTACT MRS. CHRISTINA VOGEL AT (603) 686-2092 TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN

#### **SCHEDULE OF DIVINE LITURGIES:**

SUNDAYS: 10 AM (September thru May) MON THRU SAT: AS NOTED IN WEEKLY BULLETIN

9 AM (June thru August) HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 7 PM

#### DIVINE LITURGY AND VESPERS SERVICES SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2024

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy: 9 AM Propers: Tone 1 Vestments: Bright

Epistle: Romans 2: 10-16 Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-23

Intention: For all Parishioners followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 8th (7 PM): Vespers Service

# Divine Liturgy Intentions and Vespers Service Schedule for June and July

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> (10 AM): Feast of the Chief Apostles Ss. Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> (7 PM): Vespers Service Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (9 AM): For all Parishioners

#### **Saturday Services**

Fr. Ihor is celebrating Vesper services every Saturday at 7 PM. All parishioners are invited to attend this service. Those who wish to have a Divine Liturgy celebrated for a loved one whether living or deceased or for a private intention are still able to do so. Please request your Divine Liturgy by contacting Fr. Ihor at (860) 617-6357 or cantor Jaroslaw Maksymowych at (603) 627-2042. Please note that Saturday Divine Liturgies will now be celebrated only at 10 AM (9 AM June thru August) whenever they are requested. If no Divine Liturgy has been requested for a particular Saturday, then none will be celebrated on that day. The Divine Liturgy schedule in the bulletin will only show Divine Liturgies on Saturdays when they have been requested. If the bulletin does not show a Divine Liturgy for a given Saturday, then this means that particular Saturday is available for your request.

#### Суботні Богослужіння

Отець Ігор святкує Вечірню кожної суботи у 7-мі годині вечером. Ласкаво просимо усіх парафіян до участи. Парафіяни які бажають замовити Божественну Літургію в суботу для померших або на особисті інтенції можуть дзвонити до о. Ігоря на номер (860) 617-6357 або до дяка п. Ярослава Максимовича на номер (603) 627-2042. Суботні Божественні Літургії будуть відслужені тільки о годині 10-тій ранком (9-тій ранку з червня по серпень) коли замовлені. Якщо Літургія в певну суботу не буде замовлена, то в цей день не буде жодна відправлена. Порядок Богослужінь в бюлетені покаже тільки ті суботні Служби Божі які є замовлені. Якщо в бюлетені не відображається Божественна Літургія на дану суботу, то це означає, що ця субота доступна на Ваше замовленя.

## Liturgical Propers, Readings and Sermon for Sunday

**Liturgical Propers for Second Sunday after Pentecost** 

#### Resurrectional Tropar: Tone 1

When the stone was sealed by the Jews, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. For this, the powers of heaven praise You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your lasting reign! Glory to Your plan of salvation! For You alone love mankind"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever. Amen.

#### Resurrectional Kondak: Tone 1

You rose from the grave in glory as God, and You also raised the world. The human race sings to Your divinity, for death has vanished. Adam sings in praise, O Master; Eve, freed from bondage, cries joyfully: "O Christ, You grant resurrection to all."

Prokimen: Tone 1 – May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in You.

VERSE: Rejoice in the Lord, you just ones, for praise is fitting from the righteous.

**Prokimen: Tone 1 –** May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in You.

#### 2-а НЕДІЛЯ ПО ЗІСЛАННЮ СВ. ДУХА

**Апостоль: (Рим 2: 10-16)** 

До Римлян послання св. апостола Павла читання.

Браття, слава ж і честь, мир усякому, хто чинить добро: юдеєві перше, а потім грекові, бо Бог не вважає на особу. Бо ті, що згрішили поза законом, поза законом і згинуть; а ті, що згрішили під законом, будуть суджені законом. Бо не слухачі закону справедливі перед Богом, а виконавці закону оправдаються. Бо коли погани, що не мають закону, з природи виконують те, що законне, вони виявляють діло закону, написане в їхніх серцях, як свідчить їм їхнє сумління і думки, то засуджуючи їх, то оправдуючи, - в день, коли Бог, згідно з моєю Євангелією, судитиме тайні вчинки людей через Ісуса Христа.

#### Epistle Reading for the Second Sunday after Pentecost (Romans 2: 10-16)

Brethren: There will be glory, honor and peace for everyone who has done good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God there is no favoritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to it; sinners bound by the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thoughts will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the Gospel I preach, God will pass judgment on the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Tone 1: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

VERSE: O God, You avenge me and has subdue those against me.

Tone 1: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

VERSE: You gave great victories to Your king, showing mercy to His anointed.

Tone 1: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

VERSE: Бог, що дає відплату мені, і покорив народи мені.

Tone 1: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

VERSE: Ти, що звеличуєш спасіння царя, і даєш милість помазаннику Своєму Давидові і родові його повіки.

Tone 1: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Євангелія: (Мт 4: 18-23)**

У той час, Ісус, йдучи попри Галилейське море, побачив двох братів: Симона, що звався Петром, і Андрія, його брата, що закидали сіті у море, бо були рибалки. І до них мовив: "Ідіть за мною, я вас зроблю рибалками людей." І ті негайно пішли за ним. Пройшовши звідтіль далі, побачив інших двох братів: Якова, сина Заведея, та Івана, його брата, що в човні з батьком Заведеєм лагодили свої сіті, і їх покликав. Вони зараз же, кинувши човни і свого батька, пішли слідом за ним. І ходив Ісус по всій Галилеї, навчаючи по їхніх синагогах, звіщаючи Добру Новину про Царство й вигоюючи всяку хворобу й всяку недугу в народі.

#### Gospel Reading for the Second Sunday after Pentecost (St. Matthew 4: 18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, He watched two brothers, Simon now known as Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea. They were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately abandoned their nets and became His followers. He walked along farther and caught sight of two other brothers, James, Zebedee's son, and his brother, John. They too were in their boat, getting their nets in order with their father, Zebedee. He called them, and immediately they abandoned their boat and father to follow Him. Jesus toured all of Galilee. He taught in their synagogues, proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness.

#### Sermon for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Glory to Jesus Christ! My Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ!

In today's Gospel we hear our Lord say, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Our Lord said this to call the apostles. This is not just the apostles' call but it is our own call as well. What this statement says is that if we follow the Lord Jesus Christ we will bring people to Him. Following the Lord Jesus Christ means that we are to live our lives in the same manner that He lived His life. That means that we are to be obedient to our Heavenly Father and take up the way of our cross. As our Lord said to His disciples; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24). It also means that we must be one as the Son is with His Father. Our Lord prayed for this at His Passion saying "Holy Father, keep through Your own name those whom You have given me, that they may be one, as we are. (John 17:11) I am in them, and You are in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent me, and have loved them, as You have loved me." (John 17:23)

So we may think that Peter, Andrew, James, and John had it easy. Jesus Christ walked right up to them and said, "Follow me." He told them to stop what they were doing, leave the life they had known behind, and become His traveling disciples. No longer would they catch fish for a living; instead, they would become fishers of men who would draw others into the new life that the Savior has brought to the world. They had to leave their nets behind in order to join the Lord in His ministry of preaching, healing, and casting out demons. They had a part to play in the coming of God's Kingdom, which required a radical change of life. They would now use their time and energy in very different ways. It is entirely possible that God will direct some of us to new forms of service that will require a radical reorientation of our lives. We may have here today future missionaries, priests, nuns, deacons, youth workers, or others who will hear a life-changing call to serve others.

It is true that God calls and equips particular people for particular ministries, but there is no doubt that He calls all of us to embrace the new and holy life that He has brought to the world. He wants us all to shine with holy light as living icons of His salvation. There is no predestination in Catholic Christianity such that God wants to save some, but not others. As St. Paul taught, "God wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:4) There is no partiality in God. He calls each of us to be responsible for the measure of His truth that we have received.

Actually, there is not that much difference between how Christ called His disciples and how He calls anyone today. The outward details may be different, but no matter what our age or our life circumstances, He invites us

all to leave behind whatever nets we have become tangled in and to play our part in the ministry of His Kingdom. He wants to make us fishers of men who have aspirations higher than simply meeting our material needs through our daily work.

Of course, that's hard enough to do today when so many people can't find good jobs or sometimes any job at all. Who among you, would leave your wife, husband, family to follow a man who invited you to do so? Who will take care of your mortgage, your car loan, the college tuition of your children? Do we have the same faith as that of the men who were first called? There are few who can say yes right off, yet the rest hesitate, they worry. Our Lord knows of our opposition, for He said, "Do not worry about your life!" (Matt. 6:25) For the Father our God takes care of us, so why do we hesitate? Jesus gave us the example of the lilies of the valley and the birds of the air. The Lord said, "Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them." As they are being attended to by God, are we, "of more value then they," are also being taken care of by God.

Our Savior calls each of us to Him. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28-29) Come to the Lord! "Come and see!" for the Lord is good. (John 1:23) So when is it the right time to come to Christ and follow Him? The right time is NOW!!! Today is the day of salvation! Nowhere in the Bible are we promised a tomorrow!

For most of us, from our early years as a child we began our journey to follow Him at our baptism as we received the grace of God. A grace was received at that moment of time, which we need more than any other a time in our lives, namely, His grace in our physical and spiritual lives. So as we grow in our lives physically, we hear that call, "Follow Me" to be reminded of our continued renewal of our commitment to the Lord and His Church. St Paul says, "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation:" (2 Cor. 6:2).

Serving God is an opportunity for our salvation and for that of others. Each of us has received and been given the ability to exercise the acts of Love and Charity, to serve those who may be less fortunate, or not. But to share these gifts, the talents, which have been given to each of us to care for so many who are in need. Jesus calls us to serve Him. He calls us with all our faults, strengths and weaknesses. Let us today, either here in Church or in a quiet place at home, examine our lives. Let us ask ourselves how we have responded to His call in our lives. How have we responded or have we fallen short of His plan for us?

As a parish community, we need to become fishers of men. We need to leave whatever nets hold us back from hearing and responding to what Christ is calling us to do right here in New Hampshire. The same Holy Spirit who made those fishermen supremely wise and wonder-working ministers of Christ has come upon us. By His power, may we escape whatever holds us back and step forward into the brilliant light of the Kingdom in Jesus Christ, who still brings life to the world. Like those first apostles, let us truly become fishers of men. Amen.

#### ПРОПОВІДЬ НА ДРУГУ НЕДІЛЮ ПО ЗІСЛАННІ СВЯТОГО ДУХА

Слава Ісусу Христу! Дорогі в Христі браття і сестри!

Сьогоднішнє Євангельське читання описує перші дні прилюдного месіанського служіння Сина Божого. Дізнавшись про ув'язнення Іродом Йоана Хрестителя, Ісус Христос вперше виступив зі словами: «Покайтеся, бо Небесне Царство близько» (Мт. 4,17). Після цієї проповіді відбулось покликання чотирьох рибалок — Петра, Андрія, Якова та Йоана до апостольського служіння. Коли Ісус проходив вздовж Галилейського озера, про що розповідається у сьогоднішньому Євангелії, Петро й Андрій, а також сини Заведея вже знали Ісуса. Про це нам говорить євангелист Йоан (пор. Йо. 1, 38-42). Ісус звертається до них: «Ідіть за мною», Господь не пояснює, до чого кличе їх, лише говорить дещо незрозумілі слова: «Зроблю вас рибалками людей» (пор. Мт. 4,19). Ми чули, як вони, покинувши човен, сіті, свої родини, пішли вслід

за Ісусом. Для них розпочалось інше життя: життя людей, які навернулися і довірились цілковито Тому, Кому посвятилися.

Апостоли були покликані, щоб після Вознесіння Господнього продовжити справу спасіння людського роду, яку започаткував Ісус Христос через своє воплочення, народження, хресну смерть та воскресіння. Саме ця ціль — спасіння людства — проходить основною віссю через все земне життя Сина Божого та через ціле Священне Писання. І першим кроком людини на цьому шляху є навернення.

Вони виконали доручення, яке отримали від свого Божественного вчителя. Вони проповідували Його Слово. Хрестили людей, розбудовували Церкву Христову по всій землі. І завдання поширення Христової Благовісті не закінчилося зі смертю останнього Апостола. Це завдання є для всіх нас, це покликання всіх християн. Першими, хто приніс радісну звістку про воскресіння Христове були жінки-мироносиці. Усіх нас — жінок, чоловіків, молодь, дітей — Господь закликав до поширення Євангелія, до свідчення життям віри у Його Ім'я, бо християнство — це не лише культ, обряд та дотримування певних норм і правил. Це, перш за все є життя кожного з нас у Христі Ісусі. І до нас, як і до Апостолів, звернені слова: «Ходи за мною». Тож маємо добре усвідомлювати, який обов'язок беремо на себе.

Ісус «покликав»: «Ідіть за мною» (пор. Мт. 4,19). Кожна людина є покликана Богом до життя, і це становить фундаментальну частину її особовості й ідентичності. Кожне покликання завжди є даром самого Бога. Гарно говорить про покликання як Божий дар пророк Єремія: «Перш, ніж я уклав тебе в утробі, я знав тебе; і перш ніж ти вийшов з лона, освятив я тебе; пророком для народів я тебе призначив» (Єр. 1,5). Про це говорить сам Ісус Христос до своїх учнів: «Не ви мене вибрали, а я вас вибрав» (Ів. 15,16). Ці слова об'являють нам правду про те, що кожне покликання є особистим даром, яким Бог обдаровує кожну людину зокрема. Ще перед народженням, Бог Творець дає людині покликання, приготовляє для неї місію.

Хтось може подумати, що він не достойний того, аби іти за Ним. А рибалки були вартими? Був вартий гонитель Савло? Був вартий Петро? Ісус прийшов, як Спаситель, аби зробити нас вартими. Бог не обирає досконалих. Він виправляє тих, кого обрав. Так сталось зі Савлом, якого Він обрав, аби слідувати за Ним, і він став Павлом — великим апостолом. Так сталось зі стрімким і нерішучим Петром, який був обраний, аби іти за Ісусом — він став стійким і рішучим провідником Християнської Церкви. Слова «Іди за мною» визначають, що Ісус більш зацікавлений майбутнім, ніж минулим. Ці слова спрямовані тим, хто впав і хоче підвестись; тим, хто хоче вийти з болючого минулого до щасливого майбутнього, вийти з темряви до світла, тощо.

«Бог вибрав немудрих світу, щоб засоромити мудрих, і безсильних світу Бог вибрав, щоб засоромити сильних, — і незначних світу та погорджених Бог вибрав, і те, чого не було, щоб знівечити те, що було» (І Кор 1:27-28). Спаситель не вибирає ані знатних, ані багатих, ані мудрих світу. Він кличе йти за Ним вбогих рибалок, невчених людей, простих, неосвічених, щоби сила Євангелія була повірена благодаті Спасителя.

Христове слово: «Ідіть за Мною», яке лунало біля Галилейського моря, сьогодні звучить в наших храмах, закликаючи всіх нас залишити все та іти за Христом Спасителем, прагнучи зростати в досконалості та вічному блаженстві. «От, стою при дверях і стукаю: як хто почує голос мій і відчинить двері, увійду до нього і буду вечерятиму з ним і він зо мною» (Од. 3:20).

Ми проживаємо своє життя, коротке чи довге, так і не помічаючи ані вдома, ані на роботі, що Христос завжди кличе нас іти за Ним. Ісус не перестає запрошувати нас іти за Ним, будувати свої життя з Ним кожної хвилини нашого життя, згідно Його настанов та науки. Христос завжди пропонує, радить, просить дотримуватися християнського життя, виконуючи Його заповіді, практикуючи постійну та щоденну молитву, часте прийняття Святих Тайн. Іти за Христом в сучасному світі досить важко та непросто. Іти за

Христом – це не іти позаду когось, боячись назвати себе християнами, боячись нести Христову проповідь та любов у світ. Іти за Христом – це вдивлятися в Його приклад, застосовуючи його у своє життя. Амінь!

#### **Communion Verse:**

Хваліть Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Allelulia, alleluia.

### **Parish Announcements**

#### We Welcome You!

If you are visiting our church today, our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Thank you and God bless you for visiting with us today! We welcome all our visitors and guests who worship at our parish. We invite families and individuals who wish to become members to register by calling Fr. Ihor at (860) 617-6357.

#### Вітаємо Вас!

Якщо Ви відвідуєте нашу церкву сьогодні, наша парафіяльна громада рада вітати Вас тут! Щире спасибі Вам, і нехай Бог благословить Вас за Ваші відвідини з нами сьогодні! Ми запрошуємо сім'ї та осіб, які бажають стати членами, зареєструватися у нас по телефоні о. Ігоря на номер (860) 617-6357.

#### Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound Parishioners, Family Members and Friends

Fr. Ihor Papka, Fr. Zbigniew Brzezicki, Stephen Atamanchuk, Oleh and Valentina Babski, Michaelle Baker, Rick Barr, Marylou Blaisdell, Tracy Crews, Carmel Horangic, Josephine Housty, Christine Kolagji, Helen Kucman, Martha and Ray Majkut, Karen and Jaroslaw Maksymowych, Jean Mandych, Sherri Martel, Katherine Masso, Jennifer McMillan, Katharine McNaughton, Jackie Morales, Lauren Morales, Jonathan Morales, Tanya and Ronald Morales, Elizabeth Mozina, Dean and Terri Nilson, Alan Pasicznyk, Lina Puciw, Billie Sheesley, Derek Stanley, Pauline Stanley, John Terninko, Elisha Wallace, Cindy Wilson, Dr. Mark Windt, Lenora Zelenski. Please contact Fr. Ihor if you would like to add a friend or loved one to this prayer list.

#### June Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

The following parishioners are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this month:

June 11 – Kateryna M.

June 12 - Pavlo H.

June 14 – Christina and Doug V. (wedding anniversary)

June 15 - A.J. B.

June 15 – Christina V.

June 25 - Dawn and Jim H. (wedding anniversary)

Our parish community wishes this month's birthday and anniversary celebrants peace, joy, love and good health on their special day as well as throughout the year. May our dear Lord grant all of you many more healthy, happy and blessed years. Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary and Ha Многая літа! (Na Mnohaya Lita!).

## Weekly Reflection:

<u>Learning about our Catholic Faith – Wonder and Awe Before the Holy Eucharist</u>

While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the New Covenant, which will be shed for many." Mark 14:22–24

What is the mystery of our faith? Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery.

The mystery of our faith is much different. During Divine Liturgy, the priest speaks the words of consecration, changing the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of consecration are spoken as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what is taking place.

But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight.

Therefore, if we attend Divine Liturgy and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, "My Lord and my God!" We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Pope Saint John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a "oneness in time" that links the *Paschal Mystery*, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the *Paschal Mystery* "leads us to profound amazement and gratitude" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, #5).

Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Divine Liturgy and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of our Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend and witness with the eyes of faith at each Divine Liturgy. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Holy Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.

Let us pray: My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord, I do believe that You are here, made truly present in our world under the form of bread and wine, every time the Divine Liturgy is celebrated. Fill me with a deeper faith in this Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may be drawn into wonder and awe every time I witness this holy Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.