

### *He Who is not With Me is Against Me*

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the

prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Wicked Tenant Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)*

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**Sunday – August 30, 2020**

**Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки    Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever**

**The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.**

**Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday August 30</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Anna Luchka from the Ponos Family)
<b>Tuesday September 1</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Orest V Paclawskyj from Family)
<b>Sunday September 6</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Stefan Chalupa from Family)

**DEACON CYRIL KENNEDY SAYS SO LONG FOR NOW**

My family and I want to thank you for several years of friendship and community. I'd also like to express my gratitude for the eight months in which you gave me the opportunity to learn how to serve as a deacon. Many of you encouraged me both in serving and in preaching, and for that I am grateful. In particular, I would like to thank Fr. Robert, who welcomed me to the altar so graciously, both at Holy Family and at the seminary, and was always kind and patient as we learned to serve together. I'd also like to thank Fr. Mark for his encouragement both in the classroom and in the parish. And I do not want to forget the choir and cantors: it was a pleasure to sing with you all, and I will miss hearing your voices.

My family and I recently returned to Canada: this was somewhat unexpected, and we regret that we weren't able to say goodbye in person. Please know that we'll keep the clergy and faithful of Holy Family in our prayers. We hope that, before too long, we will be able to return to Washington, D.C. for a visit and pray with you all again. In the meantime, please say a prayer for us.

In Christ,

Deacon Cyril Kennedy

**Pray the Rosary Together!**

Come join us in the comfort of your own home and rediscover the Rosary. It's the prayer of saints and the prayer for you! Our Rosary Prayer Group is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Fatima and with these uncertain times that we all live in, let us turn to her for help to bring peace for our country. All you need to have is a telephone! The prayer participants receive a special toll-free number and access code and you dial in at the appropriate day and time. **We meet each Tuesday at 6:15 PM.** No matter where you live in the country, you are invited to join us in praying the Rosary. For more information and to join us in prayer, please contact Mary Ellen Keyes at [mekeyes1@yahoo.com](mailto:mekeyes1@yahoo.com) or call her at 301-431-1069.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Fr. David Clooney, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, 1LT Catherine Hetmanskyy Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Gerald Stasko, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turcek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Nataliya Wozniak, Michael Zabych.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

## **Congratulations Bishop John Bura**

**The President of Ukraine, VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY, has awarded the MOST REVEREND JOHN BURA, Auxiliary Bishop-emeritus of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, with the Order of Merit – III Degree (Нагородити орденом “За заслуги” III ступеня) on August 22, 2020.**