

### *Not the Seed at Fault, but Ourselves*

The parable of the sower and the seed could also be called the parable of the fate of the word of God in human hearts. It is very simple, clear and easy to understand. There is no mistaking its meaning.

There is also no mistaking Jesus' love and concern for His people. It must have been very frustrating and disappointing for Him to go from village to village and bring them grace and salvation only to find that His words were falling on deaf ears and cold hearts.

It is with this pain and concern for souls that He tells this beautiful parable. This is also why He cried out many times at the end of His parables, "He who has ears to hear, let

him hear." Yet He continued on, patiently teaching, sowing the seed of truth and praying that it will take root and bring forth fruit.

When hearing this parable, do not these thoughts strike us: "How has the seed, the word of God, taken root in our souls? What is the fate of Christ's teaching in our hearts? What type of soil have we cultivated for God's word? Are our hearts cold, stony, filled with weeds and thorns?"

We cannot blame anyone but ourselves if the teachings of Jesus are not reflected in our lives. It is not the seed which is at fault, only ourselves.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ as the Sower*

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**Father Robert Hitchens**

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**Sunday – October 18, 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 October 18</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Stephania Kopka from the Iwaskiw Family)
<b>Tuesday October 20</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	(Funeral Liturgy for +Roman Fedyk)
<b>Wednesday October 21</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Roman Mac from Family)
<b>Thursday October 22</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Haberchak-Lychus Family from Ruth)
<b>Friday October 23</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Mary and +David Medwid from Irene)
<b>Sunday October 25</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(+Helen Caldwell from Friends) (For the Parish)

**SECOND BANNS OF MATRIMONY – DOBCZANSKY-BORKOWSKY**

Roman Dobczansky, of our parish, and Olena Borkowsky, of St. John the Baptist, Newark, will be married on Saturday, November 7, 2020. If anyone has a reason why they should not be married; please see Fr. Robert immediately.

**IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER +HELEN P. CALDWELL IN YOUR PRAYERS**

+Helen Caldwell, 93, passed away on December 25, 2019. +Helen will finally be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m. Please gather at the Administration Building Parking Lot Staging Area by 10:30 a.m. if you would like to attend. Unfortunately, we received no other information about her arrangements. *Vichnaya yi Pamyat!*

**IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER +ROMAN FEDYK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

+Roman Fedyk, 84, passed away on October 11, 2020. +Roman's funeral liturgy will take place Tuesday October 20, at 7:00 p.m. at UCNS Holy Family. +Roman's family will receive family and friends beginning at 6:00 p.m. in church. Burial will be in St. Andrew's Sobor Cemetery, South Bound Brook, NJ on Wednesday. Please remember +Roman, his wife, Iwanna, and Stepan and Julia Szyszka, and his family who mourn him. *Vichnaya yomu Pamyat!*

**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 Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, 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.

**CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**On October 7, the Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to December 31, 2020.**

**As such, we will not be able to have our Christmas Bazaar this November, and most likely will not be able to have our Annual Parish Christmas Dinner/Prosfora in January.**

**Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended until the end of the year.**