

### *Trust in Prayer*

A man sat in his luxurious hotel room and dialed room service. He marveled at the fact that at the other end of the telephone line was an individual waiting to respond to his every need. All he had to do was ask.

Many people believe that prayer is supposed to work the same way. For them, God is at the receiving end of their prayers and is expected to grant every prayer requested. “And why shouldn’t it be?” they might ask. “Doesn’t God want me to get this new job?” “Doesn’t God want my marriage to work?” “Doesn’t God want my surgery to be successful?” After all, don’t we read in the Scriptures, “Ask and you shall receive?”

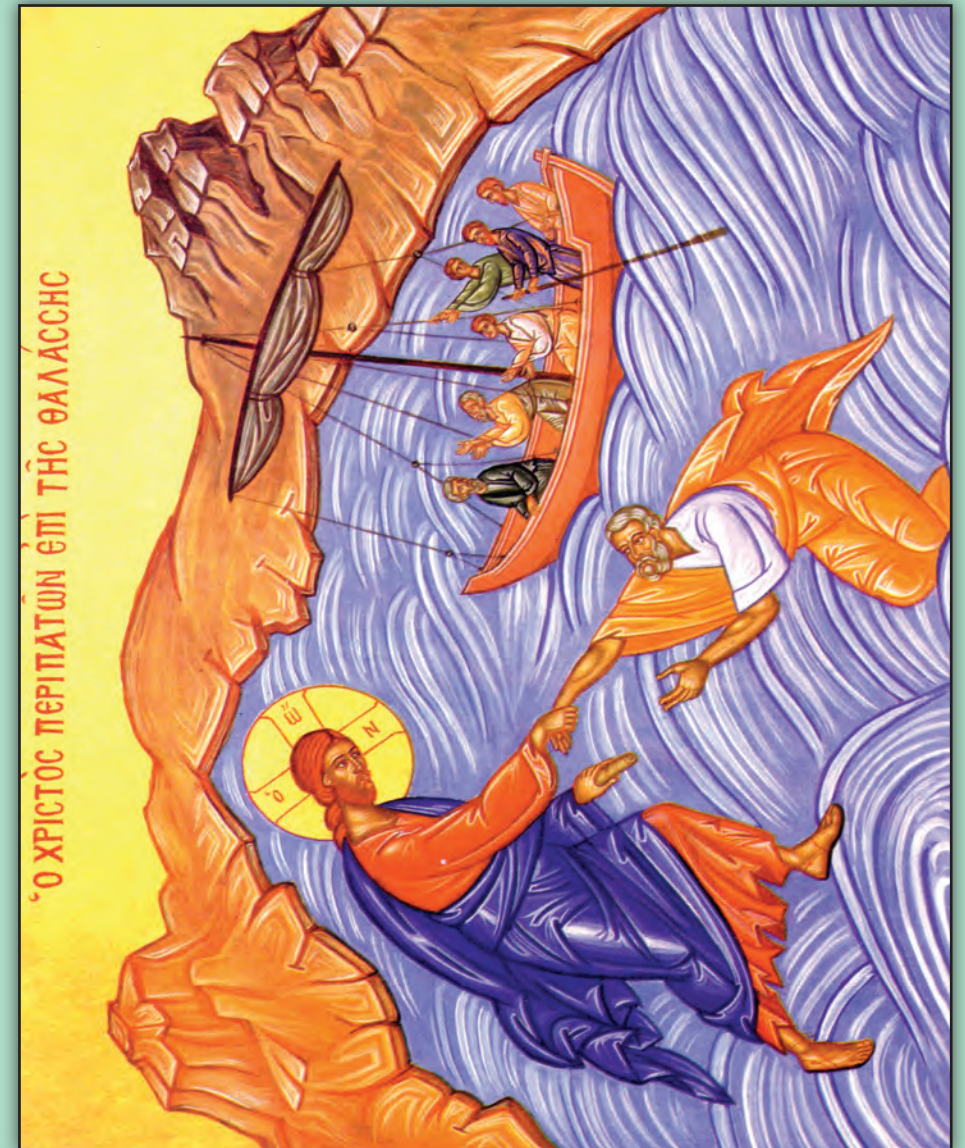
The answer is, yes – God always wants what is best for us, and every prayer is answered. But, not every prayer is answered as we expect it to be. In order to be able to accept God’s answers

to our prayers, especially the unanticipated answers, we need to exercise patience, trust and openness to God’s will and His wisdom.

We see Saint Peter exercise this kind of trust in God in today’s Gospel lesson. While the disciples’ boat was being storm-tossed on the sea, Jesus came walking on water toward them. Then, Jesus issued a most unexpected command to Peter. “Come,” Jesus said and Peter actually began walking on water toward Him! It was only when Peter took his eyes away from Jesus and focused again on the perilous storm around him that he began to sink. The same is true for us. When we trust God, He will lead us to safety. When we take our eyes away from Him, we become overwhelmed by the storms of life.

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### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Walking on Water*

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**Sunday – July 30, 2023**

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

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

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<b>Sunday July 30</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Judge Bohdan and Myroslava Futey fom Family)
<b>Wednesday August 2</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Damian and +Irene Fedoryka from Family)
<b>Thursday August 3</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Friday August 4</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Maria Lyshchynska from Andrew and Michele)
<b>Sunday August 6</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord (Blessing of Fruit)</b> (For the Parish) (+Monsignor Michael Fedorowich from the Futey Family)

**Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Next Sunday**

August 6 is the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. On this day, we bless the fruits of the harvest. Please bring a basket of your favorite fruit to be blessed.

**God With Us Catechism**

Procession of the Precious Cross – August 1

Because of the many diseases that occur in the month of August, the custom prevailed of old in Constantinople to carry the precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification and its deliverance from illnesses. It was brought forth from the imperial treasury on the last day of July and placed upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of the Holy Wisdom; until the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was carried in procession throughout the city and was set forth for veneration before the people.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Fr. Roman Galadza, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.