

## SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

### *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.



*Icon of Christ as the Sower (Luke 8:5-15)*

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**Sunday – October 13, 2024**

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

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

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

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

<b>Sunday October 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Ihor Kotlarchuk from the Drabyk Family)
<b>Wednesday October 16</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Maurice Welsh from A.M. Gogniat)
<b>Thursday October 17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Pauline Fedak from Ruth)
<b>Friday October 18</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Frank Fisanich from Ferne)
<b>Sunday October 20</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Danny Wolff from Theresa Caryk)

**The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family – Sunday November 10**

Our celebration will take place on Sunday November 10, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Borys at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a banquet and program in our church hall. Please RSVP and buy tickets at <https://HF75.eventbrite.com> **by October 14.**

**Please buy your tickets now – Before OCT 14**

**WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHOIR**

The choir of Wyoming Catholic College is visiting DC and will sing our Divine Liturgy on Friday October 18, at 9:00 a.m. and on Sunday October 20, at 9:00 a.m. They are a renowned choir of students who sing both the Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy and the Roman Catholic Mass. They will also sing on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 10:30am for a Solemn sung Mass (*Novus Ordo*) at St. Mary Mother of God Parish 727 5th Street NW, Washington, DC Washington, DC, in honor of Blessed Karl of Austria. The Mass will feature the world premiere of the *Mass in Honor of Blessed Karl of Austria by Paul Jernberg*. Everyone is welcome to attend any of these Liturgies.

**CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 AND 5-7**

Catechism plays a vital role in introducing our children to the foundations of faith, teaching them about God, prayer, and the Church. Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: Oct 20, Nov 3, Nov 24, Dec 8, Dec 22. To register your child for catechism classes, please fill out the registration form attached in the sent e-mail and return to Fr. Mykola at [mdziurakh@ukrcatholic.org](mailto:mdziurakh@ukrcatholic.org) or find the hard copies in the church and return them filled out to Fr. Mykola as well. Thank you for your attention to this important part of your child’s spiritual growth. We look forward to welcoming your family to this season of faith formation.

**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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Fr. Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.