



September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Schedule

Sept 22 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

**Sept 23 (Sun) Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**

Sept 29 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
Special Intention

**Sept 30 (Sun) Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of September 23 thru September 29 for the health and welfare of Father John..

Our Tithe to our parish

September 9, 2018 - \$2,645.00

September 16, 2018 - \$1,704.00

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr

APPROACHING GOD

How do we approach God?

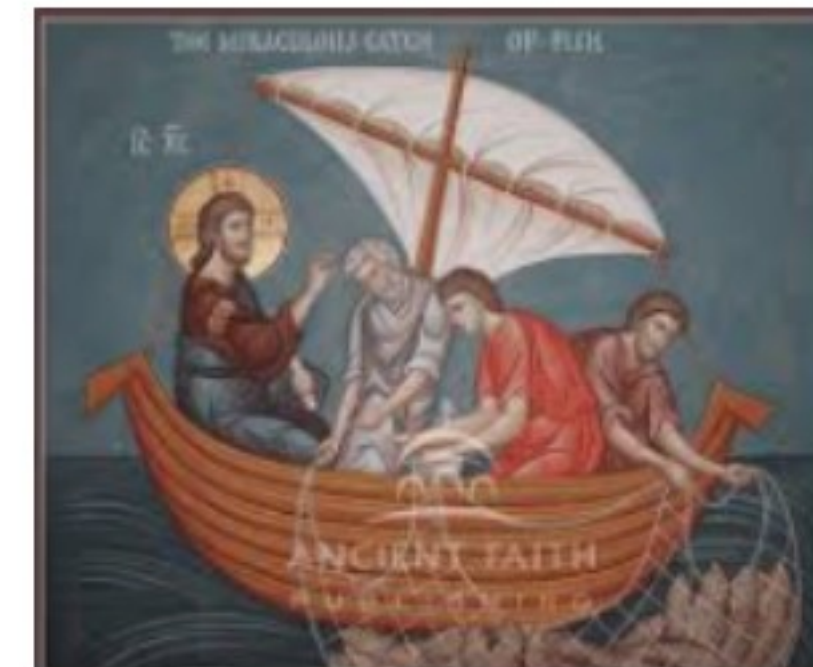
Is it with a sense of fear and trembling ... or a deep sense of trust ... or a child-like confidence ... or as a loving parent or guardian ... or is it with a sense of guilt and anxiety?

Truth is ... we probably approach God with all these feelings at one time or another. It depends on the situation in which we find ourselves on that particular day.

And besides ... God is truly a *mystery* ... a mystery that is both attractive to us and draws us to him ... and yet a mystery that is awesome and makes us fearful at the same time.

A bit of this sense of mystery is caught in the invitation of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy before the reception of the Eucharist:

Approach with the fear of God, with faith (and love).



We approach the Body of Christ (God's presence with us) ... with a spirit of fear and awe, deep reverence and respect ... yet with a true spirit of love and tenderness ... and all this wrapped up in a faith-filled attitude.

Another image of this sense of mystery in the presence of God is seen in the Gospel reading. After the miraculous catch of fish, Peter realized that he was in the presence of someone more than an ordinary human person ... and so

he fell down at the feet of Jesus and said: "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Yet, the result was that Jesus does not 'depart' from Peter ...but Peter ends up 'following' Jesus.