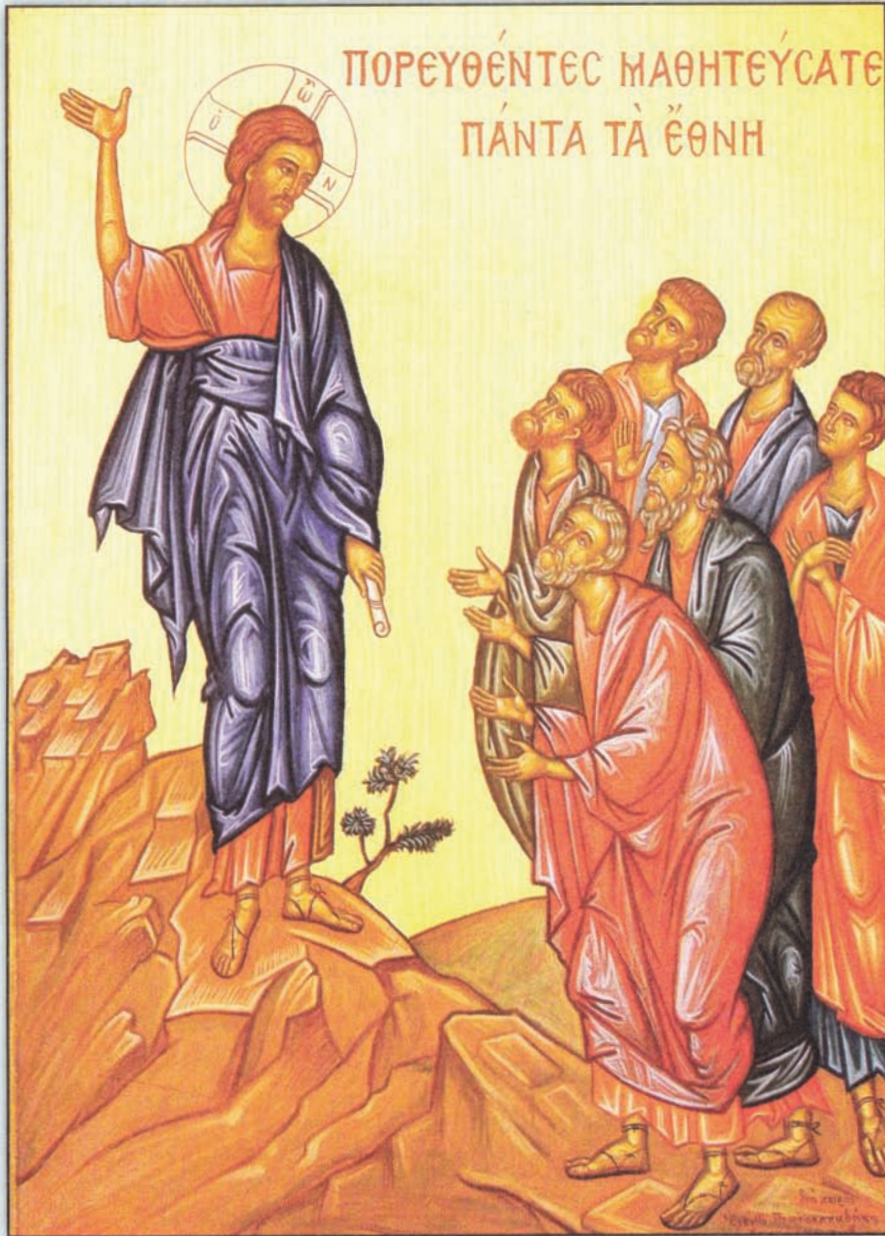


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Jesus preaching to His Disciples

June 17, 2012 – Fathers Day
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY MARTYRS MANUEL, SABEL AND ISHMAEL OF PERSIA

TONE 2

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18 – JUNE 24

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 – *THE HOLY APOSTLE JUDE, BROTHER OF THE LORD*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

✙ Caryl Haverluk; Req: Bill Haverluk
Special Intention; Req: Olga Fedunyak

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 – *THE HOLY MARTYR AGRIPPINA OF ROME*

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 – *4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER; ALL SAINTS OF RUS'-UKRAINE*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.

Please Note:

When you go on vacation, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. The summer months are most difficult due to the decrease in attendance. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.



**LORD JESUS CHRIST,
SON OF GOD,
SAVIOR**

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, stjohnthebaptizer.org.

ON THE SAINTS

The Church is the body of Christ, His bride, the world to come, and the temple of God. The members of His body are all the saints. However, not all of the saints who will please God have yet appeared, nor yet is thus complete, nor the world to come yet filled. I say this about God's Church. There are, though, many unbelievers in the world today who will believe in Christ; many sinners and debauched who will repent and change their lives; many undecided who will be persuaded. There are many, a great many, up to the sound of the last trumpet, who will prove well-pleasing to God and who have not yet been born. All those who are foreknown by God must be born, come into being, before the world beyond our world, the world of the Church, of the first-born, of the heavenly Jerusalem, is filled up. Then shall the end come and the fullness of the body of Christ be complete.

– *St. Symeon the New Theologian*

Fathers Day



May God bless all of you Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers and God-Fathers on this day set aside to honor you! May you always show forth the love, compassion, wisdom and

faithfulness that is found in our Heavenly Father. *Многая Лета!* God grant you many blessed years!

Let us Prepare Two Tables

When we return home, let us prepare two tables, one for bodily food, the other for that spiritual food which is the Holy Scripture. Let the husband repeat what has been said in the holy assembly; let the wife learn it and the children listen to it. Let each of you make your home a church. Are you not responsible for the salvation of your children? Are you not likely to have to give an account of their upbringing? Just as we, the shepherds of the flock, will give an account of what we have done for your souls, so fathers of families will have to answer before God for all the people in their home.

– St. John Chrysostom “On Genesis”



Stewardship of Time

Time on this earth is one of our greatest privileges and yet one of our biggest responsibilities. Outside of Sunday morning, how much time does God really get? The daily choices we make in our lives, how we spend our time and energy, indicate not only what we truly value but also where we will spend eternity.

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That we must always guard the ‘Atmosphere of Heaven’ within us

“We can keep guard over the whole world by keeping guard over the atmosphere of heaven within us; for if we lose the Kingdom of Heaven, we will save neither ourselves nor others. He who has the Kingdom of God within himself will imperceptibly pass it on to others. People will be attracted to the peace and warmth in us; they will want to hear us, and the atmosphere of heaven will gradually pass on to them. It is not even necessary to speak to people about this. The atmosphere heaven will radiate from us even when we keep silent, or talk about ordinary things. It will radiate from us even though we may not be aware of it.”

– Elder Thaddeus

Sunday offering for June 10

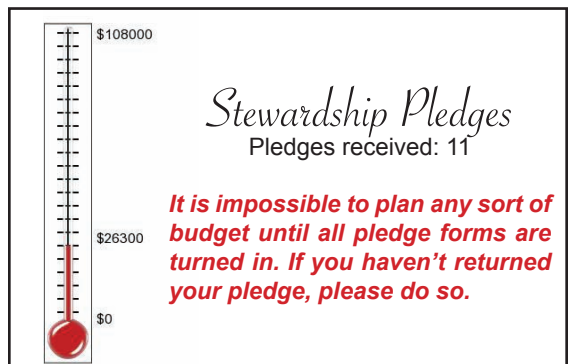
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\$40.00	1
\$50.00	2
\$120.00	1
\$200.00	1
\$591.00	12 Parishioners

Parishioner Total: 591.00

Average / parish household (39): \$15.25

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Shortfall: **(\$1534.00)**



How to Radiate Christ

To be a “Christ” is the whole meaning of Christianity.¹ To radiate Christ is the whole meaning of the Christian apostolate.

Everybody knows that the Christian is bound as far as possible to be a living “Christ,” another Jesus Christ. How is he to do this? There are various books which will tell him: *In Christ Jesus*,² *Christ the life of the soul*, by Abbot Marmion ;³ and in a shorter form: *One with Jesus*, by P. de Jaegher, S.J.⁴

But to be a Christ for one’s own personal benefit is not enough; we have to Christianize those around us; in a word, we have to radiate Christ. The following pages are intended to suggest to souls that are athirst for apostolic conquest, the means by which their apostolate may be made successful.

What method must we use in order to radiate Christ? Well, let us ask ourselves what method Our Lord Himself used to gain the adherence of His contemporaries. Antecedently it must be admitted that the means which He chose are the very means which I should do well to make my own. He, the Redeemer, possesses all the secrets of Redemption. Accordingly, however His methods may astonish or even scandalize me, if I see that He chooses this formula rather than that other, it is for me to submit to His judgement. His formula is certainly the good

¹ “The aspect of the Catholic religion which gives me such satisfaction is ... the obligation of considering oneself a continuation of Christ, each of our lives making up for what He did not live on earth.” Rene Schwob: *Ni Grec, ni Juif*, p. 140.

² By Raoul Plus, S.J. Published by Burns Oates & Washbourne Ltd.

³ Published by Sands & Co.

⁴ Published by Burns Oates & Washbourne Ltd.

one; it must become my formula, too.

But it may be objected that Jesus Christ, the Head of the Body, possessed precious resources which I, a mere member of that Body, do not possess.

Admittedly, Jesus possessed in His own right three qualifications which set Him entirely apart:

He was the Son of God.

He had at His disposal the power of miracles.

He had a personal charm beyond compare.

But surely, continues our objector, we must lose heart from the very beginning when we consider that Jesus so far surpasses us in resources for the conquest of souls. Not at all. If we begin by contemplating what is beyond our imitation and set our divine Head on a pedestal infinitely beyond our reach, we shall inevitably take courage. Is it not well that the great Chief whom we serve is evidently and incomparably great? And when we see how high He stands, how brightly and clearly His power shines forth, are we not filled with a boundless confidence? When Jesus says: “Be of good heart, I have overcome the world,” our hearts take courage; for we see that He who leads is a Person of a different calibre from us.

He is the sort of leader that we can march with. Under Him, victory is assured.

But let us hasten to add: if Christ, our divine Eldest Brother, possesses means of supernatural conquest which belong to Him alone, we must not forget that He often deigned to forgo the use of these weapons, to manifest them as little as possible and, almost under protest, that in a great number of cases He vouchsafed to appear to His contemporaries as if He were a mere man among men, endowed with nothing more than a human power. And to that extent, the example

which He has given of the manner in which we should influence others retains its full value.

But we must say more. We must say that His divine technique in the supernatural conquest of the world must be our technique too.

What did Christ do in order to win His contemporaries? The Creed tells us, and we recite the words often, perhaps without understanding that they lay upon us a greater obligation than we think. It is all summed up in four phrases:

A descent, a descent from heaven; – the Incarnation; – the Cross ; – the Burial.

Primarily and immediately these expressions have reference only to Our Lord. But, if only we understand them aright, they may easily be adapted to us also, and they wonderfully describe the only true means which any saviour of souls must choose if his apostolate is to be effective.

The servant is not greater than his Master. Subordinate saviours cannot choose any other method than that of the principal Saviour. And the rule which governs all apostolic action,

all redemptive conquest, remains always that which Our Lord determined. Every apostle, if his work is to be fruitful, needs:

A descent, a coming down from heaven;
An incarnation;
Renunciation;
Burial.

Our purpose is just to explain what this means. It means so many things! Things which only few people understand. And this is why there are so few genuine saviours of souls, so few people who, from God's point of view, exert real influence upon those around them.

But we may assert now from the very beginning, and as you read on you will become more and more convinced, that any method for the salvation of souls other than that of the Saviour, is a fantastic creation of the imagination, an impossibility.

If you are not prepared to submit to the truth, then read no further.

To be continued ...

– From *Radiating Christ*, by Fr. Raoul Plus

What can you do to ensure the protection of conscience rights?

- The U.S. Bishops have called us to get informed, pray and advocate. To send your message to HHS and Congress telling them to uphold religious liberty and conscience rights, go to www.usccb.org/conscience today! Thank you for joining the effort to end this unprecedented government coercion.
- The Bishops have called for a **Fortnight for Freedom - June 21-July 4**. Please go to www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer and action!



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Prove Your Faith by Your Trust

“Look at the birds of the air,” says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence bestows an un-failing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people’s supply running short is human greed. The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. “Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these.

If God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!”

Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

St. Ambrose of Milan