



MASSES

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

Mass in the chapel Monday-Friday at 9 am

Saturday at 10 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 9-9:45 am & 3-4 pm

in the chapel

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

20 June 2021

CHRIST CALMS THE RAGING SEA

...Our Mother, the Holy Church, has nourished us with a passage from the Gospel according to St. Mark 4:35-41, which described how our Lord Jesus Christ calmed a fearful storm by the power of His word....With God's grace, I would like to offer two meditations on this beautiful passage.

Christ's Authority

...Throughout the Holy Scripture, there are many references and images of the sea as being rebellious and untamable, something that was considered an unpredictable threat. Consider, for example, the first two verses of the first book of the Scripture, which tell us, *"In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. But the earth was unsightly and unfurnished, and darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God moved over the water"* (Gen 1:1-2). These verses give us an image of the primeval flood that existed at the beginning of Creation. The waters raged in chaos before we read in verse 9, *"And God said, Let the water which is under the heaven be collected into one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so. And the water which was under the heaven was collected into its places, and the dry land appeared."* Thus, at the Creation of this visible world, God brings order to the chaos of the raging floods by His command....We see, therefore, that the Lord God calmed the raging sea and gave it rules and limits at the beginning of Creation.

In the Book of Psalms, the Holy Prophet-King David sings of God's Divine authority over the sea in several Psalms. For example, in Psalm 88 (LXX), David praises God, saying, *"O Lord God of hosts, Who is like to Thee? Thou art mighty, O Lord, and Thy truth is round about Thee. Thou rulest the power of the sea; and thou calmest the tumult of its waves"* (Ps 88[9]:8-9). In Psalm 92 (LXX), the Lord God is described as being higher and mightier than the rivers, the seas, and the voices of many waters.

When we consider all of these references in the Holy Scripture to God's limitless authority over the raging waters such that He orders and limits them by His mere word, our Lord Jesus Christ's exercise of this same authority in the Gospel does not surprise us, but rather, it teaches us that He is indeed the Only Begotten Son of God. It teaches us that He was with His Father at the time of Creation and that, as we say in the Divine Liturgy, all things were created through Him. Our father among the saints, St. Basil the Great, teaches us in his work, *On the Holy Spirit*, that when we hear Christ addressing the raging sea with the words, *"Peace! Be still!"* (Mk 4:39), we recognize His authority as Master and Creator....We thus encounter Christ as the One Who was with His Father from before the ages and the One through Whom the Father created all things....

The Disciples' Fear

...In this Gospel passage, we see an interesting juxtaposition of the disciples terrified and afraid in the raging sea on the one hand, and our Lord Jesus Christ peacefully asleep at the stern on the other. How could our Lord sleep in the midst of such violence and turbulence? Most of us, when we are asleep, might awaken at the faintest creak or unfamiliar noise in the house, but here was our Savior peacefully sleeping through a

great tempest! How could Christ sleep during this time?

The Holy Scripture suggests that the key to understanding Christ's ability to sleep during this time in His faith, His righteousness, and His trust in God, which He modeled for us during His earthly ministry. Throughout the Old Testament, untroubled sleep signifies faith and trust in God's divine protection. For example, the Wise Solomon wrote in the Proverbs, *"The curse of God is in the houses of the ungodly; but the habitations of the just are blessed"* (Pr 3:33). Also, in Psalm 3, the Holy Prophet-King David sings, *"I lay down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord will help me."* (Ps 3:5), and in Psalm 4, he praises God, saying, *"I will both lie down in peace and sleep: for thou, Lord, only hast caused me to dwell securely"* (Ps 4:8). ...

We may, dear brothers and sisters, meditate on the storm and the raging sea in this Gospel as a symbol of the world we live in. That is not to say there is nothing good in this world, but rather, that our lives in this world are filled with challenges, suffering, and tribulations....The contrast between the disciples who were afraid because they lacked faith and Christ Who rested peacefully reminds us that we must navigate our lives in this world with faith and complete trust in God as our Protector.

Hundreds of years before the disciples were terrified on that boat, the Holy Prophet-King David composed a Psalm that foreshadowed what happened that day:

They that go down to the sea in ships, doing business in many waters; these men have seen the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. He speaks, and the stormy wind arises, and its waves are lifted up. They go up to the heavens, and go down to the depths; their soul melts because of troubles. They are troubled, they stagger as a drunkard, and all their wisdom is swallowed up. Then they cry to the Lord in their affliction, and he brings them out of their distresses. And he commands the storm, and it is calmed into a gentle breeze, and its waves are still. And they are glad, because they are quiet; and he guides them to their desired haven. Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies, and his wonderful works to the children of men." (Ps 106[7]:23-31 LXX).

We are that group of men in the midst of the raging sea who cry out to our Savior for deliverance from our affliction. And our Savior will receive our prayers and act in a magnificent way. After all, we read that Christ *"arose and rebuked the sea."* What is interesting in this verse is the fact that the Greek word for "arose" here (διεγειρω / diegeirō) actually means that our Lord Jesus Christ rose to His full height; He stood up completely in order to confront the raging sea. ... When the Church is persecuted, our Lord stands up. When the disciples are fearful because of the storm, our Lord stands and confronts the raging sea. Similarly, when we are in the midst of a tribulation or adversity and call upon our Savior, He will be there in our midst, as well, standing with us and managing the situation according to His will for what is needful for our salvation.

From the blog Become Orthodox by Fr. Moses Samaan, a priest of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Los Angeles

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Peter Queen, Fredrick Taggart, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Jackie Chancio, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.

Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOC PIG ROAST

The St. John Fisher Council of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pig roast picnic on Saturday, 3 July 2021 from 1pm to 6pm here at the church. All are invited! So mark your calendars today.

EVANGELISM INITIATIVE

We are undertaking evangelization work in our surrounding community. But as Scripture tells us, *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.* So we need to undergird all of our work with prayer. We invite all of our parish family to pray that the Holy Spirit may quicken our hearts and abide with us, that we may be eager to do the Father's will by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all around us.

ALTAR SERVERS

We need altar servers for our Masses. Please speak to Fr. Catania or email him at fr.jason.catania@ordinariate.net if you are interested in serving at the altar.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 19 June

Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm Lorraine LaValley + [anniversary commemoration]

Sunday, 20 June

The Third Sunday after Trinity [OT 12]
8 am Pro populo
9:30 am the priests of this parish, living and deceased
11 am Rev. Arthur E. Wooley +

Monday, 21 June

Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
9 am George F. Hickey Sr + [George F. Hickey Jr]

Tuesday, 22 June

John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
9 am Graziella H. de Madan

Wednesday, 23 June

Hilda, Etheldreda, Mildred, and All Holy Nuns
Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
9 am Fredrick Taggart

Thursday, 24 June

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
9 am Mary C. Brennan + [Edwin Smith]

Friday, 25 June

Feria
9 am Rosemary Coller

Saturday, 26 June

Feria
10 am Rosemary Coller [Edwin Smith]
Anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity
4:30 pm J. Alberto Casas +

Sunday, 27 June

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity [OT 13]
8 am Pro populo
9:30 am Jeff Rubin +
11 am Judith Kovacs +

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