

## Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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<b>Service Schedule</b>	
<b>Saturday-Vespers 5PM</b> <b>Sunday-Matins 9AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 11AM</b>	<b>Confession:</b> Sunday 10:30 and by appointment. <b>Feastdays-As announced.</b>

<b>Weekly Offering- September 15, 2024</b>			
<b>Sunday:</b> \$50.00	<b>Cash:</b> \$6.00	<b>Average Monthly Expenditures:</b> \$2767.32	
<b>e-Giving:</b> \$309.30	<b>Total:</b> \$365.30	<b>Total this Month:</b> \$1059.60	<b>Diff:</b> \$(1,707.72)

<b>Services This Week</b>	
<b>Wednesday, September 25</b>	Vespers. 5PM. (Readers)
<b>Saturday, September 28</b>	Vespers. 5PM
<b>Sunday, September 29. 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>	Matins 9AM                      Confession: 10:30AM Divine Liturgy. 11 AM.

<p><b>September 22, 2024</b></p> <p><b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b></p> <p><b>The holy martyr Phocas</b>, bishop of Sinope. As bishop, he strengthened the faithful by his example and words, and brought many pagans to the true faith. The governor of the province had him seized and tortured, and then killed him by throwing him into boiling water. He died during the reign of the emperor Trajan. (103)</p> <p><b>The holy prophet Jonah, son of Amathi</b>, by whose name a book of the Old Testament is called. Jonah's famous passage from the belly of the whale is told as a sign of the resurrection of the Lord in the Gospel.</p> <p><b>Our venerable Father Jonah the priest</b>, father of Theophane the Hymnographer and Theodore the Artist. He was a wonder-worker who died in the monastery of St. Sabbas the Sanctified. (9th century)</p> <p><i>On this day we also commemorate the holy apostle Quadratus, transferred from September 21 because of the leave-taking.</i></p> <p>Tone 1. Matins Gospel 7  Sunday Antiphons  Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 1 (pg. 125)  <i>Glory. Now and ever.</i> Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 1 (pg.126)</p> <p>Prokeimenon of the Resurrection, Tone 1 (pg.127)  Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11</p> <p>Alleluia of the Resurrection, Tone 1 (pg 127)  Gospel: Luke 5:1-11</p>
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Communion Hymn, of Sunday

The Fourth Annual Men's Retreat: The Beatitudes: The Way of Life at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio with Retreat Master Father Lukas Mitro on March 14-16, 2025. Contact Karl Busam 1-419-626-6811 or [karl.busam.77@gmail.com](mailto:karl.busam.77@gmail.com)

The Twelfth Annual Women's Retreat: Our Lord Jesus Christ-The Path to the Father at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio with Retreat Master Father Jan Maturkanic on March 7-9, 2025. Contact Joan Washburn 1-865-696-7809 or [stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com)

### **From the Desk of Father Bruce**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

This is a big week for the folks in the Diocese of Davenport. On Friday their new bishop will be installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral. His name is Most Rev. Dennis Walsh. I will be in attendance along with Adam and Lynsey. In addition, Bishop Robert from our Eparchy will be participating. He and I both feel it is crucial for our Outreach to form a relationship with Bishop Dennis. In similar instances, Roman Rite bishops have been very cooperative in accommodating needs. I have an appointment with the new bishop on October 28. During this sitting I hope to inform him about our existence and make sure we are on his radar. In my phone conversation with him I found out he has a great appreciation for the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. I feel that bodes well for us. I will also be attending Vespers the night before at St. John Vianney in Bettendorf. The Kemner family will also be in attendance.

Our next parish meeting is scheduled for October 13 following the agape meal. That will be "picture day" where we want everyone in attendance for a group photo (for future public relation purposes).

We are all called to be "fishers of men" as the Gospel today proclaims. Let us lead our lives as if we are the only Bibles people may ever read. As St. Francis of Assisi once said, let's proclaim the Gospel, and if necessary, use words!

Have a Blessed week!



## **The Conception of the Honorable Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**

When our Lord and God, the Only-begotten Son and Word of the Father, deigned to descend from the heavens, and was conceived without seed and in a strange manner in the virginal womb of His all-immaculate Mother, He wanted to verify beforehand the seedless conception of the Virgin with another strange miracle. He did this six months prior to His own conception, when He sent a message through the Archangel Gabriel to the prophet and high priest Zechariah, who was censing in the Temple and praying for the people, proclaiming by him the strange conception of His own Forerunner. He determined for this to take place in the womb of his barren and elderly wife Elizabeth, whose conception we celebrate today. Meanwhile Zechariah, because he did not believe in this hope-filled message of the Archangel Gabriel, was condemned to voicelessness and silence, until the day he saw the fulfillment of the message of the Archangel.