



OCTOBER, 2018						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm 21st Sunday After Pentecost	15 Brandon: 7 pm Men's Club Mass & Meeting	16	17 Brandon: 9 am + Daren Tripp Offering: Chodorowski Family	18 Brandon: 9 am + Daren Tripp Offering: MacKalski Family Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting	19  Brandon: 9 am Intention of Dolores Offering: Chodorowski Family	20 Brandon: 5 pm Health of John Nazar Offering: Nazar Family
21 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm Parish Council Meeting to Follow Brandon Men's Club Fall Supper 22nd Sunday After Pentecost	22 Portage: 10 am + Rev. Deacon Michael Strilec Offering: Walter & Jean Strilec	23 VACATION	24 VACATION	25 VACATION	26  VACATION	27 VACATION

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.

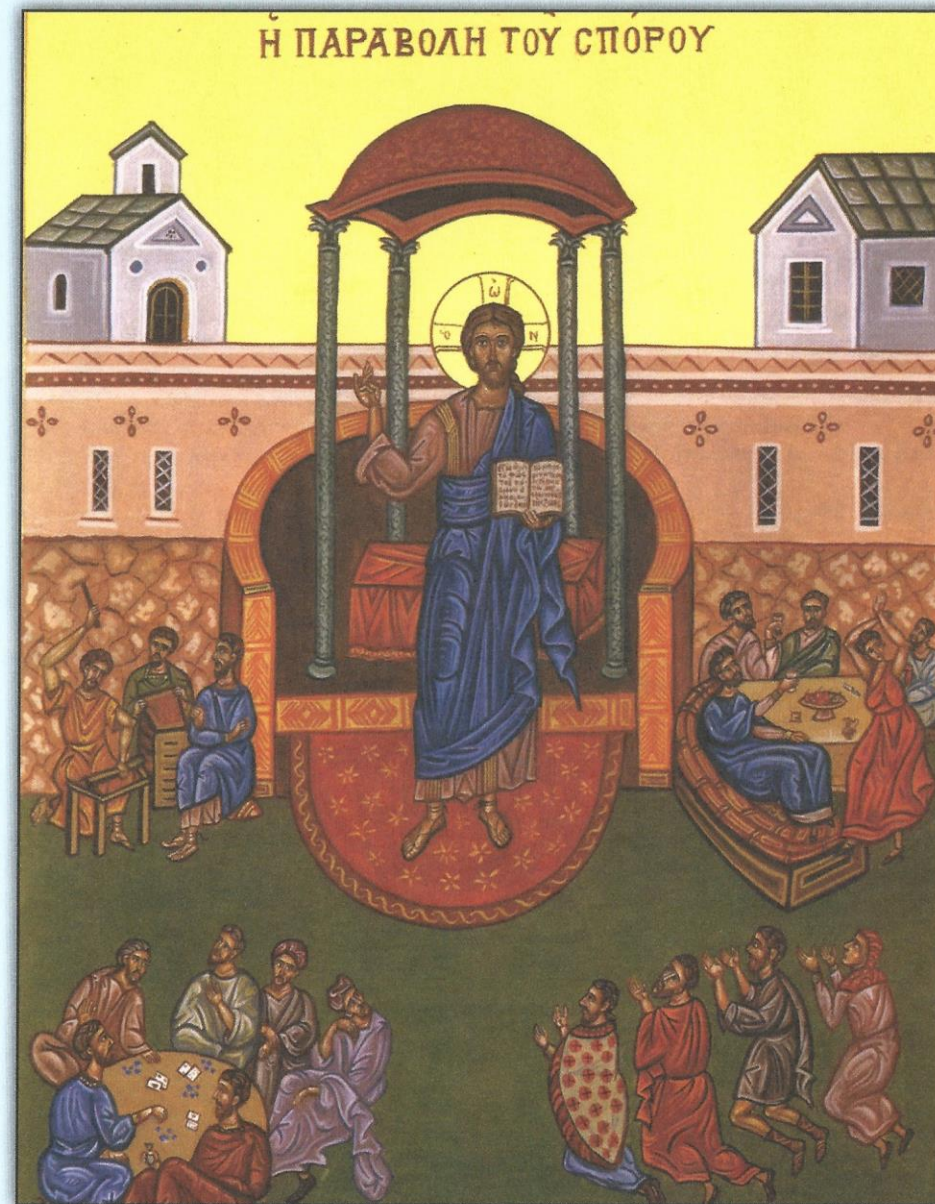
It is with this pain and concern for souls that He tells this beautiful parable. This is also why He cried out many times at the end of His parables, "He who has ears to hear, let him

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.

SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15)

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
 Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
 Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Oct 14	S. Kostiw	B. McKay / S. Kachur	N. Zemliak	B. Kuszak
Sun Oct 21	J. Solomon	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	I. Dyakiv	S. Baranyk
Sun Oct 28	S. Shwaluk	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	L. Makwaychuk	L. Olisnevych
Sun Nov 04	P. Zalisky	A. Todosichuk / R. Kuszak	N. Zemliak	B. McKay

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Oct 06 \$ 135.00
 Sunday, Oct 07 \$ 711.00
 Total \$ 846.00
 Candles \$ 100.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AUGUST, 2018

Total Credits: \$ 4,718.40
 Total Debits: \$ 8,036.51
 (Increase in debits caused by purchase of AC unit:
 \$3,503.00)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You have planted many seeds in the garden of possibilities. Meditation is the art of removing the weeds from the garden of possibilities."

- Amit Ray



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (OCTOBER 2018)

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

MEN'S CLUB MASS AND MEETING

The Men's Club Divine Liturgy will be held on Monday, October 15th at 7:00 PM, followed by a meeting in the Club Room.

MEN'S CLUB FALL SUPPER

The Men's Club will be having their Fall Supper on Sunday, October 21st. Anyone wishing to donate desserts for the supper, please drop them off at the hall on Saturday or Sunday.

ANNUAL LEAVE

I will be on vacation from Tuesday, October 23rd until Monday, November 5th, 2018. Please note the following:

Saturday Services
 Services on Saturday (October 27th and November 3rd) are cancelled for the two weeks that I am away.

Divine Liturgy Time:
 Beginning October 28th, 2018, Sunday Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM and will remain at this time until spring.

Replacement Clergy:
 Fr. Michael Krochak
 Emergency Anointing:

Please contact St. Augustine's for emergency anointing.
 Funerals:
 Please contact Fr. Emil in Neepawa (204-476-3857).
 - Fr. Michael

TIME CHANGE

Just a reminder that Central Standard Time begins on Sunday, November 4th, 2018. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

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FAITH FOR TODAY

We Christians today are a small handful of people in a tremendous sea of atheism, materialism, secularism, paganism, plain ignorance, and indifference. We are like the Jews of old – small, ghetto-like groups, lost in the midst of many Romans and Greeks. In this pluralistic society we suffer from a spiritual malady

that prevents us from burning with zeal for our Father's house, from entering that society to bring love to it. Our prayer should be, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief." We have received the gift of faith in our baptism. Divine life courses in us, grace is given to us, and we feed on the Body of the Lord. Yet our faith is weak. In our technological, scientific age, we examine everything with our intellect and believe only what we can understand, examine, weigh, and analyze. This analytical approach cannot be used with God. We must enter into the darkness of faith to find Him, to meet Him. Unless we have this *personal* encounter with God, our faith will be weak. Today we need a flaming faith, a faith that moves mountains, that translates the presence of Christ into every action. That kind of faith will send us forth and remove our hesitancy as we encounter our next door neighbor. That kind of faith will make ordinary, drab human lives things of splendor, a shouting of the Good News and the living of the Gospel of love again. We must beg for this kind of faith.

- Welcome Pilgrim

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HUMOR

A couple were roaring down the road on a motorcycle when the guy pulled over because his leather jacket had a broken zipper. He told his girlfriend, "I can't keep driving anymore, the air hitting me in the chest is unbearable." His girlfriend said, "Try putting your jacket on back to front." The boyfriend quickly made the change and they continued roaring down the road until the next bend! The boyfriend was going far too fast, lost control and the couple were both flung into a ditch. A passing motorist stopped, rushed over to help, then ran to call the police. The police telephone operator asked, "Are they showing any signs of life?" "Well," the motorist explained, "the girl seems ok and her boyfriend was moving until I turned his head around the right way!"

