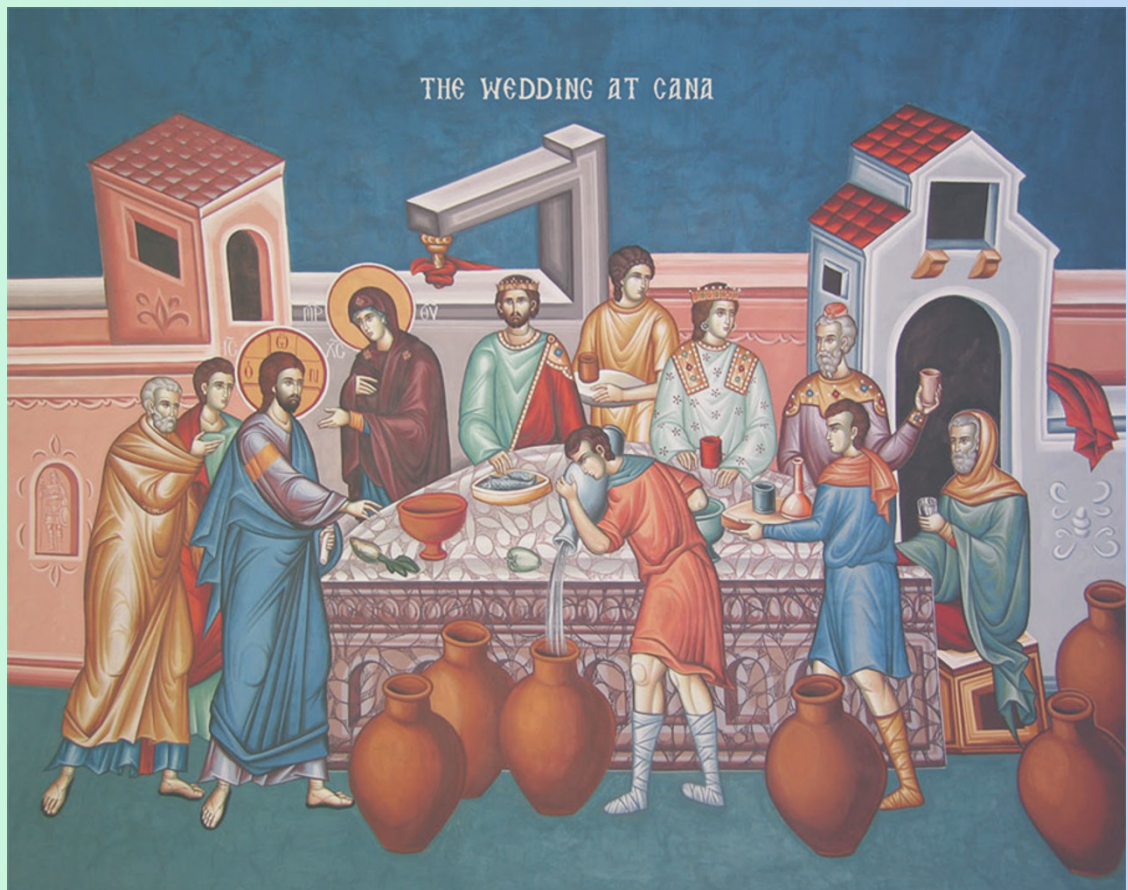


14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023



Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.

HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,

EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY
OF

BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF
"GLORY TO YOU" AND "HEAVENLY KING."*

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED
DEATH;**

AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

**HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)**

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

1 Corinthians

1:21-2:4

FOR SINCE, IN THE WISDOM OF GOD, THE WORLD WAS UNABLE TO COME TO KNOW HIM THROUGH WISDOM, HE CHOSE, THROUGH THE FOLLY OF PREACHING, TO SAVE THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH. JEWS DEMAND SIGNS, AND GREEKS LOOK FOR WISDOM, BUT WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED. THIS IS A STUMBLING BLOCK TO JEWS AND FOOLISHNESS TO GENTILES; BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED, BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS, CHRIST IS THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD. FOR THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER THAN HUMAN WISDOM, AND THE WEAKNESS OF GOD IS STRONGER THAN HUMAN STRENGTH.

GOD HAS CHOSEN THOSE WHO COUNT FOR NOTHING. CONSIDER, BRETHREN, YOUR CALLING. NOT MANY OF YOU WERE WISE BY HUMAN STANDARDS,^[B] NOT MANY WERE POWERFUL, NOT MANY WERE OF NOBLE BIRTH. RATHER, GOD CHOSE THOSE WHO WERE REGARDED AS FOOLISH BY THE WORLD TO SHAME THE WISE; GOD CHOSE THOSE IN THE WORLD WHO WERE WEAK TO SHAME THE STRONG. GOD CHOSE THOSE IN THE WORLD WHO WERE LOWLY AND DESPISED, THOSE WHO COUNT FOR NOTHING, TO REDUCE TO NOTHING THOSE WHO WERE REGARDED AS WORTHY, SO THAT NO ONE COULD BOAST IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. IT IS THROUGH HIM THAT YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO BECAME FOR US WISDOM OF GOD, AS WELL AS RIGHTEOUSNESS, SANCTIFICATION, AND REDEMPTION. THEREFORE, AS IT IS WRITTEN, "IF ANYONE WISHES TO BOAST, LET HIM BOAST IN THE LORD."

JESUS CHRIST—AND HIM CRUCIFIED. WHEN I CAME TO YOU, BRETHREN, I DID NOT PROCLAIM TO YOU THE MYSTERY OF GOD^[D] WITH WORDS OF ELOQUENCE OR WISDOM. FOR I RESOLVED THAT, WHILE I WAS WITH YOU, I WOULD KNOW NOTHING EXCEPT JESUS CHRIST—AND HIM CRUCIFIED. I CAME TO YOU IN WEAKNESS, IN FEAR, AND IN GREAT TREPIDATION. MY MESSAGE AND MY PROCLAMATION WERE NOT MADE WITH PERSUASIVE WORDS OF WISDOM, BUT IN A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER,

Matthew

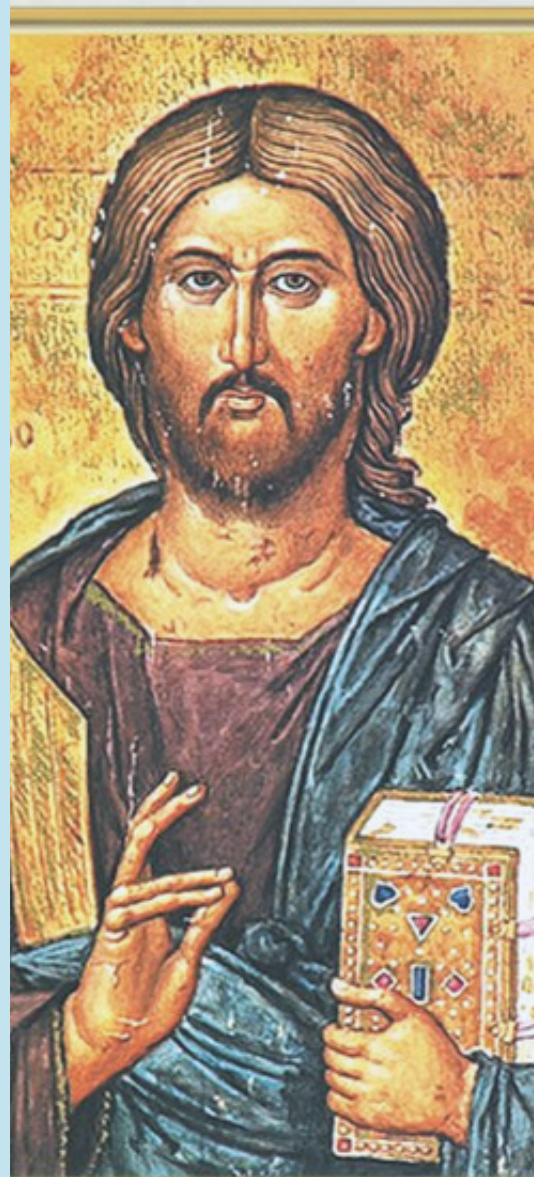
22: 1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet. Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent forth his servants to summon those who had been invited to the banquet, but they refused to come. Then he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, my banquet has been prepared, my oxen and my fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet."'

"But they ignored his invitation. One went off to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

"The king was enraged, and he sent forth his troops who destroyed those murderers and burned their city to the ground. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy of that honor. Go forth, therefore, to the main roads and invite everyone you can find to the wedding banquet.' The servants went forth into the streets and gathered together everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to greet the guests, he noticed one man who was not properly dressed for a wedding. My friend,' he said to him, 'how did you gain entrance here without a wedding garment?' The man was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet and cast him outside into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."



What do you hear
God saying?

14th Sunday After Pentecost Word Search Puzzle

Words run horizontally, vertically, diagonally & even backwards
Find words as fast as possible to win.

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GUESTS WEDDING CHRIST JESUS BANQUET BLOCK KING FRIENDS
CRUCIFIED SERVANTS

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Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!
AMEN!**