

"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, and Greta Koehl. Please pray for these relatives and friends of our parishioners: Eileen Gray, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, Steve Smith, Caleb Joseph Lugo, and Marie J. Stone.

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that " the pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sunday and days of precept [holydays of obligation] (canon 294). This liturgy intention for parishioners is "For the intention of parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for parishioners all parishioners is "For the Intention of Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue this prayer for one another during the week by remembering several parishioners' families each week. Please pray for these parishioners; Erica and Matthew Spierenburg & family, Don and Mary Springer, Andrew and Caitlin Stafford & family, Peter and Elaine Starr & family, Nancy Stefan, Robert and Nancy Stegon, Joseph Stone, and from the Mission, Michael Hamas.

Catechetical Sunday. Last Sunday, we prayed a for the ECF students, catechists and administrators, that God may strengthen them in their good work of growing in faith, love and knowledge of God through catechesis. We ask you to keep them in your prayers, to encourage the students, their parents and their teachers to persevere in their studies, and to support and thank those who have accepted the responsibility of catechesis for our children as a gift of their time, energy, and dedication.

Public Liturgies. The Governor of Virginia has issued the seventh revised Executive Order Seventy-two and Executive Order Seventy-Nine. In these orders the governor has lifted most restrictions according to recent guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control. According to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Emergency expired July 1, 2021, and all executive orders are expired or terminated.

Episcopal Guidelines. Bishop Kurt issued directives for his parishes effective May 28, 2021. 1 The Bishop directs that state and local health directives be observed. 2 Parishioners do not have to wear a mask except for personal choice. 3 Priests, deacons and those assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion should wear a mask. 4 The priest and deacon are to receive from chalices other than the one to be used for the Faithful. 5 Individual spoons must continue to be used to distribute Holy Communion. 6 The priest and deacon must continue to exercise caution in handling the offered and prepared gifts before they are consecrated, and handling, speaking or singing near the Gifts or the metal ware (chalice, discos, zeon) and continue to sanitize their hands prior to touching them. 7 No one should be asked if they have received the covid vaccine in order to allow entrance to the church. 8 People are encouraged to continue to practice safe distancing in the pews and Communion procession. 9 The Bishop has not lifted the prohibition to have the prayer books and Bibles or the bulletins in church.

Sunday Obligation. The Bishop has revoked the dispensation regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy on June 6th. Watching the live stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that "just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health or the health of others."

Parish Adjustments to Plan. As a response to the governor's amended executive order and Bishop Kurt Burnette's guidelines of May 26, 2021 Epiphany will have certain adjustments in public worship and assembly. Please continue to follow the directions of the ushers. The sanitizing stations will still be at the same places, and all are asked to avail themselves of their use. The collection will continue to be taken by the basket in the narthex for the present. Please note that adjustments to pew seating are being made to accommodate the Faithful since the Bishop's

dispensation from the Sunday obligation has been revoked. The Bishop has not made any changes to allow the distribution of bulletins or replacing the books in the pew racks. However, the ushers will have Divine Liturgy books available if you desire. If you ask for a book, please take it home with you and bring it back for use each time you come to church. The sacristans will continue to sanitize surfaces and doors in church after each Divine Liturgy. The chapel will remain closed at present.

Praying at Home Together. If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your homes so that we can be united in praying the same prayers. These are available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, <https://mci.archpitt.org> .

Prayerbook in church. The entire People's Molitvennik is available at the <https://mci.archpitt.org> web site under Publications tab to use on your smart phone when participating in the Liturgy.

Messages from the Pastor. Father John has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these email messages, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed it and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish office.

Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled Now that we have re-established two Divine Liturgies for Sunday, a Saturday 5:00 pm evening Divine Liturgy for Sunday and a 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Sunday, Jamie will begin to reschedule those Sunday requests not persolved in 2020 and through the first seven months of 2021.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On-line Giving. Bishop Kurt directed that all parishes have online giving service in place with www.tithe.ly.com by August 31, 2020. Both the parish and the mission have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online

contribution, go to the church web site. On the home page is a link that says [Epiphany of our Lord online donation](#). Click on that and you will be directed to Epiphany's tithe.ly account. Please note that where you see Offertory, that is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for: Sunday offertory, Building Fund, St. Nicholas Fund, or eparchial collections. Please show care in the category Recurring Giving. If it is not a donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

Tax Planning Opportunities. For those of you currently taking required minimum distributions from your IRA, consider making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) to Epiphany Church directly from your IRA. This will not only benefit our church, but it reduces your taxable income even if you do not itemize. Contact the parish office for more information.

EMC Bingo. New legislation went into effect July 1, 2021 that changes aspects of Bingo in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This legislation allows only those organizations who have corporate offices in Virginia to hold Bingo. Epiphany Men's Club has retained counsel, Attorney John Rodock of Baker, Donalson. The eparchial attorney is reviewing the legislation and will also respond.

Parish Bulletin. The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: www.eolbcc.org. It will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and photograph of the bulletin can be taken.

Church Debt Reduction. The check for the third quarter interest payment on the loan for the new church has been issued for \$6,834.62 and the check for the principle of \$75,000 has been issued. The balance remaining on the loan is \$836,282.67

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Stephen Plishka upon the death of his mother, +Joan Plishka, September 7, 2021. The funeral was September 11, 2021, from Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Portage, PA and the interment was at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Cemetery, Beaverdale, PA. May God grant His departed servant, +Joan, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'.

Priests' Retreat. The priests of the Eparchy of Passaic will be on retreat this week with Bishop Kurt. The retreat will be offered both in person as well as by Zoom. For parish business, please call

during regular office hours. For sacramental emergencies, please call the local Roman Catholic parish.

Mission Development. The SWM Easement that the Bishop signed has been received by VIKA and will be registered with the county. Checks have been issued to Go Pro for the construction work. The photocopies of Epiphany Platytera, Extreme Humility and the Old Testament priests were sent by Christine Uvegyes Loya and have been received. They are copied on canvas and are extraordinarily beautiful. These must now be mounted on frames.

Book Store. The Bookstore will be open every Sunday after the Sunday 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal Recent Update. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments were accepted through June 1, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2020, must be attributed to the 2021 tax year. The goal for this year's campaign was the same as last year, \$19,800 for the church and \$6,000 for the mission. The parishioners at the church have pledged or given \$22,325. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. Epiphany has received their rebate totaling \$9,030. This is an incredible response in this difficult time. May God bless you for your sacrificial offerings to our eparchy and for our eparchy's donation to European eparchies.

Vocations Discernment. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who are fully vaccinated and who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from 5 pm on Friday evening, November 5 through 4 pm on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2021 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary

community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion. The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is October 13, 2021.

Becoming Byzantine. Join us for a series of Free 90-Minute Webinars on BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholic Faith, Worship, and Life Based on the Christ our Pascha Catechism offered through a free webinar series and 36 pre-recorded video lessons. Each month's video lessons (3, 20-minute lessons per month) will be available after the webinar. Our hosts will share their own thoughts and insights on the teachings of Christ Our Pascha, the Ukrainian Catholic Catechism. Christ: Our Pascha is available for a free download at catechism.royaldoors.net.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- Amended Safety Protocols
- Two Sunday Divine Liturgies
- Mission Development
- Bishop's Appeal
- Debt Reduction

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

September 26, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$ 2,406.00
Building Fund	\$ 805.00
Holy Days	\$150.00
Candles	\$129.50
SOR	\$186.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$431.00
<u>Holly Water Bottles</u>	<u>\$28.64</u>
	\$4,136.14

The above figures represent the collections for 09/19/21

Tithing & Giving. This report represents donations made in person during the week 09/19/21 It does not include online donations

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab – Pastor**

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!	September 26, 2021	Slava Isusu Christ! Slava na v'iki!
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VIGIL OF EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Sept. 25 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PASSING OF THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST JOHN***

Sun. Sept. 26 9:00 AM +George and +Mary Nacik by Mary & Tony Fazio

Nineteenth Week after Pentecost

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Fri. Oct. 01 10:00 AM +Richard Wytko, +Madonna Jaimes, +LaDonna Rodock
by Epiphany Cantors

VIGIL OF THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Oct. 02 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Oct. 03 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Mike & Dolores Opachko
Jim and Jamie Bacigalupi

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 2 & October 3, 2021

Sat. Oct. 02 5:00 PM One server and a sacristan will be assigned.
Sun. Oct. 03 9:00 AM One server and a sacristan will be assigned.

USHER SCHEDULE – October 2 & October 3, 2021

Sat. Oct. 02 5:00 PM Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Saturday and Sunday.
Sun. Oct. 03 9:00 AM

People in attendance can wear masks but do not have to do so if vaccinated. No one will be asked to provide proof. People are requested to maintain social distancing.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation - (Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist). We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is imparted at the same time immediately following baptism.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants – is scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Saturdays or Sundays during the year except certain fast periods. Sponsors must be Catholics in good standing and supply a sponsor card attesting to that from their parish. While two Catholics in good standing is usual, one baptized non-Catholic can function as a Christian Witness with the Catholic sponsor. Both must be at least sixteen years of age. Details are available at the parish office.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults – follows a period of catechumenate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage – According to the Pastoral Policy and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Catholic Church in New Jersey, couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor one year before the date of the wedding and be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Couples will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions – to begin the pre-nuptial investigation, to take FOCCUS, a communications, values and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the pre-nuptial investigation and for a session on the theology of the mystery (sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. In addition, confessions are heard during the Christmas Fast (Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) at other scheduled times. Visiting confessors are also scheduled at special times during the Great Fast. Confessions are also heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord's Resurrection.

Anointing of the Sick – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and anointing of the sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church before entering the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance of interruption for confession and anointing. If you are unable to come to church, please call the rectory. Families of parishioners who have a medical emergency should contact the rectory office so one of the priests can go the hospital.

Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home by the deacon on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact the deacon or the rectory office by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

Funeral Services – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. The Epiphany Ladies Guild as part of their charity offers a Mercy Meal for families at the Parish Center following the interment. Epiphany of our Lord cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County - Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM; Religious Education & Social Hour 11:15-12:15; 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD; (301) 482-0282.

Parish Administration

"The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization."

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor
Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

School of Religion - School of Religion classes meet on Sundays between Liturgies (9:20 AM - 10:20 AM) throughout the school year (September - June). Classes are offered for children grades Preschool & Kindergarten - High School

Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.

Registration - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

<p>Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA http://www.eolbcc.org Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.</p>
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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy

for

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

GREEN p. 125 Resurrection Tone 1

YELLOW p. 368 One Holy Apostle or <https://mci.archpitt.org> Sept 26

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE:

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Except:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 1 p. 125-126 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Apostle either p. 368 YELLOW or archpitt
 - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 1 p. 126 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon Resurrection Tone 1 p. 127 GREEN
 - Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
 - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 1 p. 127 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i Slove Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i prisno-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravyj, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

SVJATYJ BOŽE – HOLY GOD

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kr'ipkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. Slava Otcu i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amin.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjasšcej Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiň. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Allilua. Allilua. Allilua.

SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolň nebo i zeml'a slavy Tvojeja: osanna vo vyšnich, blahosloven hrjadyj vo imja Hospodne, osanna vo vyšnich.

TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

Tebe pojem, Tebe blahoslovim, Teb'i blahodarim, Hospodi, i molintisja Bože naš.

DOSTOJNO JEST' – IT IS TRULY PROPER

Dostojno jest' jako voistinnu blažiti t'a Bororodicu, prisnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Čestnišuju Cheruvim i slavnišuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez istl'inija Boha Slova roždšuju, suščuju Bohorodicu, t'a veličajem.

OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijdet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zemli. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože I my ostavl'ajem dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

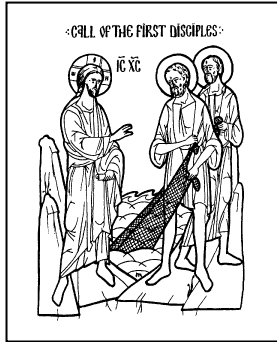
VID'ICHOM SV'IT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom sv'it istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itocom v'iru istinuju nerazd'ilňij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklaňajemsja, Ta bo nas spasla jest'.

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojeho Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'aščim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojej. Allilua!

Meditation on Today's Readings



18th Sunday After Pentecost

Put out into the deep. Luke 5:4

The holy fathers arranged the lectionary for the Byzantine Church so that the entire four gospels would be read during the course of the year. Each gospel would be read during a certain feast or fast period. Therefore, the gospel according to John would be read from Pascha to Pentecost. Next, the gospel according to Matthew would be read from Pentecost Monday to Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th). Then, the gospel according to Luke would be read from the Sunday after the Sunday after the Exaltation until the Great Fast. At that time, the gospel according to Mark would be read on the

weekdays of the preparation weeks before the Great Fast while the gospel according to Luke would continue until the Great Fast. During the Great Fast the rest of the gospel according to Mark would be read on Saturdays and Sundays except the First Sunday of the Great Fast because it is the Sunday of Orthodoxy and the gospel appointed is from John. There were reasons why the holy fathers selected each evangelist for each period of sacred time.

The first Sunday reading from the gospel according to Luke is from the call of Saint Peter and the first apostles. The account reveals that the call and appointment to the apostolic office is from Christ Himself and the sacred office of apostle possesses divine authority and divine helps to carry out that mission. The mission is to save humanity by bringing them to the Son of God who has made the first move by coming to humans. A “fish out of water” will die on land. Humans brought to baptism die to the old self and are reborn in Christ. It is as if the “water” humans live in is a dying or Dead Sea and a lifeboat is being offered to save them but only by dying first.

The narrative is for all of us, not only for bishops who are the successors of the apostles. Why? Because all baptized persons are called to a share in the apostolate under the supervision of the bishops. We all have to recognize our duty like Peter. Yes, we recognize our unworthiness when God meets us. We remember that the Lord reassured Peter. So, He will reassure us and make us able to carry out what He asks us to do.

“Put out into the deep.” Saint Ambrose sees this as an invitation to give ourselves over to the deep mystery of meeting the infinite God. “Lower your nets.” The net is the gospel. Just as a fish net is a humble thing that is effective to catch fish, the Gospel is God’s Word in humble human words and it is effective to touch humans with God’s message.

We have been toiling all night. It is time to not use our own efforts but announce the gospel by using God’s Word and by utilizing the grace of God.

Blessed Escriva wrote that people of today are like the ones who clamber to hear Jesus speak. They are tired of empty philosophies. Blessed Escriva writes that we must put out into the deep. “Throw aside the pessimism that makes a coward of you...Don’t take the easy way out. Don’t say, ‘I’m no good at this sort of thing,’ there is no one else: if you could get away with that argument, so could everyone else...No one can consider him or her-self exempt for whatever reason—age, health, or occupation. There are no excuses whatsoever. Either we carry out a fruitful apostolate or our faith will prove barren.”

“Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.’ The One who supplies seed to the

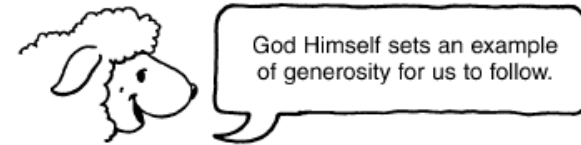
sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”
2 Corinthians 9:9-11

This passage is part of an update regarding the status of the collection for the relief of Christians of Jerusalem that was being taken up by churches in Greece. Now the apostle writes about the rationale for giving to others—that we share with others what was shared with us by God—recalling that the seed for sowing, and other material blessings, as well as the spiritual gift of grace are given to us from God. When we give to others God repays us, and the recipient of our material or spiritual gift repays us by offering thanksgiving to God for us.

From Ignatius Study Bible: Luke, The Navarre Bible: Luke, and The Navarre Bible.

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