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*Spolieham sa na Pána,
moja duša sa spolieha
na jeho slovo.*

*I wait for the Lord; my
soul waits for his word.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

19. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Ukáž nám, Pane, svoje milosrdenstvo a daj nám svoju spásu.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Pán Ježiš v dnešnom evanjeliu vytýka apoštolovi Petrovi jeho malú vieru. Viera je základný životný postoj. Bez viery by človek nebol schopný prijímať ani len základné životné prostriedky: vodu, vzduch, materské mlieko. Bez viery by človek nebol schopný riadiť sa svojimi zmyslovými vnemami, teda veriť v realitu toho, čo vidí a počuje. Toto je viera v tom najvšeobecnejšom zmysle. Schopnosť bytosti otvoriť sa pre prijímanie. Existuje však viera, ktorú označujeme ako božskú čnosť, teda čnosť, ktorou sa môžeme priblížiť k Bohu, k Láске. Viera v tomto zmysle je základný a pozitívny vzťah k Bohu, je z našej strany predpokladom lásky. Takáto viera pochádza z hlásaného slova. Nemôžeme hovoriť o viere ako o božskej čnosti tam, kde ľudia nepoznajú Božie Slovo.

Božie Slovo sa v gréckom jazyku označuje viacerými termínmi. V Písme sa objavuje slovo Logos, ktoré označuje Božie Slovo, určené pre všetkých a potrebné pre Spásu. Potom sa tu objavuje aj termín Réma. To je Božie Slovo určené pre konkrétny prípad.

Práve v prípade chodenia apoštola Petra po vode ide o Rému. Naša viera sa môže viazať len na Boží prísľub. Božie Slovo nikde nesľubuje, že pre veriacich v Krista nebudú platiť fyzikálne zákony. Viera apoštola Petra, ktorá spôsobila ten zázrak chodenia po vode, sa viaže na Ježišovu výzvu: „Pod!“ Najprv je Petrova modlitba: Prosba o rozpoznanie Ježiša. Prosba o znamenie viery: „Pane, ak si to ty, rozkáž mi prísť k tebe po vode!“ Keby Pán Ježiš nevyšľal túto Petrovu prosbu a neodpovedal na ňu svojím „Pod!“, vydať sa na cestu, bez Pánovho pozvania, by bolo nebezpečné. Petrovo chodenie je odpoveďou na konkrétno Božie pozvanie. Chodenie po

vode je tu skôr znamením, ktoré môže pomôcť k rozpoznaní Ježiša a rastu viery. Réma sa získava na modlitbe a žiaden zázrak sa nedeje bez tohto Božieho umocnenia človeka. Pán Ježiš vyzval apoštolov k odvahe. „Odvalu! Ja som to, nebojte sa!“ Zázrak sa deje tam, kde Boh svojim všemohúcim Slovom, svojou Rému odpovedá na naše modlitby a my dávame odpoveď vierou.

Peter nám ďalej radí: „Majte oči upreté na Ježiša, ktorý je pôvodca a završiteľ našej viery.“ Dokiaľ sa díval na Ježiša, kráčal po vode. Ako náhle si uvedomil okolnosti, ktoré sprevádzali jeho chodenie, keď si všimol silný vietor, naľakal sa a začal sa topiť. Strach je na opačnej strane ako viera. Až vtedy sa začal topiť, keď prestal upierať oči na Ježiša.

Ak prosíme Boha o čokoľvek, nikdy nemáme hľadieť na veľkosť problému. Problém existuje len z našej strany. Všemohúci Boh nepozná problémy. Keď za niečo prosíme, máme hľadieť na Božiu veľkosť. Majme ustavične upreté oči na Ježiša. Otvorme sa jeho Slovu, aby sme skrze neho prijali Božský život.

As we look at the disciples in the boat, tossed by waves and overcome by a strong wind against them, it's not hard to see the figure of today's Church, threatened from without by every type of opposing force and tempted from within by fear and mediocrity. How to read this Gospel story from the perspective of the crisis which seems to be shipwrecking the Church today? Notice how Jesus came towards them, walking on the sea. The disciples aren't able to recognize him in the midst of the storm and the dark night. Fear has them terror-stricken. The only reality is the storm. This is our main problem too.

We are living the crisis of the Church, spreading discouragement and lack of faith from one to another. We can't see that Jesus is coming close to us precisely IN our present crisis. We feel ourselves more alone and defenseless than ever.

Jesus says three things to them: «Courage! It's me! Don't be afraid». Only he can speak to them that way. But their ears only hear the pounding of the waves and the power of the wind. This too is our mistake. If we don't listen to Jesus' invitation to place our unconditional trust in him, to whom else can we go?

Peter feels an inner impulse to jump from the boat and start «walking towards Jesus across the water». That's how we need to learn to walk towards Jesus today in the midst of the crisis: supporting ourselves, not in power, prestige and securities of the past, but in the desire to meet up with Jesus in the midst of the darkness and uncertainties of our times. It's not easy of course. We too can falter and sink like Peter. But like him, we too can experience that Jesus reaches out and saves us while telling us: «You have so little faith. Why do you doubt?».

Why do we doubt so much of the time? Why do we keep looking for false securities to «just survive» in our communities, without learning to walk with renewed faith towards Jesus in the very interior of today's secularized society?

The crisis in our Church isn't the end of Christian faith. It is the purification that we need in order to free ourselves of mundane interests, deceitful triumphalism and deformations that have separated us from Jesus over the centuries. He is acting in this crisis. He is leading us towards a more evangelical Church. Let us reawaken our trust in Jesus. Don't be afraid.

Bulletin Announcements

***August 13th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - Matthew 14:29

***Making Sense of Anxiety** The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr. Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Join us for this Dr. Gordon Neufeld Video Course with discussion facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, M.A. in this four part series: Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 (Wednesdays). from 7-9 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 St John Paul II Way. Cost: \$40. To register, visit <http://rcav.org/parenting/>

***Sunday Collection** - If you attend mass in another parish and wish to support our parish, you can still use Sts. Cyril and Methodius Sunday Offering Envelopes for Sunday collection and this envelope with your donation will be sent to our parish.

***Archbishop Miller urges faithful to support those affected by the wildfires** On Aug. 12 and 13, there will be a special collection in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for those affected by the wildfires. Please pray for everyone affected by the wildfires in our province, especially those in the Dioceses of Kamloops and Prince George. For more info. or to donate online, visit <http://rcav.org/prayer-and-humanitarian-appeals/>

Please Note: We are not providing special envelopes for this collection. You may use blank envelopes or parish general purpose envelopes, and cheques should be made payable to your parish. Thank you for your assistance as we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,315

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be no prayer ministry during summer in our church until further notice.

THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus every Thursday in our church from 7:15pm to 8:15pm.

Sun 13 9:00am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1Kg 19:9,11-13/ Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 13 11:00am	19. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; 1Kr 19:9a,11-3a/ Rim 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33	1. poďakovanie a za dobrodincov 2. + Terézia Hrabková	1. Fr. Juraj 2. Krstná dcéra Marta
Mon 14 8:00am	St. Maximilian Kolbe; Deu 10:12-22/ Mt 17:22-27	+ Mary Dobie	From family
Tue 15 8:00am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Rev 11:19a,12:1-6a,a1ab/ 1Cor 15:20-26/ Lk 1:39-56	+ Richardo Marcos	From the Javier family
Tue 15 7:30pm	Nanebovzatie Panny Márie; Zjv 11:19a, 12:1-6a,10a-c/ 1Kor15:20-27a/ Lk 1:39-56	Božie požehnanie Márie a Maroša s rodinou	rodina
Wed 16 8:00am	St. Stephan of Hungary; Deu 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20	+ Daniel Lodo	family
Thu 17 8:00am	Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17/ Mt 18:21-19:1	+ Mária Pauchly	rodina
Fri 18 8:00am	Jos 24L1-13/ Mt 19:3-12	+Veronika a duše v očistci	syn Pavol
Sat 19 9:00am	St. John Eudes; Jos 24:14-29/ Mt 19:13-15	Holy souls	family
Sun 20 9:00am	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 56:1,6-7/ Rom 11:13-15,29-32/ Mt 15:21-28	Divine Word Missionaries	Father Rastislav
Sun 20 11:00am	20. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; 1Kr 19:9a,11-3a/ Rim 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33	Za farníkov	Otec Rastislav