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*Ty si Peter a na tejto
skale postavím svoju
Cirkveľ a pekelné brány
je nepremôžu.*

*You are Peter and upon
this rock I will build
my church and the
gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

21. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pre svoje večné milosrdenstvo neopušť nás, Pane.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

V dnešnom evanjeliu robí Pán Ježiš niečo, čo by sme mohli označiť ako prieskum verejnej mienky: „Za koho pokladajú ľudia Syna človeka?“ Je to zvláštna otázka. Je to otázka na „syna človeka“. Toto spojenie vyjadrovalo v bežnej ľudovej reči abstraktný pojem „človek“. Syn človeka to je Ježiš, ale to je zároveň každý jeden z nás. Je pravda, že tento všeobecný termín v dobe Pána Ježiša mal iný význam. Prvý raz sa s týmto zvláštnym spojením v Písme Sv. stretáme v tajomnom nočnom videní u proroka Daniela: „Videl som kohosi ako Syna človeka prichádzať...“.

Od doby prorokovho zjavenia dostáva toto spojenie Mesiášsky význam. Tento termín bol asi najmenej zaťažený rôznymi falšnými predstavami o úlohe mesiáša a zrejme preto si ho Pán Ježiš vyvolil za označenie pre seba. Môžeme z toho vyvodit' záver, že otázka ktorú položil Pán Ježiš apštomom je predovšetkým otázkou na to, za koho ľudia pokladajú Ježiša. Názory na Jeho osobu sú rôzne a odpovede sa rôznou mierou približujú k Pravde. Podľa ľudskej mienky je Ježiš totožný s niektorým zo starších prorokov, ktorý bol vzkriesený, a preto v ňom pôsobí tajomná božia moc.

Pán Ježiš však tu istú otázku kladie tým, ktorí sú mu bližšie, teda aj nám, ktorí sa považujeme za jeho učeníkov: „A za koho ma pokladáte vy?“ „Za koho ma pokladáš Ty? Konkrétne Ty? Kým som pre teba? Co pre teba znamenám? Co si o mne myslíš?“ Túto otázku kladie dneš Ježiš tebe samému a ty sa máš zachovať podľa odpovedi, ktorú dáš.

Aspoň na chvíľočku sa môžeme vžiť do situácie apštomov a Ježišových učeníkov. Pred nimi stojí mladý človek, ktorý má niečo po tridsiatke a kladie im túto otázku. Pred nimi stojí človek, má oči, uši, ústa nos a všetko, čo patrí k človečenstvu,

býva dokonca hladný a unavený. Na svojom tele a vo svojej duši prežíva problémy rastu. A tento človek sa pýta: „A za koho ma pokladáte vy?“

Bolo by úplne na mieste, keby Peter povedal: „Si ľudský syn tak ako ja!“ Takto to vyzeralo zvonku. Nakoniec ved' sám Ježiš sa označil ako Syn človeka. Simon Peter však odpovedal: „Ty si Kristus, Syn Živého Boha!“ Ako zvláštnu musela znieť Petrovi jeho vlastná odpoveď. Bohovia pohanských národov mali synov a dcéry. V prísne monoteistickom židovskom prostredí však existoval Boh, ktorý bol sám a jediný. Apštol Peter sa odvážil toto vysloviť len po všetkých zážitkoch a skúsenostiach, ktoré s Ježišom mal. Žiadny človek nemohol konať to, čo konal Ježiš.

Podľa apštolu Petra je Ježiš súčasne Synom človeka ale rovnako aj Synom Živého Boha. Je Synom Boha Izraela, ktorý je na rozdiel od pohanských bohov živým bohom a jeho živosť sa prejavuje aj v tom, že je Očcom. Ježiš je pravý Boh a súčasne pravý človek. Človek a súčasne Boh. Človek Láska. Alebo Vtelená Láska.

Even today Jesus directs the same question to Christians that he made one day to his disciples: «And you, who do you say I am?». He doesn't ask us this question just so that we make some statement about his mysterious identity, but also so that we reevaluate our relationship with him. What answer can we give from our Christian communities?

Do we make an effort to know Jesus better each day, or do we keep him «closed in by our old and worn-out categories» like always? Are we living communities, interested in putting Jesus in the center of our lives and our activities, or are we stuck in routine and mediocrity?

Do we love Jesus passionately, or has he been converted for us into a used-up personality that we keep invoking, while indifference and forgetfulness keep growing in our hearts? Can those who come to our communities feel the power and attraction that he has for us?

Do we feel like Jesus' disciples? Are we learning to live his way of life in the midst of today's society, or are we letting ourselves be swayed by whatever is the slogan that most appeals to our whims? Is it just the same to us to live however we want, or have we made our community into a school where we learn to live as Jesus did?

Are we learning to look at life as Jesus sees it? Do we look out from our communities upon the needy and marginalized with compassion and responsibility, or do we close ourselves into our celebrations, indifferent to the suffering of the most disabled and forgotten: those who were always the ones especially loved by Jesus?

Do we follow Jesus by working together with him in the Father's humanizing project, or do we keep thinking that the most important part of being Christian is to worry only about our salvation? Are we convinced that the way to follow Jesus is to live each day making life more human and more joy-filled for all?

Do we spend our Christian Sunday celebrating Jesus' resurrection? Do we believe in the Risen Jesus who walks with us, full of life? Do we go about in our communities welcoming the peace that he left his followers as an inheritance? Do we believe that Jesus loves us with a love that never ends? Do we believe in his renewing power? Do we know how to be witnesses of the mystery of hope that we carry within us?

Liturgical schedules/Bohoslužobný poriadok

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| 28. 8. – MON/PO Memorial of st. Augustine 1 Thess 1.1-5,8b-10; Matt 23.13-22 | 8 a.m. mass + Holy souls | family |
| 29. 8. – TUE/UT Memorial of the Passion of st. John the Baptist Jer 1.17-19; Mark 6.17-29 | 8 a.m. mass + Mary Dobie | family |
| 30. 8. – WED/ST 1 Thess 2.9-13; Matt 23:27-32 | 8 a.m. mass + Rico Laciste | family |
| 31. 8. – THU/ŠT 1 Thess 3.7-13; Matt 24.42-51 | 8 a.m. mass Thanksgiving for 90 years of Christina Lechowski | Fr. Juraj and Rastislav |
| 1. 9. – FRI/PI 1 Thess 4.1-8; Matt 25.1-13 | 8 a.m. mass Divine Word Missionaries <i>9 a.m.-7.30 p.m. Eucharistic adoration</i> 7.30 p.m. mass Craig Eales | Rastislav family |
| 2. 9. – SAT/SO 1 Thess 4.9-11; Matt 25.14-30 | 9 a.m. mass Eliodor del Pilar | family |
| 3. 9. – SUN/NE 22nd Sunday in ordinary time 22. nedelja v období cez rok Jer 20.7-9; Rom 12.1-2; Matt 16.21-27 | 9 a.m. mass/omša + Alojz Vicen 11 a.m. mass/omša for parishioners; za farníkov | Eva Cassty Rastislav |
| Sacrament of reconciliation 30 minutes before every mass. Sviatosť zmierenia 30 minút pred každou omšou. | | |

Announcements/Oznamy

***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 fourpart 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/>

***Pro-life Mass & Vigil** Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, Sept. 2. Mass is at 9 a.m. at All Saints Church, Coquitlam, followed by the Rosary at Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster.

***Theology of the Body Course** Discover human nature as the “Gift of Self” in our relationship with God and one another through Theology of the Body. Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a “communion of persons in the sincere gift of self,” giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. Sessions begin this fall: Sept. 11, Sept. 13 and Sept 14. Register at rcav.org/tob.

***1. 9. on the first Friday of the month will be the whole day adoration.** I ask faithful to volunteer for the hourly worship. The timetable is at the back on a table. Na prvý piatok bude celodenná adorácia. Prosím dobrovoľníkov, aby si rozdelili hodinové služby. Časový poriadok je v zadu na stolíku.

***5. 9. 2017** Tuesday 7.30 p.m. meeting of the Parish council.

***10. 9. 2017 Sunday** 11 a.m. Holy mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop M. Miller. He will install Fr. Rastislav as Parish Administrator.

***Last Sunday’s collection:** \$1735. May God reward your generosity.