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17th Sunday after Pentecost

▪ 9:00am – General Confession

▪ 9:30am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: **2 Cor. 6:16-7:1**

Gospel: **Luke 6:31-36**

▪ **Molieben** – for the beginning of the new Church School year.

▪ **Fellowship** – Please come downstairs for Coffee Hour, provided by RBO.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, October 10

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, October 11

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

If you have any information to be added into weekly bulletin, please send your info to Fr.IgorKsn@gmail.com

Shall We Look for Another?

Disciples of John the Baptist approached Jesus one day with this question from John: "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

On Thursday and Friday of this week we read from the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel, in which John's question occurs. As some commentators have noted, he was perhaps hoping for or expecting a more definitive answer than the one he received.

John was already in prison by this time, and fairly soon he would face execution. His question may make us wonder: Was John, after all the time he had spent with Jesus, still not sure that He was the Messiah, the One "who is to come"? Or was he beginning to doubt, in the depressing and fearful darkness of a prison cell, what he had been sure of? Was he hoping that Christ would reply to his question so affirmatively that he would know the sacrifice of his own life would be worth it?

We can't really know the answers to these questions, but we know that we, too, might have felt reassured in our faith and comforted by a simple, "Yes, I am the One" response from Our Lord. But He doesn't give that to John, or to us. Instead He asks us to find the answer for ourselves, to use our minds and hearts to decide who He is.

So, in response to the question, He instructs John's disciples to tell their jailed leader what they have seen and heard: healings, dead people raised, good news preached to the poor. He is saying that those who read the Old Testament

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Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

June Bianchini,
Walter and Mary Milk,
Stephen and Lillian Sokol,
Benedict and Eva Benda,
Theodore Rocca,
Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and
Elizabeth Zuber,
Valentina Benda,
Andrew Koch,
Cindy Boswell,
Olga DeMay,
Helen Pirniak,
Marianne Guagenti,
Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and
Georgette Saba,
Agnes and George Silberman,
George Hook,
Helen Cotrone,
Peter Mazula,
Helen Pawlush,
Antonina Rotko,
Matilda Skripak,
Evelyn Morely,
Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat,
Anne Hueston
Cathryn Christensen
Walter Epps
David Smith

God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

George Makara,
Anne Verona,
Ann Fondak,
Theodor Bacha,
Margaret Dellabella,

Memory Eternal!

Today's Memorial Offering

- **Sanctuary Lamp** – in honor of Keera Canova's 3rd Birthday – by "Didi" and "Babi" Wanko.



Announcements



❖ Our parish has a **website** now! Such information as our history, schedule of services, weekly bulletins, pictures from recent events, information about upcoming events, about Orthodoxy and much more is available online. Visit us at: www.SsPeterAndPaulBayonne.org. We hope that you will enjoy your visit and find some helpful information.

❖ Our annual **Flea market** will be on October 17th and 24th. If you have any items that you don't need but are in good condition, please bring them to our church hall. To unlock the church hall, please call rectory. For pick-up please contact any member of "R" Club.

❖ Needed are **sponsors for our Fellowship - Coffee Hour**. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the candle desk.

❖ Available at the candle desk are memorial candles, Altar wine and bread to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

❖ Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus, NJ offers Iconography Classes. For more detailed information, please see a flyer posted on our bulletin board or call Joan Kakascik 201-796-8217.

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Lillian and Steve Sokol on the loss of Lillian's brother-in-law **George Makara**. Memory Eternal!

Welcome to our Parish

We warmly welcome all families, friends and guests to our parish. We are glad to pray with you here today. Over the past eighty-six years, hundreds of people have called Ss. Peter and Paul their home. If this parish is the kind of a spiritual home you have been searching for, we would love to have you become a part of our family.

"Shall we look for Another?"

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Scriptures, and who then see what He does and hear what He says, will recognize Him as the One those Scriptures promise. Father John Behr writes in his book *The Mystery of Christ* that we are called to a "continuing engagement with the scriptures" and that "Christ remains the 'coming one' who opens the scriptures to his disciples so that they can come to know him as Lord."

Father Behr comments on the passage from Luke: "Jesus did not give [John] a straightforward answer, but directed him to signs – the blind seeing, the lame walking – which can only be understood as "messianic" through the interpretation of them by scripture (Mt. 11:2-5)."

Of course, we have to be willing to do the work of engaging with the scriptures. In this same chapter Jesus points out the excuses people can make to ignore any teacher. John the Baptist is an ascetic, so they can accuse him of having a demon. Jesus comes "eating and drinking" unlike John, so they can dismiss Him as a glutton and drunkard.

We're challenged to figure out who Jesus Christ is rather than waiting for the answer from Him. He respects the intelligence He has given us, and He knows that we have all the tools we need to decide – and to know for sure – exactly who He is.