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Epistle 1 Cor. 3:9-17

Tone 8

Gospel: Mt. 14:22-34

August 22nd – 9th Sunday after Pentecost Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

TODAY'S SERVICES: *Today's Greeter: TBD*

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 9th Sunday after Pentecost – Apostle Matthias (63). Martyr Anthony of Alexandria. St. Psoes of Egypt (4th c.). Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John, James, Alexius, Demetrius, Photius (Phocas), Peter, Leontius, and Mary, of Constantinople (730). Gamaliel, and Abibus. Hieromartyr Stephen, pope of Rome (257).

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. 10:00am Divine Liturgy – Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Birth Giver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary (St. Andrew's So. Bound Brook)

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Servers: Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

Reader: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Sophie Szwed, David Deli, Richard Hycuna, Diane Decibus Morgan, John Piropato, John Zelenak, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropato, Nancy Grabie, Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Pani Mary Ann, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, James, Gloria, David, Alexander, Sophia, Joseph, and Alan, John and John & children Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan. remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the

men and women in the US Military, especially Vitaly Pacej, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

Jesus Walks on the Water

God allows storms in our lives. We must remember though, that Christ comes in the middle of our darkness, just as He came walking on the water during "the fourth watch," which was the darkest time of the night. Even the darkest hours of life cannot hide us from the face of God. He is there even when we cannot see Him! We must remember that Christ comes in the middle of disaster.

When Peter saw that it was Jesus coming, he wanted to join Jesus in walking on the water. Jesus simply told Peter to come. Peter obeyed and got out of the boat and walked on the water. Jesus used the storm as a means of helping Peter grow in faith. Sadly, Peter's walk did not last long. Peter found himself in trouble when he took his eyes off Jesus and he began to sink. Peter then remembered who was in control and called out to Jesus, and found the help he needed.

The storms in our lives are there to remind us who is in control. Just as Peter, we too sometimes, take our eyes off Jesus in the midst of our storms. There is a way to make our storms more bearable: do not wait until the storm is over to call out to Jesus. We need to call out to Him when the waves are still threatening us. Nothing reveals our faith in Christ more than when we are willing to accept His will and love Him, even when things look the worst for us.

Christ is the one who told us to come and follow Him even though we may be scared and frightened. What should we choose – the water or the boat? The boat is safe secure and more comfortable. On the other hand, the water is rough, the waves are high and the wind is out there. If we get out of the boat, whatever our "boat" happens to be, there is a good chance we may sink! However, if we do not get out of the boat, there is guaranteed certainty that we will never walk on the water. If we want to walk on the water then we have to get out of the boat.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 18th, 2021 – Father James and PM Denise will be hosting a joint celebration at the pavilion / center

Annual Cairns Family Pig Roast / St. Demetrius Parish Picnic

Festivities will kick off at 2 PM. Anyone who wants to contribute desserts, please contact PM Denise @ 732-309-8182 or deniseacairns@gmail.com

ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.