

Sunday Bulletin  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Parable of the Sower



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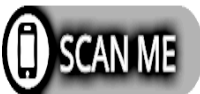
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# STS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

*We invite you to a celebration of  
the Resurrection of Christ each week.*

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## PARABLE OF THE SOWER

**...BUT THE ONES THAT  
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GROUND ARE THOSE  
WHO, HAVING HEARD THE  
WORD WITH A NOBLE AND GOOD HEART,  
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### **Tone 4 Troparion (*Resurrection*)**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy  
Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:

“Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!”

### **Tone 4 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)**

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born  
from their chains.

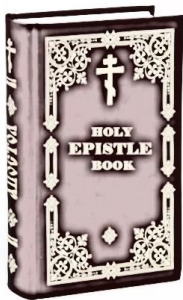
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon – (*Resurrection*)**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have  
You made them all. (*Ps. 103:26*)

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are  
very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

### The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 2:16-20



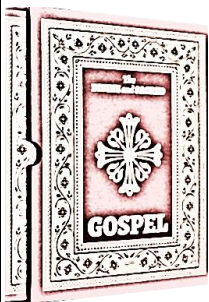
But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

#### Alleluia and Verses Tone 4

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

### The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke 8:5-15



"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'" "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

## Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## MEMORY ETERNAL

### PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

George Fill III, Maxim Hancher, Robert Meredith, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Soldier Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Cheryl Hough, Marlene Steiskal, Soldier Serhiy, Roberta Lynn Canyo, Stephen, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak, All Who died during the war in Ukraine.

## PRAYER LIST

### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Archbishop Daniel, Simeon, Joseph & Thelma Zemko, Elaine Cartier, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Brooke Kennedy, Darlene Moon, Eileen Theresa Ramos, Stephany Hurley, Chase Miller, Mike Moon, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O'Leary, Dolly Mehalco, George, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodzenko, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war.



## Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

## SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, October 29, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday**, *Parable of the Sower*
- Sunday, November 5, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**, *The Rich Man & Lazarus*. Oath of office of the New Sisterhood officers.
- Sunday, November 12, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** *Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man*
- Sunday, November 19, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 24<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** *Woman healed by touching the Lord* (Fr. Andrew Gall will be substituting)

## Upcoming dates & events

- **Adult study & Fellowship** 6pm at the church downstairs every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 26
- **Pyrohy Work Schedule**: Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7
- **UOL Meetings**: Oct 29, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21
- October 15 through November 12 – **Food Collection**
- November 4 – **Ukrainian Dinner. From 2pm to 4pm.**

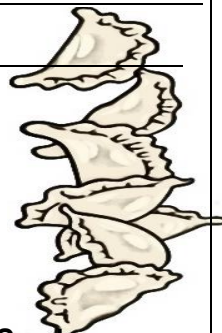
- **November 3-5 – 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Sts. Peter & Paul UOC, 220 Mansfield Blvd, Carnegie, PA 15106:**
  - **Nov 3 – Hospitality Night (6pm-10pm)**
  - **Nov 4 – 9:30AM - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (at the Church)**
    - **12 PM – Anniversary Dinner** at Cefalo`s Banquet Hall. (\$20 – ticket. RSVP – 412-708-6835)
  - **Nov 5 – 9:30AM - Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour Brunch**
- **Nov 5** - The New Sisterhood officers will take Oath of office next Sunday Nov 5
- **Nov 8** - Parish Board Meeting - Wed Nov 8
- **November 12 – Parish Annual Meeting. Light luncheon at the meeting. 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Group Pictures will be taken at the meeting** (Parish Board, Sisterhood, Brotherhood UOL Chapters etc). **THERE WILL BE NO VOTE ON THE CHANGE OF CALENDAR ON THE AGENDA AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.** If someone wishes to bring this to a discussion at the meeting, we can discuss it, and decide whether we will want to have a Parish-wide mail-in vote.
- **Nov 18 – OMM Strudel Sale.** Nov 18 from 10 am-12 noon.  
Apple or Cherry-\$9, Cherry with Cheese-\$10. For orders – 330-792-6699
- **Jan 20, 2024 – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting**
- **Sep 13-15, 2024-100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION**

## Church School Calendar

- **Sunday, October 29, Church School SESSION 6**
- **Sunday, November 5, Church School SESSION 7**

## PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE - (234) 247-1534 Anna

<b>October</b>	Order by: <u>Monday, October 30</u>
	Pick-up on: <b>Friday, November 3</b> , from 9:00 am – noon
<b>November</b>	Order by: <u>Monday, November 13</u>
	Pick-up on: <b>Friday, November 17</b> , from 9:00 am – noon
<b>December</b>	Order by: <u>Monday, December</u>
	Pick-up on: <b>Friday, December 8</b> , from 9:00 am – noon



**Potato & Cheese, Potato Onion, Kraut, or Potato & Kraut \$8.00 a dozen**

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**Work Schedule for the upcoming week (Nov 1 – Nov 4):**

- \* **Wednesday Nov 1, 9:30am** - fillings for pyrohy and work on cabbage leaves
- \* **Thursday Nov 2, 9:00am** - pinch and finish leaves.
- \* **Friday Nov 3, 10:00am** - roll stuffed cabbage
- \* **Saturday Nov 4, 11:00am** - prep for dinners.





## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

TO CONTINUE ON THE PYROHY  
SALE PROJECT WE NEED PEOPLE

WILLING TO OFFER THEIR TIME:



- NEED HELP ON THE **WORK DAYS**  
(NOV 1-2-3-4, 15-16 / DEC 6-7)
- NEED HELP **SELLING THEM ON FRIDAYS**  
(NOV 3-17, DEC 8)

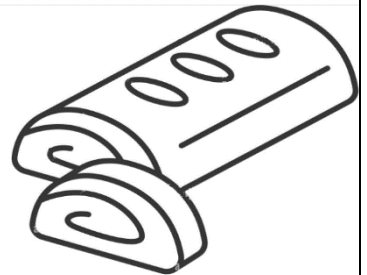
PLEASE CALL ANNA ANDERSON AT (234) 247-1534  
TO OFFER YOUR HELP!

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**Stewardship**  
is



**Heart Work**

WE ARE GRATEFULL TO ALL,  
WHO ARE TAKING THEIR TIME  
TO WORK FOR THE CHURCH! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On October 15	On October 22
General:	<b>\$2292.00</b>	<b>\$1128.50</b>
Renovation:	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**George Fill III** passed away in the Lord on October 26, 2023

- Funeral took place Sat. Oct 28 at the Higgins-Reardon Funeral Home

- Do you need a Prayer Book for your personal use? Please let us know if you would like to get one. **\$25 each.**



Handmade Eastern Orthodox Crosses. Approximately 13"H x 7"W. **\$50 each.**



- The children are encouraged to come stand by the Gospel during the reading of the Gospel at the service.
- The Commemorative Bricks are for SALE. - See page 15 in the Bulletin.
- If you would like to become a steward (*member*) of our parish, please ask for the stewardship form. Submit the completed form to the church office. **YOU NEED TO FILL OUT STEWARDSHIP CARD TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (Nov 12)**
- Need a Stewardship Form? – talk to Fr. Mykola or call 330-799-3830
- Do you need Church Offering Envelopes with your number? – let us know (*talk to Kenny Senediak or leave a note in the church office*)
- November 12 – **Parish Annual Meeting.** Light luncheon at the meeting. 100th ANNIVERSARY Group Pictures will be taken at the meeting (Parish Board, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, UOL Chapters etc.). **THERE WILL BE NO VOTE ON THE CHANGE OF CALENDAR ON THE AGENDA AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.** If someone wishes to bring this to a discussion at the meeting, we can discuss it, and decide whether we will want to have a Parish-wide mail-in vote.



## KIDS AT THE GOSPEL READING

The children are encouraged to come stand by the Gospel and hold a (electric) candle during the reading of the Gospel at the service. After the reading children will receive the blessing, kiss the Gospel, and return to their seats.



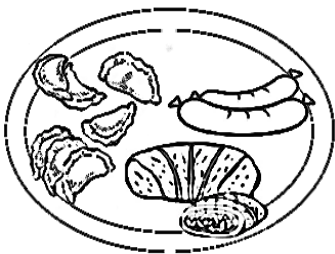
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## FOOD COLLECTION

**Attention!** Starting Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> through Nov 12<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting **Non-Perishable Foods** to help those in need. We will donate the food to the First Harvest Food Bank. (**Box is in the back of the Church**)



## UKRAINIAN DINNER

**Take out only! Dinner is \$17.**

It includes: **2 Stuffed Cabbage, 3 Pyrohy, Halushki, Kielbasa**

Order by: Monday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

Pick up: Saturday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Contact Anna, call or text - 234-247-1534

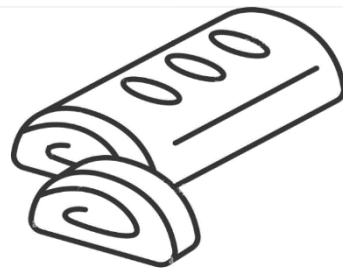
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## Q&A: WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER?

*Jesus' explanation of the Parable of the Sower highlights four different responses to the gospel. The seed is "the word of the kingdom." The hard ground represents someone who is hardened by sin; he hears but does not understand the Word, and Satan plucks the message away, keeping the heart dull and preventing the Word from making an impression. The stony ground pictures a man who professes delight with the Word; however, his heart is not changed, and when trouble arises, his so-called faith quickly disappears. The thorny ground depicts one who seems to receive the Word, but whose heart is full of riches, pleasures, and lusts; the things of this world take his time and attention away from the Word, and he ends up having no time for it. The good ground portrays the one who hears, understands, and receives the Word—and then allows the Word to accomplish its result in his life. The man represented by the "good ground" is the only one of the four who is truly saved, because salvation's proof is fruit*



*To summarize the point of the Parable of the Sower: "A man's reception of God's Word is determined by the condition of his heart." A secondary lesson would be "Salvation is more than a superficial, albeit joyful, hearing of the gospel. Someone who is truly saved will go on to prove it." May our faith and our lives exemplify the "good soil" in the Parable of the Sower.*

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### ON THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

The parable of the sower is one of the longest and most important in the scriptures, similarly presented in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, while the Evangelist Matthew put it at the beginning of a sequence of seven parables known as the "Parables of the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 13).

The Lord Jesus chose to teach by parables as a way of delivering a story with a spiritual message. He often used images and symbols taken from daily life in Palestine, and in this



particular parable of the sower, He chose farming and ploughing to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

In this instance, this parable became one of the few that Jesus Himself explained after His disciples asked Him to do so. It begins with the Lord saying: “The Farmer came out to sow His seeds,” which Jesus later explained is the word of God. He chose to omit who the Sower is, but it is clear to us that the Sower is the same Christ who came to proclaim the Kingdom of heaven and is also the incarnated Word of God. The Word took on flesh, He dwelt among us and we saw His glory; Christ united Himself with His teachings (His seeds). “If anyone loves me, he keeps my words,” (John 14:23). We come to know Christ as the Sower who plants the seeds of the word, and these words fall on the listeners, who receive them in different ways.

Jesus divided the listeners of the Word into four categories: those on the road, those on the rock, those of the thorns, and those of good earth.

It becomes abundantly clear that the issue of infertility and inability to bloom does not lay with the quality of the seeds or the Sower himself, but rather with the quality of the soil where the seeds happen to fall. And here we liken the soil to the human soul, where the quality and readiness of the soul determines the fertility or infertility of the seeds, and production of the desired harvest.

For the seeds that fall on to the road, these are the ones who hear the word, but then Satan comes and takes the Word out of their hearts so that they do not believe and cannot be saved. These are the groundless and have made themselves vulnerable to all kinds of ideas, heresies and ideologies. They are those who leave no place for the Word of God and for the faith, and Satan comes through distorted teachings and many heresies, and “removes the Word from their hearts so that they will not believe and be saved.”

As for those of the rock, their acceptance of the word is “immediate and fast,” but it also fades quickly and disappears, “because they have no foundation, they believe for awhile, but in testing times, they fall back.” This happens during times of adversity and persecution, even at the level of personal challenges.

Then there are the ones of the thorns, who suffocate the word with the worries and pleasures of life, and therefore eliminate any place or fertile soil for the seeds to produce.

Finally, we come to the good land who “hear the word, keep it in a good and wholesome heart, and by their patience are fruitful”.

It is evident that for the people of the good land, the bearing of fruits requires a number of things.

One such imperative being patience and vigilance. This is to hear the word of God and then to keep it in a good heart; that is to live the divine commandment, eventually giving fruits in patience. The holy fathers have always spoken about the virtues of attentiveness and vigilance, and the importance of patience in preserving and applying the Divine Word; patience is fertile ground for the fruit to flourish.

The word of Christ and His teaching divides the faithful into these four categories, as hearing the word requires of the listener a certain attitude and reaction because “the Word of God is a double-edged sword” (Hebrews 4:12). It is the word that separates life from death, and eternal life from eternal condemnation.

The success of the evangelisation and proclamation of the Gospel is primarily reliant on the willingness of the listeners and their response to the Word. Neither the Sower nor the seeds should be blamed here, as both are good, but rather the quality of the soil, the quality of the human soul that receives this seed from the Sower carries the onus. This parable ends with the Lord saying: “Who has

ears to hear, let him hear.” Jesus often finished His teachings with this phrase, with the intention to remind us to listen attentively in a state of understanding the word and a willingness to implement the word into our daily lives.

Who is willing to hear the Word of the Lord and comply with its commandments? To be vigilant and alert to its teachings and keep it in a pure heart, i.e. in pure and good soil, waiting patiently for the fruits?

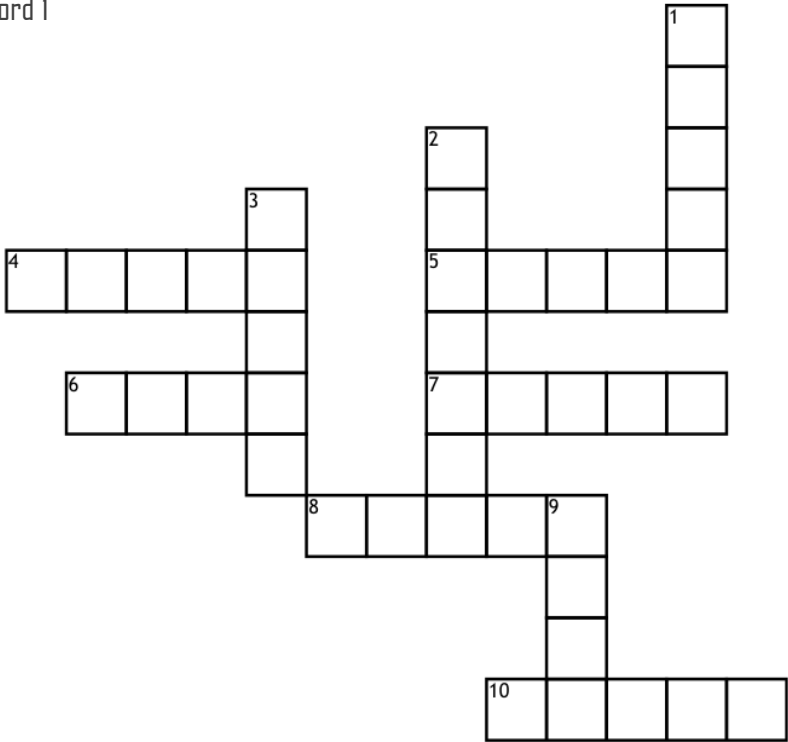
This is the second new birth; the “birth through the word” that the Apostle Peter speaks of; hearing the Word of God, which is the “uncorrupted planting”. This action of hearing is associated with work and implementation, which in turn develops the fruits of the Holy Spirit with the human soul and gives much fruit, the fruits of obedience, patience and hope.

“Thou were born again not from a corrupt plant, but from an uncorrupted plant from the living “Word of God” (1 Peter 1:23).

Amen

# The Parable of the Sower

Crossword I



**Across**

- 4. The weeds were able to \_\_\_\_\_ out the good plants
- 5. Some seeds fell on \_\_\_\_\_ ground with not much soil
- 6. Some of the seeds fell on \_\_\_\_\_ soil
- 7. The seeds that fell beside the road eaten by \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. The \_\_\_\_\_ choked out the grain plants

- 10. The farmer went out to \_\_\_\_\_ seeds
- Down**

- 1. The birds represent God's \_\_\_\_\_, the devil who steals away the truth about God
- 2. An earthly story with a heavenly meaning
- 3. Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ fell among thorns
- 9. The seeds that fell on good \_\_\_\_\_ grew 30 to 100 times more

# The Sower

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parable

Jesus

rocky

unfruitful

hears

devil

shallow

soil

heaven

scorched

thorns

hundredfold

good ground

temptation

seeds

**GOD BLESS US ALL TO BE THE GOOD SOIL!**

# DOES EVIL EXIST?

The university professor challenged his students with this question. Did God create everything that exists? A student bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"

"God created everything? The professor asked.

"Yes sir", the student replied.

The professor answered, "If God created everything, then God created evil since evil exists, and according to the principal that our works define who we are then God is evil". The student became quiet before such an answer. The professor was quite pleased with himself and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, "Can I ask you a question professor?"

"Of course", replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, "Professor, does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?" The students snickered at the young man's question.

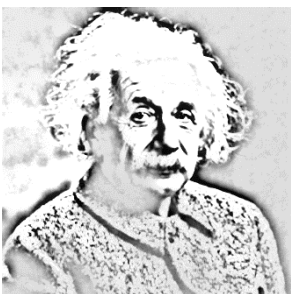
The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat; all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."

The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man asked the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"



Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil."

To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence

of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not like faith, or love that exist just as does light and heat. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light."

The professor sat down.

The young man's name — Albert Einstein.

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## A BURNING LOG

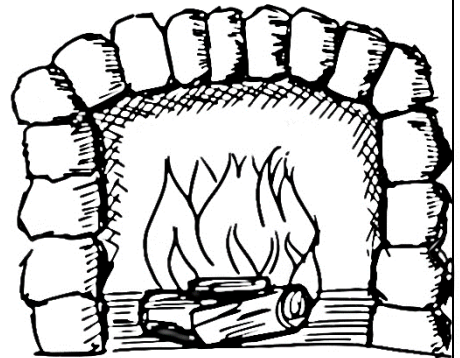
One parishioner stopped going to church. Time passed, and one day the parish priest decided to visit him.

The entrance door was open and the priest went inside. The man was sitting all alone by the fireplace. He saw the priest, nodded his head in greeting and motioned to him to sit down. The priest settled comfortably into the armchair, and also began to look at the flame beautifully playing in the fireplace. Both were silent.

A few minutes later, the priest got up, took the fireplace tongs, grabbed a burning log with them and put it aside, away from the fire. Then he sat down again. The silence continued. The log meanwhile ceased to blaze, then completely cooled down and turned black.

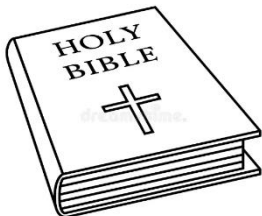
The priest got up again, took the tongs and put the black log back into the fire. A moment later, it was already burning like the others. The priest put aside the tongs, and without saying a word headed for the exit.

When he was already at the door, he heard the words: "Thank you for the visit, and for your sermon by the fireplace. This Sunday I will definitely come to pray together with everyone else"



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- How each of us should respond - with our whole life - to what God has done for us in His love.

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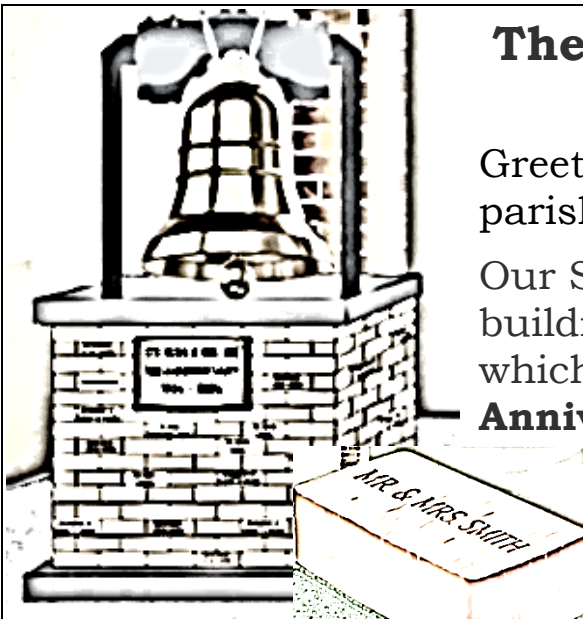
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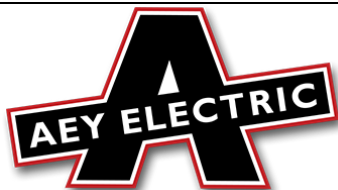


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