

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*First Sunday after the Holy Cross. The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions.
Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of Grottaferrata Monastery.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat.	Sept. 26	17:00 Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for +David Rusinko – Cynthia Denis		
Sun.	Sept. 27	10:30 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages <i>pro populo</i>		
Thurs.	Oct. 01	10:00 The Protection of the Theotokos w/ Mirovanije		
Sat.	Oct. 03	17:00 Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for +Daniel Barbus – The Kontir Family		
Sun.	Oct. 04	10:30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>pro populo</i>		
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09 / 20 / 2026	Adult: \$1058	Candles: \$55	Holy Day: \$35	TOTAL: \$1148
COLLECTION	ATTENDANCE:	Sat. 14 +1	Sun. 16	



The place on the Lake of Gennesaret, another name for the Sea of Galilee, where the calling of the first disciples took place is well known to the local Christians of the area even to this very day and pilgrims can visit this holy site and wade in the waters where Jesus stood. Near the shore, there is a large spring that waterfalls into the sea. Today the place is called Tabgha, which is also the location of the Benedictine Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, which,



though built in the 1980s, rests upon the remains of a 5th century Byzantine basilica with fragments of splendid mosaics. This original Church was built over the spot from which Christ fed the 5000 with five loaves and two fish. The name Tabgha is derived from the Greek name *Heptapegon* (*seven springs*). The name was later shortened to "Tapego", and was eventually changed to «Tabgha» in Arabic. (Since Classical Arabic has no «p,

g and o» sounds, it replaces these sounds by «b, gh or u».) The waters of these springs is a little warmer than the waters of the sea and the local fish come to the spot in massive schools seeking its warm, fresh water. The experience of the place is quite extraordinary and allows us to mediate more deeply upon Jesus' invitation to Simon in the Gospel that the Church proclaims today.

«Do not be afraid...from now on you shall catch men» Jesus told Simon Peter that day, and today He speaks these words to us: «Do not be afraid!» In the anti-Christian climate in which we live today, we are told over and over again that religion is not welcome in public. «Don't speak about your faith.» they tell us. And yet, commanded by Christ to «*teach all nations,*» and to become «*fishers of men,*» we cannot remain silent about our relationship with the Lord. We cannot remain silent about what is moral and immoral. We cannot remain silent about the Divine Life that we have experienced.



The consolation that knowing the geographical context of this Gospel pericope grants us is twofold. First, the «fish» that we are invited to catch desire to hear the Good News. Carved into every human heart created by God is a deep desire for Truth, Beauty, Goodness and for a relationship with our Creator. Without that our hearts are restless, and as St. Augustine so beautifully wrote in his Confessions: «Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.» The second consolation is that of knowing we are not the originators nor the source of the gift that men, women, and children desire. It is the Lord Himself Who is the attraction. It is the Lord Himself Who is the warm water of the springs of Tabgha that falls into the sea of this world. We are simply called to lend our hand, to lend out mouths, to lend our lives to become the net by which Christ the great Fisherman will catch, through us, His fish.



20th ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW will be held this **Sunday, 27 September**, rain or shine, at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in the parish's parking lot located at 185 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Proceeds will benefit the Church's Maintenance Fund. See the flyer posted in the Narthex for more information and details concerning this event.