

Thursday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Lk 11:5-13): Jesus said to his disciples, "... ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you... If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Divine Liturgy

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Today, we see that, devoid of transcendence, all that is left to man is to cry out, because he wishes to be only earth and seeks to turn into earth even the heavens and the depth of the sea. The true liturgy (identification with Christ to praise the Father by becoming sons in the Son), restores to Him the fullness of His being.

Fish live in the sea and they are silent; terrestrial animals cry out, but birds, whose vital space is the heavens, sing. Silence is proper to the sea, crying out to the earth, and singing to the heavens. Man, however, participates in all three: he bears within him the depth of the sea, the weight of the earth and the height of the heavens; this is why all three modes of being belong to him: silence, crying out, and song.

—O Jesus, your call invites us again to be silent and to sing. In the liturgical action You restore to us depth and height, silence and song.