

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens

11th Sunday of Luke

Parable of the Great Banquet

Read the Gospel Passage. Luke 14:16-24

Contextual Background:

-The banquet feast is an image of heaven and salvation, but it is also the Divine Liturgy! The Divine Liturgy is a feast/banquet that each of us are invited to, to be nourished and sanctified by the Eucharist, and to celebrate the feast of Christ's conquering of death.

Discussion Questions:

1. What were some of the excuses that those in the parable made that they weren't able to attend (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. Bought a plot of land that needed to be inspected
 - b. Bought an ox that needed to be inspected
 - c. Just got married

2. How did the householder feel about so many "bailing" on the banquet, and how would you have felt? (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. Relieved
 - b. Indifferent
 - c. Hurt
 - d. Mad
 - e. Understanding

3. What was the last memorable party/banquet that you threw or attended? (DISCUSSION)
 - a. Was it well attended?

 - b. How did you/others feel being there?

 - c. What went well there or how could it have been improved?

4. Why do you come to Divine Liturgy? (DISCUSSION)

5. How do you feel before, during, and after going to Church? (DISCUSSION)

6. What are some reasons we might have for missing the Sunday Banquet, the Divine Liturgy? (DISCUSSION)

7. At the end of the parable, the householder goes out to invite literally everyone he can find to come to the prepared banquet. Who might we invite to join us for church? How can we make our church welcoming/hospitable? (DISCUSSION)