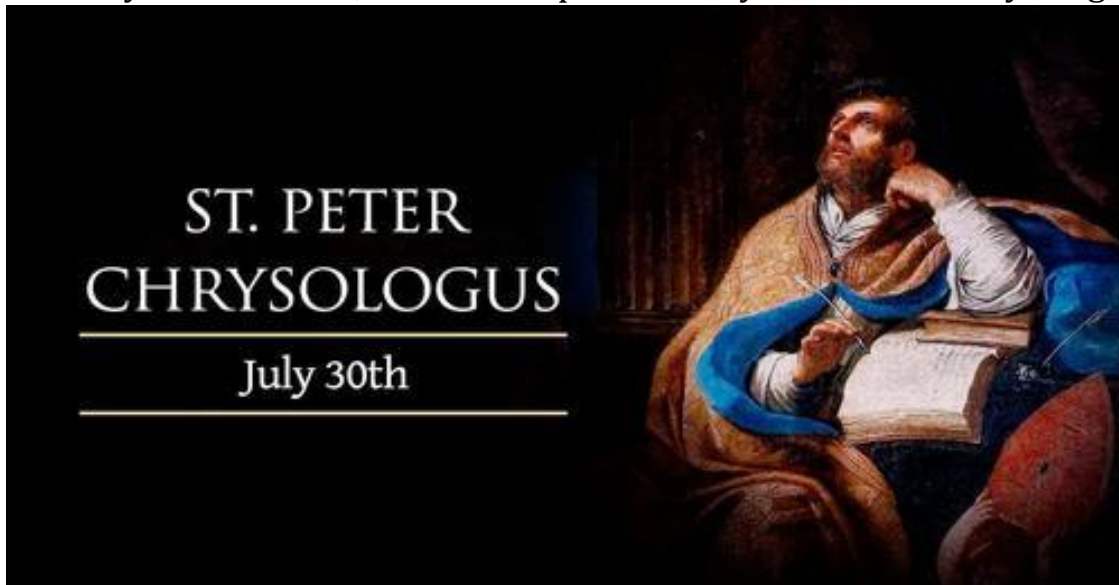


a homily: "Son of GOD, Son of a Carpenter" ~ by Saint Peter Chrysologus



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"JESUS came," It says, "to His homeland and to His home."

[MATTHEW 13:54] Let no one marvel if The Creator of the universe, The Lord of the heavens, The GOD of all, obtains a homeland in a particular place when He encloses Himself in a womb, is measured for a cradle, clings to the breast, envelops Himself in a lap, allows Himself to be embraced, and in order to remove humanity's exigencies [urgent needs], submitted and adapted Himself to humanity's exigencies.

O man, GOD puts Himself through these things for you, He follows you through these things, He seeks you through these exigencies, so that The One He formed by His handiwork He might reform by His example; so that the one He cast off by His judgment He might lead back by His affection; and that He might preserve in Himself the one whom He sees was lost without Him.

"Where did He get this wisdom and these powers?" [MATTHEW 13:54] It is a Power that gives eyesight to those deprived of it from birth; that restores hearing to those afflicted with being deaf; that in the mute unbinds what has been shackling their speech; that puts those who had been lame back on their course; that compels souls now bound in Hades to return to their own bodies; only one who is envious of salvation could deny that This Power is from GOD.

CHRIST was The Son of a Craftsman - but of The One Who formed the structure of the universe, not with a hammer, but with His Command;

Who joined together diverse elements, not with clever inventiveness, but with an order; Who forged together the mass of the world with His Might, not with coal;

Who set the sun ablaze, not with an earthly fire, but with heat from Heaven; Who adjusted the moon, the darkness, and the periods of night; Who made the stars distinct with varying degrees of light; Who made all from nothing; and He made it, O man, for you, so that by pondering the work you would think of The One Who made it." \*

MATTHEW 13:54-58

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54 And when He was come into His Own country, He taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath This Man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

57 And they were offended in him. But JESUS said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58 And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

St Peter Chrysologus (380 450 AD) - humble Monk, Deacon to Bishop, Doctor of The Church, defender of The Faith, "Golden Worded Preacher"

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"Peter Chrysologus, the "golden-worded," served as a 5th century [AD] Bishop of Ravenna [Italy] the governmental seat of the Western Empire. Empress Gall Placidia heard his first sermon and lent her generous support to his building efforts in Ravenna, one of the most beautifully adorned cities of Christendom.

Of Peter's writings, one letter urging the heretic Eutyches to

remain in union with The Church survives, as do a number of sermons. His homilies were vivid yet concise - marvels of brevity. Peter labored among his flock in Ravenna until his death, around the year 450. He was declared a Doctor of The Church in 1729." \*

\*[Saint Peter Chrysologus," optional memorial "Son of GOD, Son of a Carpenter," homily by Saint Peter Chrysologus. The Magnificat, 7/30/2021, p 412; 416-417.]