**02 OCTOBER – XXVII SUNDAY O.T. [C]**

**“"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to (this) mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ”.**

**The heavenly Father is the doer of every miracle. The heavenly Father can do a miracle directly for compassion, for love, for his great mercy. But He can also perform a miracle upon request of each of his son. Today Jesus says to his apostles: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to (this) mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.”. What truth, high and deep, is hidden in this statement of Jesus the Lord? Let us begin from the truth of faith. Let us ask: what is faith? It is most pure obedience to each word – I repeat: to each word – that has come, comes, will come out the mouth of God. If I listen to the Word of the Lord, the mulberry tree of my life will immediately be planted in the heart of Christ Jesus and drawing every lymph of eternal life from it, will always bear great fruits of salvation and of redemption for the entire world. Once m mulberry tree is planted in the heart of Christ for having, I, listened to his Word – descending faith – I can ask Christ Jesus this or that particular mulberry tree be planted in his heart, as well, in order to bear fruits of eternal life, too. The more the descending faith grows in obedience and the more the ascending faith will also grow in listening. No one can say to Christ Jesus to plant a mulberry in his heart, except from our mulberry tree that is planted in the heart of Christ Jesus and lives of perfect obedience. The fruits of the ascending faith are borne from the tree of the descending faith. The more the tree of the descending faith grows and the more abundant the fruits of the ascending faith will be. God speaks and we listen to Him, we put his Word into practice, turning it into our life. We speak to the Lord, the Lord listens and turns our word into history. Perfect faith. This faith makes every life Christian.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 17,5-10**

**And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to (this) mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"**

**What must one always do to be able to say: 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'?. We must obey every gift, spiritual gift, ministry, vocation, mission entrusted on us by the Holy Spirit. This is the general obedience, namely it is obedience for every single Christian. Then this obedience must be accompanied by the particular, personal obedience. To the obedience of the Christian the bishop must add the obedience proper to the bishop and thus the presbyter, the deacon, the confirmed, the baptized, the doctor, the prophet, the teacher. It is also valid for the king, the prince, the president, the minister, the legislator, the magistrate, the judge, the philosopher, the scientist, the professor, the craftsman, the employee, the employer, the married, the celibate, the man, the woman, the elder, the young, the student, the trainee, the father, the mother, the son. If one does not live both the universal righteousness and the particular one, we can never say of having done what we were asked. Whoever is without the universal righteousness will always be without particular righteousness. To do the will of God, to execute each of his command, to listen to each of his particular desire, showed to a person or to a group of people, it is necessary to live, dwell in the universal Will of the Lord our God. For the Christian dwelling in the Gospel, in the truth, in the universal righteousness is compulsory, of one wants to obey each particular will. It is necessary that everyone knows that one can never fulfil a particular will of our God if one does not live in his universal will. The universal will is the observance of his Laws, of his Statutes, of his Decrees. For us Christians the universal will of the Lord is our dwelling in his Gospel. It urges to be convinced: there can never be any particular obedience without universal obedience. But why is it necessary to dwell in the universal will for the one who wants to obey a particular will? Because no particular will can never be fulfilled without the grace of the Lord and the grace is given to the one who dwells in the universal will. Whoever wants to proclaim the Gospel must live according to the Gospel. Whoever wants to remember the Commandments must dwell in them. Not only to testify their most pure truth with the life, but also to be, us, filled with grace and with the Holy Spirit to be able to proclaim them. Without the grace of the Lord and deprived of the Holy Spirit, we will always substitute the Word of God with our words. The particular mission always dies when the universal obedience is dead in us. Without the universal obedience, we can neither pray the Lord. No prayer is pleasing to the Lord from sin. One is always in the sin when one is out of the obedience to the universal obedience of our God. With calumnies, lies, murmuring, falsities, hatred in the heart, one cannot pray. May the Mother of God make us live of Gospel.**