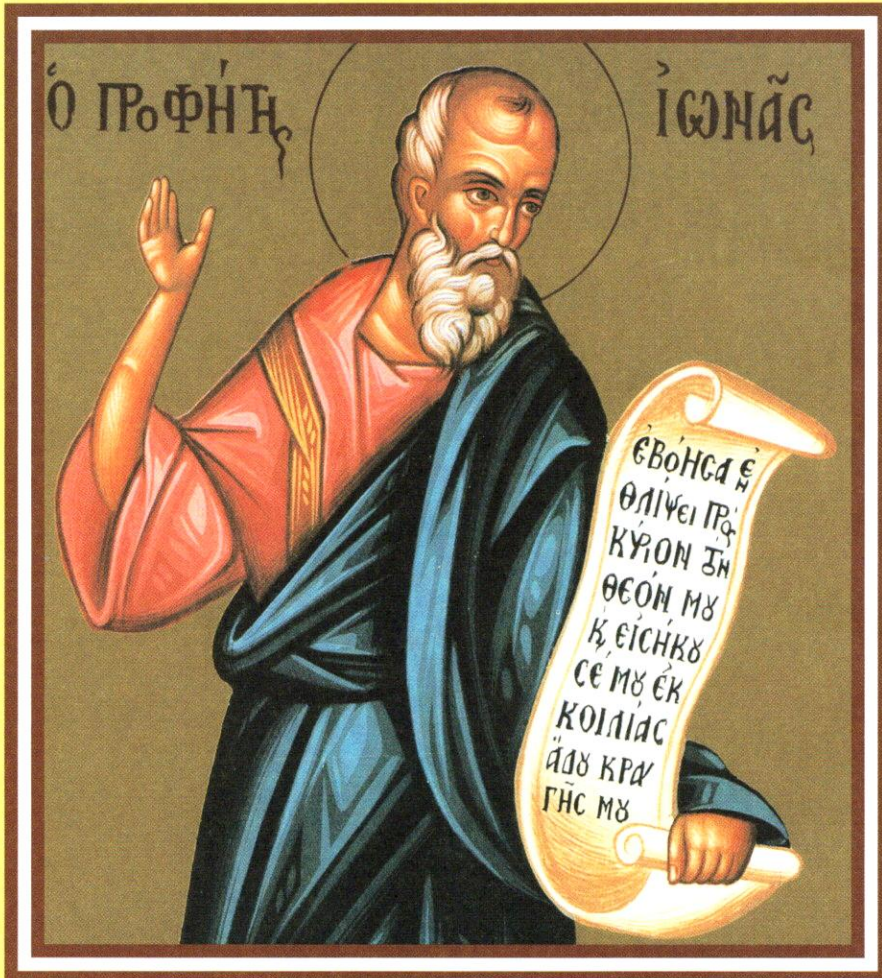




# THE RELUCTANT PROPHET



**P**ROPHET JONAH lived some 800 years before the birth of Christ. The Book of Jonah begins with God instructing him to go to the city of Nineveh in Assyria to warn the people that if they did not change their sinful ways, they would be destroyed. But Jonah does not obey God - he gets onto a ship and heads in the opposite direction!



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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** – Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**October 1, 2023**  
**Volume 59: Number 40**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of October 1 - 8, 2023**  
**Celebrating our 96<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, October 1 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross  
- Tone 8

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful  
Coffee Hour

Tuesday, October 3 – Leave-taking of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, October 5

10:00 AM – Nut Rolls

Friday, October 6

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 7

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity - Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, October 8 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Paul Hrynyshyn (19 An.)

Coffee Hour

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## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday after the Holy Cross – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy Cross: Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:1; Day: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Matthew 15:21-28

Monday – Ephesians 4:25-32; Luke 3:19-22

Tuesday – Ephesians 5:20-26; Luke 3:23-4

Wednesday – Ephesians 5:25-33; Luke 4:1-15

Thursday – Ephesians 5:33-6:9; Luke 4:16-22

Friday – Conception of John the Baptist – Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 1:5-25

Saturday - 1 Corinthians 15:39-45; Luke 4:31-36

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 5:1-11

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## SUNDAY AFTER THE CROSS



On the Sunday after the Exaltation the Church returns to Galatians (2:16-20) for the Epistle reading. St. Paul expressed his strong allegiance to Christ when he says: "I have been crucified with Christ, and the life I live now is not my own. Christ is living in me. I still live my human life, but it is a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Paul was so overwhelmed by the thought that Christ was crucified for him that he wanted to devote his whole life to Jesus. He was so overcome by Christ's love calling him to be one of the apostles after he had persecuted Christ's Church, that he wanted to dedicate his very being to

Jesus.

Does Jesus move us as deeply as he moved Paul? Do we have a profound realization that Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us? If we did, maybe we would be much more enthused about our commitment to Him. Perhaps, we would be more eager to accept the challenge of the cross from Jesus. Taking care of a senile parent, working patiently with an undisciplined child, getting reconciled with an unfaithful spouse, all such challenges would be met with trust because we believe in the word and strength of our leader, Jesus Christ.

When we have to face some crisis and there is no way out but only through, remember Paul's words: "He loved me and gave Himself for me." When we are

weariness from the monotony of our work or discouraged and want to quit, remember the words: "He loved me and gave Himself for me."

Our Gospel Reading (John 8:34b-38 et 9:1), proclaiming the doctrine of the Cross, comes right after St. Peter had confessed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus teaches that the cross is part of His kingdom and essential for the Christian life. No matter how we try to avoid the cross, no matter how bad an attitude we may have towards it, the Scriptures tell us that if we wish to follow Jesus, we must deny our very self, take up the cross and follow in His steps. Hopefully, the Church's yearly Fall concentration on the theme of the cross will help us to do just that!

May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.

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### **INTRODUCTION - (Continued, Part 3)**

#### **Movable and Immovable Feasts**

There are two different cycles of Feasts that occur during the liturgical year. The first are the movable feasts. These are the feasts that do not occur on the same month and date every year. They are dependent on the calculation for the celebration of Paskha. The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord can fall on a Sunday between March 22<sup>nd</sup> (April 4) and April 25<sup>th</sup> (May 8<sup>th</sup>). These movable feasts are therefore determined by the date of Paskha: Clean Monday (beginning of the Great Fast) all the Sundays of the Great Fast, Palm Sunday, Holy Week including Good Friday, Ascension, Pentecost and all the Sundays that follow.

The second cycle is the immovable feasts. These feasts are determined by a specific date – month and day – and they fall the same way every year. The feast of Our Lord and the Mother of God, the Saints, etc. are all part of the immovable feasts (with the exclusion of the Paskhal cycle). The Nativity of the Lord is always celebrated on December 25 (January 7) And the Dormition of the Mother of God is always celebrated on August 15(28), etc.

For the purpose of this course we will start with the immovable feasts of the Church including the major and minor feasts that are celebrated in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

### **SEPTEMBER 1 (14) BEGINNING OF THE INDICTION OF THE LITURGICAL NEW YEAR**

The word "indiction" comes from the Latin word "indictio" which literally means institution, proclamation, appeal or announcement. The "indiction" was an edict of the Roman Emperors used to determine the land tax **throughout** the Empire.

These edicts began during the reign of Diocletian (284-305) in the year 297 AD. At first indictions were issued every 5 years and later every 15 years. Gradually the word "indiction" came to be known not only as an imperial but also as a 15-year cycle as well as the first day of the cycle. Originally it was used exclusively for fiscal and tax purposes. Slowly it began to be used in determining the various dates of civil life. The fiscal year did not coincide with the astronomical year. Since the reform of Julius Caesar in the year 46 to the coming to Christ began with the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January. The original date of the indiction was originally the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, the birthdate of Caesar Augustus. Constantine the Great (306-337) moved it to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September. **(Byz. Rite 12-13)**

The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea (325) adopted September 1 as the beginning of the Liturgical Church Year the date which is preserved in the East even to today. The Western Latin Church opens their Liturgical Year on the first day of Advent (preparation time for the Nativity). The indiction is called the Byzantine or Constantinopolitan or Constantinian indiction which, except for Egypt, became mandatory throughout the Roman Empire. Justinian 1<sup>st</sup> (527-565) made dating by indiction mandatory for all legal documents. Pope Pelagius II (570-590) adopted the indiction for establishing the dates of documents and this was used until the year 1097. **(Byz. Pg. 13)**

After September 1<sup>st</sup> became the beginning of the new liturgical year, it took on a religious character and became a Feast of the Church. We don't know exactly when this happened but we do know that by the 8<sup>th</sup> century (700's) it did already exist. **(Byz. Pgs. 13-14)**

The propers of the Feast help us to understand the meaning of the feast. Although September 1 (14) is the indiction, it is also the feast of St. Symeon. For our purposes, on the feast of the indiction will be used.

**A Byzantine Rite Liturgical Year** by Julian J. Katrij, OSBM translated by Fr. Demetrius E. Wysochansky, OSBM (Franciscan Fathers Catholic Publishing CO.: Youngstown, Ohio 1983)

**The propers talk about how everything is fulfilled in Christ.**

### **Propers from Vespers**

Tone 1: Let us cry out every day to the Creator \* with the very words of Christ Himself! \* He taught this prayer to His disciples \* Our Father in heaven \* give us this day our daily bread \* and overlook our many sins!

He who wrote the law on Mount Sinai in days of old \* came incarnate to the town of Nazareth \* Christ our God took the scroll of the Prophet in His hands. \* After He

read, He rolled it up and taught the people \* that the Scriptures reach their fulfillment in Him!

As once in the wilderness \* those who did not truly obey You, the Master of all \* fell into a fitting abyss \* so now with our psalmody, O Christ \* scatter the spiritual enemy!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit \* now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Spirit \* One in essence with the Son, the Eternal Word \* with Him you create and sustain all things \* visible and invisible \* bless the beginning of this year \* bring peace to Your Orthodox people \* through the prayers of the Birth-giver of God and all the saints!

### **The Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-9)**

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs. " For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them an everlasting covenant. Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed."

***This is the passage that the Lord read in the Synagogue of Nazareth, His hometown. As we shall see when we look at the Gospel, the people of Nazareth were not happy with what He had to say.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Ivan Otamas, 10/4 & Daniel Pappas, 10/5. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy blessed years!

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

October 1 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

October 8 - Sandy Cramer

October 15 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

October 22 - David and Eve Lazaration

**UOL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** – Today is the last time to renew your membership or start a membership. Our UOL is always willing to work for the Church. One of their many charitable works is to take care of our Parish Library. Dues are \$20 per member (please see Treasurer Nancy Hlywiak. Please join and help support our UOL.

### **A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER**

During the summer months, our regular deposits fell short of our monthly bills. Please don't wait until the end of the year to catch up on your weekly donations that were missed during vacation time when you were not present at Church. Unfortunately, our shortfall has placed an undue burden on paying parish bills such as air conditioning and building maintenance that are still incurred during the summer months. Please catch up on missed donations to help our Parish meet our obligations.

Mark Andreas, Treasurer

**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas or Lorraine Neff for details.

### **Bazaar Prep – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

**Saturday - October 14 - Pyrohy**

**Tuesday -October 24 10AM Sauerkraut**

**Saturday - October 28 Pyrohy**

**Tuesday - October 31 – 10 AM -Frying cabbage**

**Thursday - November 2 – 10 AM – Holubtsi cut up veggies for mushroom soup**

**Friday - November 3 – Soups & set-up**



## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, November 4 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Holly Oak Calvary 7PM

Sunday, December 10 – UOL Cookie Sale

**2024** - Saturday, January 6 – Holy Supper

Sunday, January 7 - Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, February 4 – Annual Meeting – Souper Bowl Sunday (UOL)

Monday, March 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Great Fast

Saturday, March 23 – Spring Bazaar

Friday, May 3 – Good and Holy Friday

Sunday, May 5 – Pascha

Saturday, May 11 – Visit Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, July 1 – Apostles' Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

Friday, December 15-16 – Boy Scouts Lock-in

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

October 1 - Linda Hnatow

October 8 - Jean Roeth

October 15 – Andrew Duncan

October 22 - John Plachuta

October 29 - Thomas Sulpizi

November 5 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

## **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of October 2 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of October 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of October 16 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of October 23 - Nancy Hlwiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of October 30 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of November 6 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of November 13 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** – we are asking all of our bakers to prepare your specialties for the Bake Table at the Bazaar. Many people look forward to purchasing these specialties.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** – of bathroom tissue, paper towels, coke products and water for the Bazaar

**WINE TASTING** – Special thanks are expressed to Linda Hnatow, Chairperson and all who helped in the set-up, preparation of food and clean up after this successful event. We look forward to doing it again in the next year!!! May God reward your kindness a hundredfold!

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

October 1 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

October 8 – Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta

October 15 – Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta

October 22 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

October 29 - Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

November 5 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – GIFTS FOR THE NATIVITY** - Our Special Collection will turn to those in need of food and presents for the season of the Nativity. Instead of us buying the gift cards the service itself will take care of that. The basket is on the tetrapod if you would like to make a bigger donation, please see Linda Hnatow or Father Stephen.

### **MEETINGS**

**PARISH BOARD** – Wednesday, ,October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM (change Priest's Retreat)

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Gerald Ozlanski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, , Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Marie, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Charles Kaszytski, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

While at sea, a terrible storm blows in, threatening to overturn the boat. Jonah knows that this is a direct result of God being angry with him for his disobedience. He asks the sailors to throw him in the water, and he is swallowed by a great fish. Immediately, the storm subsides.

Jonah spends 3 days and 3 nights inside the whale. He prays fervently to God, expressing his sorrow for not following the Lord's command. He vows that if he were delivered from the belly of the whale, he would now obey. God is merciful to Jonah. He causes the whale to spit him out and He commands Jonah to go to Nineveh and warn them of their impending doom. This time, Jonah obeys, declaring to the people that within 40 days they would all be destroyed by God because of their sinfulness.

When the King hears Jonah's words, he immediately takes off his royal robes and puts on a sackcloth garment. He orders his subjects to do the same, calling upon them to pray and fast.

Amazingly, Jonah is now upset because God doesn't destroy the people of Nineveh! In his mind, they don't deserve God's mercy. Jonah goes to the outskirts of town, builds a small shelter and waits for God to change His mind. The climate in Nineveh is brutally hot, so God causes a plant with large leaves to grow on the top of this shelter to shield Jonah from the sun. The next day, He causes the plant to wither and die, and the scorching sun is once again beating down on Jonah. God then says to him: "You are angry because I caused a single plant to die. And yet, you didn't want me to feel sorry for an entire city of 120,000 who needed to be taught the difference between right and wrong?"

The behavior of Jonah is typical of ours. He expects God to be merciful to him, but he becomes judgmental of God's response to others in need of forgiveness. The lesson is clear: if we expect forgiveness, we must be willing to show it.