

Mercy Sunday, Swimming in the Mercy of Jesus

For Russians, Mercy Sunday is a great celebration. The second Sunday of Easter is dedicated to receiving the mercy of Jesus. We begin the novena of Mercy on Good Friday and end it on Mercy Sunday with a huge party. We pray the chaplet and then celebrate together. This year we decided to renew our baptismal life in Christ. Through our faith and our baptism we can swim in the Mercy of Jesus. That is indeed what many parishioners did.

We renewed our baptismal promises then entered into blessed waters to receive a new blessing of our baptismal life. The children especially loved the renewal of our baptismal life. I remember as a priest in the Holy Land renewing my baptism in the waters of the Jordon through full immersion. I thought ‘what a joy if all could receive this blessing.’ Instead of the Jordon we have our own baptismal font and 28 prisoners said a yes to Jesus and His church again in this renewal celebration of their baptism.

