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August 16, 2015: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11		Gospel: Mt. 19: 16-26
Mon., Aug. 17	8:00	+ Airman John Hannick Jr. (Hannick Family)
Tues., Aug. 18	8:00	+ Mildred Gazella (Sharon Kitch)
Wed., Aug. 19	8:00	Health of Horrace Hitchens (Father Nestor)
Thurs., Aug. 20	8:00	+ Louis & Julia Daniels & Family (Dolly Daniels)
Fri., Aug. 21	8:00	+ Debra Altier (M/M Stanley Hudak)
Sat., Aug. 22	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	10:30	Confessions.
	2:00 pm	Confessions.
	4:00 pm	+ George & Mary Marushock (Ilona Westington)
Sun., Aug. 23	9:00	+ Bishop Michael Kuchmiak (Chancery)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

Why Do We Wear A Cross?

In pre-Christian times, the Cross was the instrument of a shameful and horrible death. The Romans invented it and used it in order to intimidate the peoples whom they had subjugated. Everyone looked on this instrument of execution the shameful Cross with horror. But a remarkable change took place with respect to the Cross after Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on it. The Lord suffered and died on the Cross. He took horrible sufferings upon Himself in order to save us from sins. The Cross received great glory, such as no other object made by the hands of man has possessed. The Cross became

the sign of our salvation, through which we receive the power of God, the grace of God.

The Cross is the first and greatest Christian sacred object. When the priest sanctifies water, he immerses the Cross in it, and the water becomes holy. When we wear the Cross on our chest, our body constantly touches it, and from this touch it, too, is sanctified. The Cross that we wear protects us from danger.

In Communist Ukraine, believing people would wear a Cross at great risk, since there could be much unpleasantness from the godless for this. But these

Ukrainian Folk Group to Perform in Scranton

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Scranton is proud to announce the appearance of the “Korinya Ukrainian Folk Band” which will be joined by several members of the “Kazka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble” on Sunday, September 20, 2015 beginning at 3:00pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue. Adult tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15.00. Children fifteen years of age and younger are free. Tickets purchased at the door the day of the performance are \$20.00. For ticket purchase and additional information, please contact Dr. Olenka (Helen) Chandoha at 570 842-3539; Diann Wolfe at 570 341-9383; or Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged as a sell-out is expected.

“Korinya” which means “Roots” in Ukrainian is a young and energetic ensemble from the Hudson Valley of New York State. They have performed extensively in the United States and Canada having appeared at the Ukrainian Institute in

New York City, the Yonkers Ukrainian Heritage Festival, the popular Soyuzivka and CYM Ukrainian Resorts, the Toronto Canada Ukrainian Festival and others. In addition, their performance at the 2012 Boyko Festival in Ukraine resulted in their being awarded first place.

“Kazka” with headquarters in Sugarloaf PA is a well-known Ukrainian folk dance group having performed in Ukraine and throughout the North Anthracite region including the Anthracite Heritage Museum at McDade Park, Scranton; the annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at Minersville/Primrose, PA; the Ukrainian Homestead Annual Folk Festival at Lehigh, PA; Patchtown Days at the Eckley Miners Village, Eckley, PA; and many other venues.

“Korinya” website address: www.korinya.yolasite.com

“Kazka” website address: www.kazkaensemble.org/

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August is Team #4: Tom Matkosky, Ed Stecco, Joe Smagula and Jason Sawicki.

Sunday Collection for August 8 & 9, 2015: \$2,418.52

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 22 & 23, 2015

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Sczesniak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Joseph Skirpan -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

Volunteers for the Grade School “STUFF” from the 3rd floor.

On Friday, August 21 and Saturday August 22, 2015 we are asking for all the able men and women of our parish to help at the School Building on the Third Floor. We need your help in getting “STUFF” down to the gym. There will be a rope and pulley with a large tote to put over the top banister and lower it to the bottom. It will not be hard work, but we a lot of volunteers to help with this task.

A few of the school tables and chairs will be lowered to show at the Rummage Sale, but the volume of chairs and desk will remain on the upper floor. If you can make it to the top floor, there are a lot of steps, we can use your help. Plan to arrive at 10:00 a.m. on August 21st and 22nd. Call Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 with any suggestions or a pulley. We have the rope.

Pre-Rummage Sale Information: August, September 2015 Ss. CYRIL AND METHIDIUS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, OLYPHANT, PA. “5th Annual RUMMAGE SALE” St. Cyril’s Grade School Gym (New Location) 133 River Street, Olyphant SEPTEMBER 18th, 19th, and 20th 2015

FRIDAY-SATURDAY 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**DONATIONS: From the Parishioners at 133 River Street/School Gym.

August 31 (Monday) through September 16th Wednesday. Not on Labor Day or Sundays.

Daily (MWF) from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy * Other times, please contact Lauren Telep Cell (NYC)646-241-9443 or 570-383-0319

Please NO clothes NO shoes,(too much time and space to organize, donate them to United Neighborhood, Scranton,) NO TV’s, NO Computers, NO Baby Car Carriers, NO Exercise Equipment, NO Encyclopedia’s, No Text Books, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT

SELL, AND THEN WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET THEM TO THE GARBAGE DUMP .

ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED- Clean and salable items. (Furniture, new items, household items, kitchen items, bathroom, bedroom, living room, basement, outdoor, garden, craft items, religious, toys, games, sporting goods, books, holiday, ladies accessories, children’s books, tools, music media-records, antiques, Ukrainian items, etc....)

CONTACT: Rev. Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor at St. Cyril’s (570-489-2271) or Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 : <http://stcyrils.weconnect.com> Our new website for SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church.

remarkable people were not afraid to confess their faith, and they would fearlessly wear a Cross. One ought not to look upon the Cross as some kind of jewelry like a bracelet or brooch. The Cross must adorn

our soul and not our clothing, and must constantly re-mind us that we are Christians, called to live according to our faith, which is founded on the Savior’s sufferings on the Cross.

It’s Vacation Time... (But Not for Church Bills)

It’s that time of year avgain... Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and finan-

cial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church’s bills, which always seem to INCREASE during summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, **don’t forget about YOUR CHURCH!** You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

Our Condolences

In your Christian Charity please remeber in your prayers + **Charlene Zinskie**, who recently fell asleep in the Lord. + Char-

lene was buried from St. Cyril’s this past Wednesday. May her memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

3rd Pre-Rummage Sale Meeting

A 3rd pre-rummage Sale meeting will be held on Monday August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 207 River Street. All are invited to attend. Pre-Rummage Sale updates will be announced. Last week we emptied one of the rooms in the Parish Hall with donated items. With 6 cars and 10 people we packed the cars and moved items to the gym. We still have more “Stuff” to be moved from the “kitchen” room to the gym. Volunteers needed on Monday evening. If you can carry groceries, perhaps you can help us carry a few bags to a car. We can work as a community to

accomplish this task. The heavy boxes will be moved by the younger men of our parish.

Summary of the meeting on August 10, 2015.

*The Rummage Sale will be held in the Grade School Gym, Sep. 18-19-20, 2015

*Merchandise from the Parish Hall has to be moved to the Gym.

Pre-Rummage Sale Activities time schedule

*Food will be sold on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th. Cheryl Matuszewski (570-489-4348) will be responsible and in charge for the

gathering of food and selling coffee, soda, water, cake, ethnic food etc... Contact Cheryl for more information.

*Furniture is our best selling items and they will be along the wall with easy access to be moved, when sold, from the front or back side doors.

*Florist long flower boxes are needed for the books.

*Raffle Donations: We are asking the parishioners to make or donate items for the Raffle baskets. We need your help in acquiring "Gift Certificates, Products etc... from your favorite restaurant, pizza place, where you work, retail store etc., for our RAFFLE on September 20, 2015. The "handouts" with all the Rummage Sale info is available in the vestibule of the Church for you to give to your favorite place.

Dates and times for parishioners to drop off their "STUFF" is listed below.

*Street banner will hung on Main Street in Peckville. Donated by the Pepsi Co. of Scranton. A banner will be placed on the side of the school building.

*The Flyer for the Rummage Sale is available to be placed where ever possible. (Pick up in the Church Vestibule or gym)

*Donations are needed for the "Baskets of Cheer" and will be an added plus to the raffle.

*We have 31 Tables available and will be accepting additional tables from a Olyphant Firehouse Company.

*Items from the 2nd and 3rd Floor of the school, will be featured at the sale (school desk and chairs etc.). We will need volunteers for this move....dates will be listed.

*Moving racks for display will be needed.

*Ramp for the side door for the wheel chairs is needed to be borrowed.

Gone are the days when you get a personal call to help to volunteer at an event. You have a personal invitation via the bulletin and church announcement and other volunteers asking you to come and help. The future of our church depends on all fund raisers. Help us out as much as you can. Last year we were very fortunate to have 40+ volunteers over the span of 3 weeks, including a handful of non-parishioners at the Rummage Sale. A couple hours of your time will be appreciated. Especially to the men in the Parish, we need your help too!!!

Our pre-rummage sale activities will start on Monday August 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym. All parishioners are invited to help out. Last year throughout the 3 weeks, 40 parishioners helped with various stages of the sale. It was a pleasant atmosphere! A few people marked the items, others put items in their designated area to be displayed. A few parishioners have their specialty: working with jewelry, fabrics, bedding, books, records, we welcome everyone! No experience needed. You can come and sit at a table and you will be lending a helping hand by helping the people who price the items with stickers.

*Volunteers Times for pre-rummage sale activities:

Starting August 17th: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday From 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring your lunch! Rest-

rooms will be available in the Basement of the Rectory.

Religious Education Update

Classes for the upcoming 2015/2016 school year will begin on Sunday, October 4th. Parents of our children who will be entering grades 2 through 8 will be contacted in order to confirm their child's

attendance. Parents of children who will be entering grade 1 this coming school year should contact Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 to make proper arrangements.

St. Cyril's Choir Takes A Vacation

For the entire month of August 2015 and through Labor Day Weekend, the 9:00 a.m, Sunday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in English, just as the 4:00 p.m

Saturday and the 11:30 Sunday Divine Liturgy. Come early for 9:00 a.m. and have more time on Sunday to enjoy the summer.

L.U.C. Meeting

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will conduct a general meeting and its annual picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2015 in Berwick. Moleben Prayer Service will begin at 3:00pm at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 706 North Warren Street followed by a business session. Agenda will focus on commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Shep-

tytsky's birth and the upcoming October 16 to 18 National Convention in Lansdale, PA. A bountiful fun-filled annual picnic will follow at the nearby residence of Tim and Janina Everett. Newcomers and former members are welcome to attend. For additional information contact President Dorothy Jamula at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member of the parish.

Super Heroes of the Bible

All students, grades K through 8, are cordially invited and welcome to five days of Vacation Bible School at Holy Ghost Church in Jessup starting Sunday, August 16th through Thursday, August 20th from 6:00 until 7:30 pm in the facilities of Holy Ghost School building, 309 First Avenue in Jessup. Each night we will meet a dif-

ferent hero from the Bible, learn songs and prayers related to this person and enjoy fun activities, create a craft and enjoy a themed snack! This Program is free of charge compliments of Holy Ghost Parish. Registration may be done by calling 570-489-2353 or online at www.holyghostjessup.weebly.com.