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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

May 31, 2015: Sunday of All Saints		
Epistle: Heb. 11:32 - 12:2		Gospel: Mt. 10 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30
Mon., June 1	8:00	+ Mary Bohn (Evelyn Trently)
Tues., June 2	8:00	+ Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son Joseph Smagula)
Wed., June 3	8:00	+ Michael Romanovitch (Jean & Matt Kunchick)
Thurs., June 4	8:00	+ William Evancho (Joseph & Margaret Brewinski)
Fri., June 5	No Services Today.	
Sat., June 6	8:00	+ Anne & Michael Shumek (Michael Shumek Family)
	10:30	Confessions.
	2:00 pm	Confessions.
	4:00 pm	+ Richard Harrigon (Wife Mildred)
Sun., June 7	9:00	+ Irene Paczkowski (Leo Danylak)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

The Feast of All Saints

Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, be-

cause of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the an-

grounds from 11am to 4pm. Eat-in or Take-out. Adults \$12.00 and Children (under 10) \$6.00. All are welcome!!!

Sobor Deanery Meeting — Thursday, June 18

There will be an important meeting conducted by staff from the Archbishop's Chancery, regarding the "Summary" and "Report" of last year's Sobor Conference held in Philadelphia. This meeting will take place on Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., at St. Vladimir Parish, 70 Zerby Ave, Edwardsville. Light refreshments will be served. Our Deanery Pastors, Sobor delegates from last year, Pastoral and Finance Council members from each Deanery parish, and any and all interested parishioners are asked and encouraged to attend. There should be no observers that are not members of our parishes. Members only, please. The purpose of this meet-

ing is to facilitate the implementation of the various conclusions of the Sobor in each Deanery. All participants are asked and to familiarize themselves beforehand with the final Sobor report, available online at our Archieparchial website: www.ukrarcheparchy.us (click on the link 'Sobor 2014'). It is hoped that the participants in this meeting on June 18, will be able to convey the findings of the Sobor more efficiently on the parish level, and thus better implement the Vibrant Parish vision of our Major Archbishop, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk. This is vital for the future life and existence of our parishes.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May is Team #1: William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren and Jerry Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for May 23 & 24, 2015: \$3,314.00

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 6 & 7, 2015

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chludzinski -- Daniel Chylak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Michael Roberts -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Sczesniak -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

Olyphant Queen City Nights in July 2015. Please help to keep our Church open with these fund-raisers!

Chicken BBQ

All Saints Church invites everyone to their Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 6th from 12 - 3 pm. Adults: \$12. Children: \$6. Limited tickets at door. Contact Ann schlasta 570-383-0785 or Pat Stafursky 570-342-6731 for tickets or more information.

LUC Meeting - Sunday, June 7, 2015

North Anthracite Council LUC will meet on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA. Francis to Philadelphia in September; and the October LUC Convention in Lansdale PA.

Moleben prayer service is scheduled for 3:00pm., business session at 3:30pm followed by reception and fellowship. Former members and new members are warmly invited to become involved in the LUC as active participants in the Vibrant Parish movement throughout our worldwide Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member.

Main agenda items include the recent bus trip to New York City's St. George Ukrainian Street Festival; the proposed heritage outing to the August Tryzub Festival in Horsham PA; the visit of Pope

International Dinner Club

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will present "THE TASTES OF ITALY" on Thursday evening, June 11, 2015 with seatings at 5:30 and 6:30pm. The price is only \$20.00 per person. Please call with reservations to 570-343-5151 by June 8, 2015. The menu will start with Smoked Chicken Canneloni and an Insalata Salad. The Entree will be Veal Osso Bocco and the Dessert will be Fresh Summer Berries. Choice of Coffee, Tea, Soda or Water is included and a Cash Bar is available.

Old Fashioned Chicken Bar-B-Que

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will have their Old Fashioned Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, June 14, 2015 on the Church

niversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74th homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint

John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

A Thought On Summer Church Attendance

Do we apply the same standards of faithfulness to our Church activities that we expect in other areas of life? If your car starts one out of three times, do you think it's faithful? If the paper boy skips the Monday and Thursday editions, aren't they missed? If you fail to come to work four or five times a month — does your employer call

you faithful? If your refrigerator quits for a day now and then, do you excuse it by saying, "Oh, it works most of the time." If you miss two out of twelve mortgage payments a year, does the bank say, "Well, ten out of twelve isn't bad?" PUNCH LINE: If you fail to worship God in Church, one, two or more Sundays a month, can you be

called faithful? If we expect faithfulness from other people and things...does not

God expect the same — and more — from us, His people?

Decide to Celebrate

There was a widow living in a small apartment with her two children. She was struggling to survive and support her children. The Landlord was an atheist, mean and cruel man, that continually went up on the rent, generally making life as difficult as possible for this God-fearing Christian widow.

One morning the evil Landlord was outside the widow's apartment and heard her praying to God for the blessing of some food and supplies that she might feed her children. So, the Landlord ran to the grocery store and bought up several bags of food and other supplies. He put all the bags on her doorstep, knocked on her door and then quickly hid in the

bushes nearby. The widow opened the door and saw the bags and bags of food and supplies. She rejoiced, calling the children, and praising the Lord! She continued to shout 'Glory to God' as the evil Landlord came from the bushes, saying, 'Old woman, God didn't bring those bags. You're crazy! I heard you praying and went and got the stuff just to show you how crazy you are praying.'

The widow began to shout even louder, praising God and dancing about! The Landlord yelled, 'Crazy woman, didn't you hear me?! What are so happy about?' The widow smiled and said, 'Not only did God buy me the supplies, but He got the Devil to deliver it!'

Water Main Break

Our water main, which provides water for both the Rectory and the Church, has broken. Water is now leaking into the ground near the Church. Repairs are scheduled to begin this Tuesday before

there is any damage to our Church. Any donations to help us defray this unexpected expense would be greatly appreciated.

Pentecost Collection For Missions

"Go and Make Disciples of All Nations" (Mt. 28:19) Our Ukrainian Catholic Church is responding to Christ's

command to "go and make disciples of all nations". (Mt28:19) Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Bishops of our Church en-

deavor to provide ministry to people residing in developing missions in eastern Ukraine, in Europe, in areas of the Middle East and Africa, and North America. Your generous assistance is needed to support clergy and religious to serve these missions and to aid in the development of these new missions. An annual collection will be taken at Pentecost for

this purpose. Please use the specially prepared envelopes provided for this purpose in your parish. You may also send your gift to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Tax receipts will be issued. God bless all who generously care for the souls of others!

Rummage Sale Update for 2015

Our 5th Annual Rummage Sale for 2015 will not be held at The American Legion Hall in Olyphant. The Board of Directors of the American Legion Post #327 and the Home Association has decided not to let us use the Hall. As a major fund raiser (\$33,000+ profit for 4 years) for the church, we still need to have this

event. (You can still "gather you items" and save them for our Rummage sale in 2015). A meeting will be held Monday evening in the School Gym on June 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. **All parishioners are invited to attend, and discuss our future plans.**

Queen City Days

Eureka Hose Company will again sponsor Olyphant Queen City Days on Thursday - Saturday, June 4th, 5th and 6th on the grounds of the Rep. Joe Wargo and Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck Sports Complex, the 700 block of E. Grant St. Olyphant. Local vendors will be offering

a variety of food and beverages. Bingo by Ss. Cyril and Methodious Church, "Big Ball Tournament by local softball teams, Firemen's Parade Friday at 7:00 pm, Fireworks on Saturday, live music each night.

Bingo At Queen City Days!

St. Cyril's is an active participant in the Olyphant Queen City Days Picnic this year with "Bingo." All parishioner are welcomed to volunteer. Please plan to

come and play a few Bingo games at the Fernhill Picnic. The Church raffle tickets ARE AVAILABLE in the Church Vestibule and the winners will be drawn at the