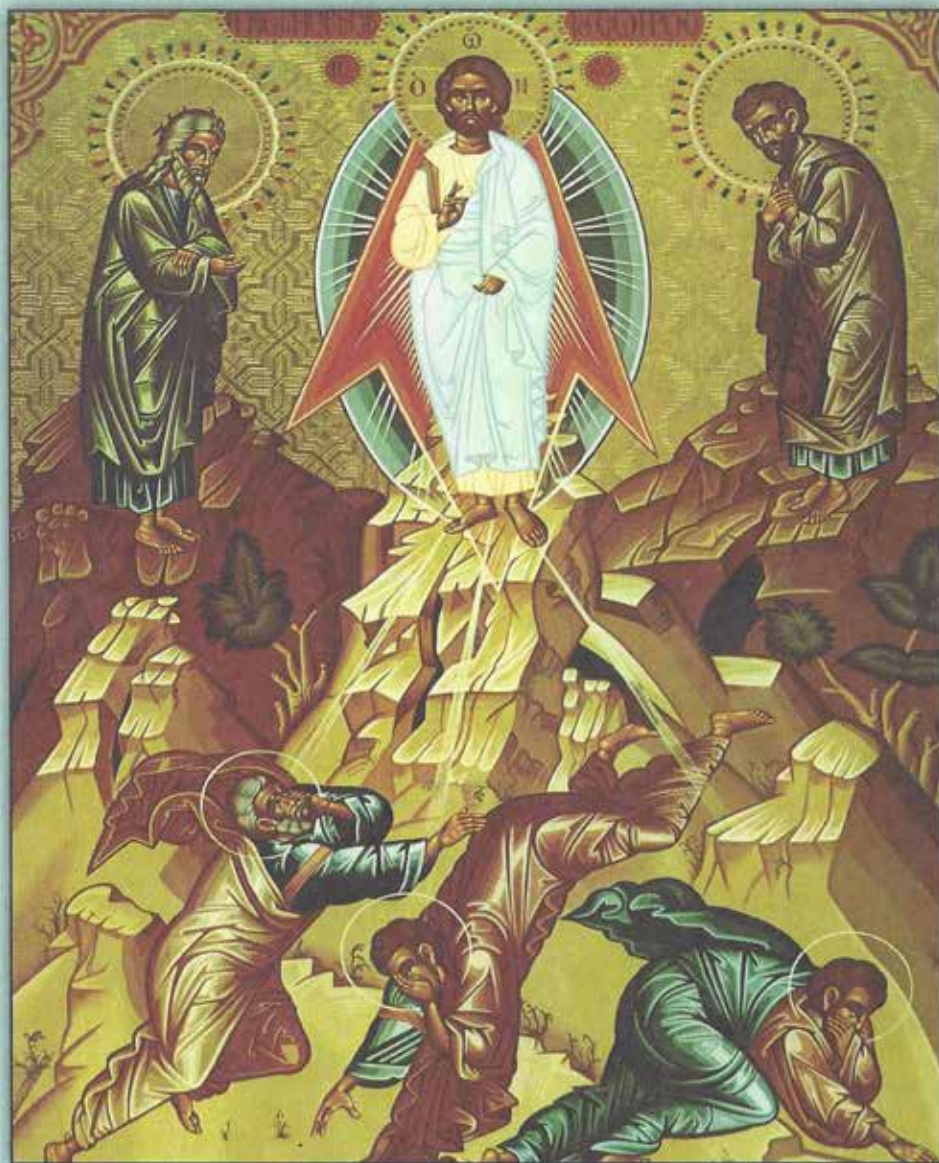


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Transfiguration -- August 6th

July 31, 2016: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9: 2-12

Gospel: Mt. 18: 23-35

Mon., Aug. 1

No Divine Liturgy Today

Tues., Aug. 2

8:00 + Deceased of the Stecco Family (Ed & Joan Stecco)

Wed., Aug. 3

8:00 M/M Salvatore Corvo (Joseph Corvo)

Thurs. Aug. 4

8:00 + Anna Stracka (Shirley Romanovitch)

Fri. Aug. 5

8:00 + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (M/M Emil Pieski)
7:00 pm For Our Parishioners (This is for Transfiguration)

Sat., Aug. 6

Transfiguration of Our Lord (Solemn Holy Day)

9:00 + Fr. Joseph Szupa (Father Nestor)

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + John Sedlak Sr. (John Sedlak)

Sun., Aug. 7

9:00 + Anna Chaykosky (Loretta Kovaleski)
11:30 For Our Parishioners

Sincere Request...

On behalf of those who process our weekend collections, we sincerely ask of each and every one of you who use our weekly donation envelopes to make your offerings: PLEASE, DO NOT USE ANY TAPE, STICKERS, LABELS, OR ANY OTHER ADHESIVES TO SEAL YOUR ENVELOPES ON THE BACK, ESPECIALLY ON THE CENTER FLAP. There is already a small bit of safe, non-tox adhesive on the envelope flap - just

moisten it and seal it. That's it.

Each donation envelope is designed not only for your convenience, but also for ease of use for those who have to open it, that they can do so quickly and simply. When you add all the extra tape, stickers, labels, etc., on top of the center flap and other parts, you are slowing down the process and making it problematic for those who are volunteering their time to serve you, their fellow parishioners, by pro-

cessing the church collections. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

2016 Bingo / Summer Raffle Report

Income	
Summer Raffle	\$3,253.00
Bingo	\$1,133.55
Donations	\$77.75
Gross Income	\$4,464.30

Expenses	
Tents	\$450.00
Postage	\$39.00
Raffle Tickets	Donated by M & M Plumbing
Sound System	Donated by Magdon Music
Raffle Payout	\$800.00
Total Expenses	\$1,289.00
Net Income	\$3,175.30

Congratulations to our Sumer Raffle Winners: Irene Stepien (1st Prize); Ann Marie Borowski (2nd Prize); and Diane Beckage(3rd Prize). Thank you to all those who either helped or supported our Parish with this Annual Fund-Raiser.

And now for some statistics. 315 envelopes with raffle tickets were prepared and brought to the Church Vestibule. 233 (74%) envelopes were picked up in Church leaving 82 (268%) unclaimed.

168 (53%) Parishioners that picked up their tickets in Church made a return; 24 (.08%) of the tickets mailed out were returned. This means that only 61% (192)SUPPORTED THIS FUND-RAISER; 123 (39%) of our Parishioners DID NOT SUPPORT THIS FUND-RAISER.

We also need to acknowledge Joann Berta and Mike Trusz, both non-Parishioners, who helped us with Bingo when there were not enough Parishioners volunteering.

The Best Way to Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

“Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray,” the priest said.

“No,” said the minister. “I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.”

“You’re both wrong,” the guru said. “The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor.”

The repairman could contain himself no longer. Hey, fellas,” he interrupted. “The best prayin’ I ever did was when I was hangin’ upside down from a telephone pole.”

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

It’s that time of year again...Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and r e l a x a t i o n . 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 fi-

nancial 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.

Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at St. Nick’s Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. The theme for this year’s event is the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary and the celebration of all who have dis-

cerned their vocation to the Priesthood through the years in the seminary. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 82 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

Pilgrimage for Peace

The 2016 Pilgrimage for Peace will be held Sunday August 7 at Holy Dormition Friary in Sybertsville. Bishop Kurt of Passaic will be the celebrant at the 1 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. As in recent years, we will be using both Ukrainian and Ruthenian chant at the Divine Liturgy.

You are invited to the 2016 Pilgrimage for Peace, Sunday August 7, at Holy

Dormition Friary in Sybertsville.

- 10am Matins
- 11am-5pm Food Service (except during Divine Liturgy)
- noon Holy Anointing for Healing
- 1pm Divine Liturgy
- 3:30-4:30 Children's Program
- 4-4:30 Spiritual Talk
- 5pm Vespers

Classic Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER, 320 MFFLIN AVE., SCRANTON, PA. 18503 is presenting "CLASSIC PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH" on Thursday, August 11, 2016. Seatings are at 5:30pm and 6:30pm and Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 by August 8,

2016. The Menu will start with a Broccoli Raisin Salad, Schnitz und Krepp (Special ham, apples and dumplings), Maple Butter Beans and Herr Davidius Bread Pudding. Coffee, tea, Water and Soda is included and a Cash Bar is available (Alcoholic). The cost is only \$20.00 per person!

Summer Flea & Food Fest

Mark your calendar! Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, will be holding their annual Summer Flea & Food Fest on August 13th-August 15th in the parish air-conditioned auditorium. Please come and enjoy the treasure hunt along with delicious homemade ethnic foods from our concession

stand: Saturday – 8am-6pm; Sunday and Monday – 8am-4pm. A take-out pasta & meatball dinner will be served on Sunday from 11am to 3pm. Tickets are \$10, purchased in advance only, by phone or visiting the parish office: 1101 Willow Street, Peckville, 570-383-3244 ext. 2.

15th Annual Lebanese-American Food Festival

Date: August 13 and 14, 2016

Time: Sat. Aug 13th is 4 to 11 pm; Sun. Aug 14th is 12pm to 7pm

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

130 N. St. Francis Cabrini Ave (off lower Jackson St), West Scranton, PA

Great Middle Eastern Food and pastries. Local picnic favorites, games, used book sale, baskets, clams, beer. Entertainment- DJ both Sat & Sun.

Contact: 570-562-6482 or apatch@csprecycling.com

www.melkitescranton.org or follow us on facebook-Saint Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, Scranton

St. Mary's Slavic Festival

ST. MARY'S SLAVIC FESTIVAL, 320 MIFFLIN AVE., SCRANTON, PA. will be held on Fri., Sat., and Sun., Aug. 19, 20 & 21st. Fri. & Sat. from 5-10pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm. This Festival features Home made Ethnic

Foods, Home Made Soups, Carnival Foods, Clams, Beer/Wine Tent, Raffles, White Elephant Sale, Live music and more! Everyone is invited to enjoy this wonderful event!

St. Cyril's Rummage Sale 2016

The Grade school is in the process of being sold. We still have the time and plan to have our 6th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale in September 2016 in the school gym. Last year, we reached a profit of \$16,000.00 which was far beyond our expectations. In summary, furniture was the largest area of interest along with antiques and new items. We will gladly accept the items, with our discretion (mainly furniture) any-

time over the next 6 months from estate sales, moving, re-decoration or downsizing a home. We can store the furniture (in good condition for re-sale) in the school gym. (no TV's, no old computers, no baby cribs, no mattresses, because they don't sell, and then we are responsible for getting them to the recycle area or garbage) Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for additional informa-

tion. As stated in the past years, other donated items (no clothes or shoes) will be accepted 4-6 weeks before the sale in September 2016.

Save the Date!

The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, author, "Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky

and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America", to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of 'Treasury of Faith' Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone's anticipated assistance and participation.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of July 2016 is Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for July 23 & 24, 2016:

See Next Sunday's Bulletin

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 6 & 7, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chludzinski -- Michael Roberts	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435

Telephone: 570-489-2271 Fax: 570-489-6918

Web Site: stcyrils.weconnect.com



E-Mail: sscyrilandmethodius@comcast.net

Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Seeing God

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear. ... Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. ... So it is with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in their capacity to hear or see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see Him, provided that they keep the eyes of their mind open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind that are shrouded in darkness because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one

who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through His Word and wisdom. Through His Word and wisdom He created the universe, for "by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array." (Psalm 32:6)

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the Immortal One, if you believe in Him now.

Saint Theophilus of Antioch

For more information on Eastern spirituality, visit
www.ecpubs.com