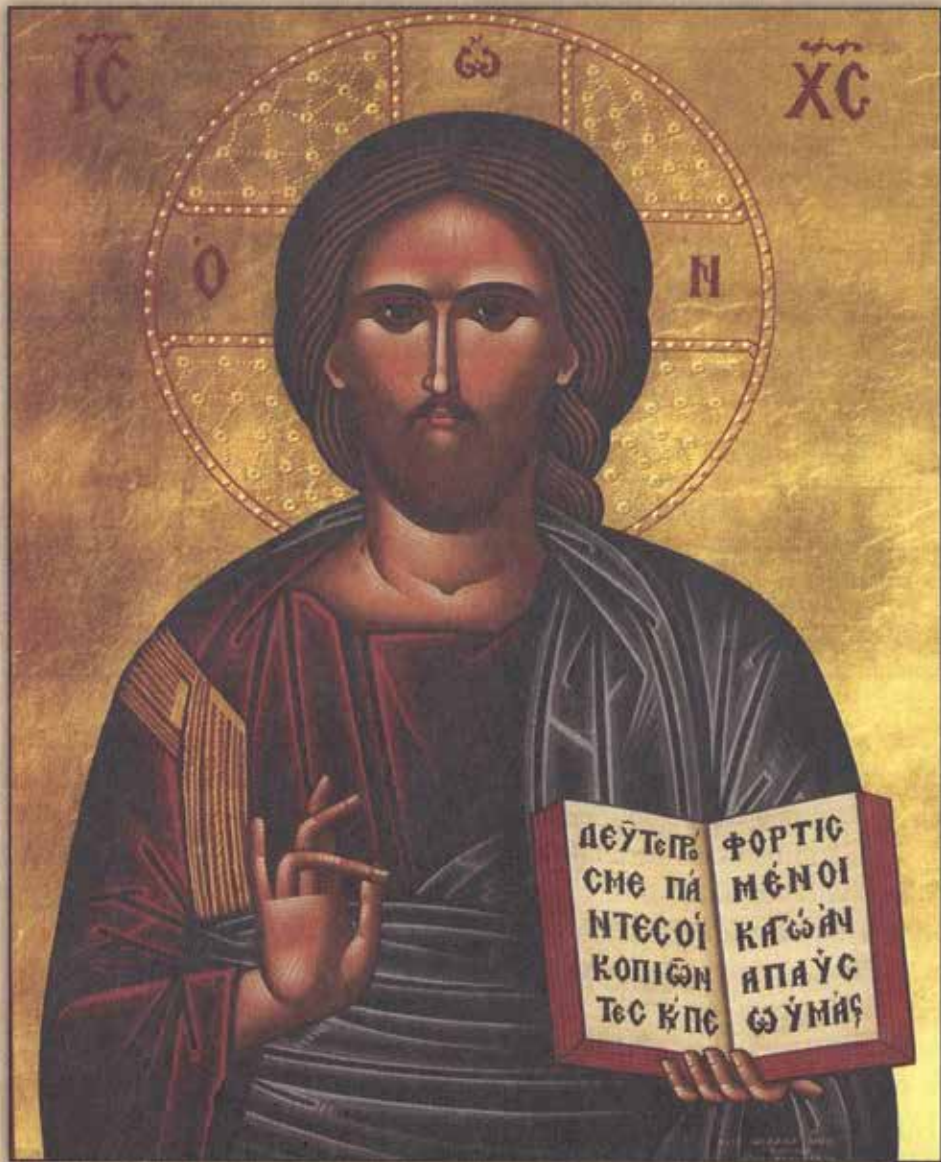


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ the Teacher

| June 5, 2016: Third Sunday After Pentecost | | |
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| | Epistle: 5: 1-10 | Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34 |
| Mon., June 6 | 8:00 | Health & God's Blessings on Father Nestor (Morning Liturgy Ladies) |
| Tues., June 7 | 8:00 | + John & Helen Nasevich (Family) |
| Wed., June 8 | 8:00 | + Raymond Popovich (Mildred Harrigan) |
| Thurs., June 9 | 8:00 | + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Roger & Beverly Barren) |
| Fri., June 10 | NO SERVICES TODAY | |
| Sat., June 11 | No Morning Liturgy Today 10:30 No Confessions Today 2:00 pm No Confessions Today 4:00 pm + Anna Chaykosky (Eugene & Regina Chaykosky) | |
| Sun., June 12 | 9:00 | For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Dorothy Pompey (Family) |

The Mercy Psalm

The second book of Samuel tells of the great sin King David committed when he had one of his soldiers purposely slain in battle so he could take the man's wife for his own.

Speaking through the prophet Nathan, God told David: "You have done this deed in secret, but I will bring it about in the presence of all Israel, and with the sun looking down." [2 SM 12:12]

David confessed his crime aloud to the prophet Nathan, who answered: "The Lord has forgiven your sin; you

shall not die."

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we treasure in a special way the repentant King David's beautiful Psalm 103, which expresses his acceptance and gratitude for God's mercy:

The Lord is compassion and kindness, full of patience, full of mercy.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve; he does not pay us back for our wrongdoing.

As high as the sky above the earth, so great is his kindness to those who revere him.

As far as east is from west, so far he has put our wrongdoing from us.

Our prayer today: *Divine God of Mercy, help us always remember that*

you care for us as a mother cares for her children, even when we least deserve it.

A Note on Giving – Church Support

Does God “need” our money? Well, when you consider that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, which in essence means He owns it all and as a matter of fact has created everything containing any value... well... you get the point. God is not a “needy” God, however, we need to learn to be givers!

He wants you to do this cheerfully,

with merry hearts delighting that you have the opportunity to give.

You are in a position to receive God’s blessings because you have the opportunity to give to the Church of Our Lord. Your faithfulness in giving is appreciated, but most importantly, never overlooked by God.

Your faith will be rewarded.

Pray for Dry Weather...



Several leaks have developed in the roof of the New Hall (Kindergarten Building). We have chosen a roofer to make the required repairs. The cost will be \$2,700.00. We are seeking donations to help defray the cost of this unexpected repair. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Until the roof is repaired, please pray for dry weather. Thank you!

Properly Receiving Holy Communion

When approaching to receive Holy Communion, do not be afraid to approach the Priest. Father's arms are only so long and when you stand too far away, it is difficult to distribute Holy Communion.

We also remind everyone to tilt your head back and open your mouth WIDE. Please keep your tongue in your mouth. Please do not bite down on the communion spoon. There is no need to

say anything since the priest says the prayer. There is no need to say AMEN as is done in the Roman Catholic Church.

Now finally, a little about the red Communion Cloth. Sometimes the Altar Servers hold it; sometimes Father holds it. When the Altar Servers hold, simply approach (i.e., come close to the Priest). If Father is holding it, simply lift it up to your chin. The purpose of the Communion Cloth is to help prevent accidents.

Children Always Welcome in Church

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it Jesus said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37. Let us always joyfully welcome and receive children into our parish, for in

receiving them we receive God himself among us. A reminder to parents: **ALL CHILDREN are to receive Holy Communion when they are present at Divine Liturgy -- this is being practiced throughout our Archeparchy.** Please don't deny your children the Body and Blood of Christ!

New Rug Update

Installation of the new rug is scheduled to begin tomorrow (Monday). It should take the installer all of this week, and possibly part of next week to get the job

done. Thank you to Lauren Telep and all those Parishioners who helped with this project.

Cemetery Monuments

Just a reminder that families are responsible for maintaining their monuments at the Cemetery. There are some monu-

ments that are ready to fall over and are a hazard. If they fall, someone could be injured. Please make arrangements for

any necessary repairs to be made.

We Need Your Help

The two Bingo Sessions and the Summer Raffle are our only Fund-Raising Events during these Summer months. Any one wishing to volunteer at Bingo is asked to contact Sandra Berta. Also

please return your Summer Raffle tickets as soon as possible. Remember, you can't win if you don't return your tickets. Please help keep our Parish open by supporting our Fund Raisers!

L.U.C. Meeting: June 5, 2016

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 635 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, extends an invitation to a beautiful June Prayer Service - Moleben to Jesus, Lover of Mankind - at 3:00pm on Sunday, June 5, 2016; to be followed by a church spon-

sored meeting and fellowship of our League of Ukrainian Catholics North Anthracite Council (LUC). This is a public event of Saints Peter and Paul parish and all parishioners and friends are welcome.

St. Mary's International Dinner Club

On Thursday, June 9th, ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 320 MIFFLIN AVE. SCRANTON INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB is featuring "EASTERN EUROPEAN CUISINE". The menu will start with Fresh Cabbage Soup with the Entrée of Chicken Paprikash over Kluski Noodles with a side dish of Zucchini

served with cream Smetana Sauce. The dessert will be Cheese filled Crepes topped w/assorted berries. Coffee, Tea, Water and Soda are included with the meal and a Cash Bar is available. The cost is \$20.00 per person and you can make reservations by calling 570-343-5151 before June 6, 2016.

Thank You Altar Servers

The annual trip to Dorney Park for our Altar Servers is scheduled for Monday, June 20th. We turn to our Parishioners now seeking financial support

for this "Activity of Thanks." Show your gratitude to our Altar Servers for their hours and hours of dedication and service at God's Holy Altar. All con-

tributions will be greatly appreciated.

The cost for Altar Boys is FREE. The cost for guests and everyone else is \$54.00. This includes the bus and

admission to Dorney Park. To reserve your seat contact either Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 or Howard Smith at 570-766-5607.

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) anytime over the next 6 months from estate sales, moving, re-decoration or downsizing a home. We can store the

furniture (in good condition for resale) 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 information. 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.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2016 is Team #2:

Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for May 28 & 29, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 11 & 12, 2016

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 4:00 pm | Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak | Andrew Augustine |
| 9:00 am | Joseph Skirpan -- Patrick Marcinko | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Samuel Sczesniak -- David Slachtish | Frank Lesnefsky |

*Children Who Received
The Sacrament of Penance on June 4, 2016
and
First Solemn Holy Communion on June 5, 2016*



Arianna Mae Aiello

*Nicholas Robert
Borowski*

*Gabriella Elizabeth
Dennis*

Lauren Elizabeth Lowe

Cole Andre Marcinko

Avianna Rose Runco

Jack Martin Sheridan

*“Congratulations to all
the children who have*

*received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time and
First Solemn Communion”*

“Many, Many Happy and Blessed Years!”

Mnohaya i Blahaya Leeta!

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Choked by Earthly Cares

Like man, this "great and honored being," as he was called by Scripture, falling from his own worthiness like those who slip and fall into the mud and, having smeared themselves with mire, become unrecognizable even to their companions, so the one who falls into the mire of sin no longer is the image of the incorruptible God, and he is covered through sin with a corruptible and slimy form which reason advises him to reject. However, if, purged by the water, so to speak, of his way of life, the earthly covering can be stripped off, the beauty of the soul may reappear again. The rejection of what is alien means a return to what is proper and natural to oneself, but this is not possible to achieve, unless one be created anew. For, being like the divine is not our function, nor is it the product of human ability, but it is part of the generosity of God who freely, at the birth of the first man, gave our

nature a likeness to himself.

The human effort extends only to this: the removal of the filth which has accumulated through evil and the bringing to light again the beauty in the soul which we had covered over. It is such a dogma that I think the Lord is teaching in the Gospel to those who are able to hear wisdom when it is mysteriously spoken: "The kingdom of God is within you." This saying shows, I believe, that the goodness of God is not separated from our nature, or far away from those who choose to seek it, but it is ever present in each individual, unknown, and forgotten when one is choked by the cares and pleasures of life, but discovered again when we turn our attention back to it.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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