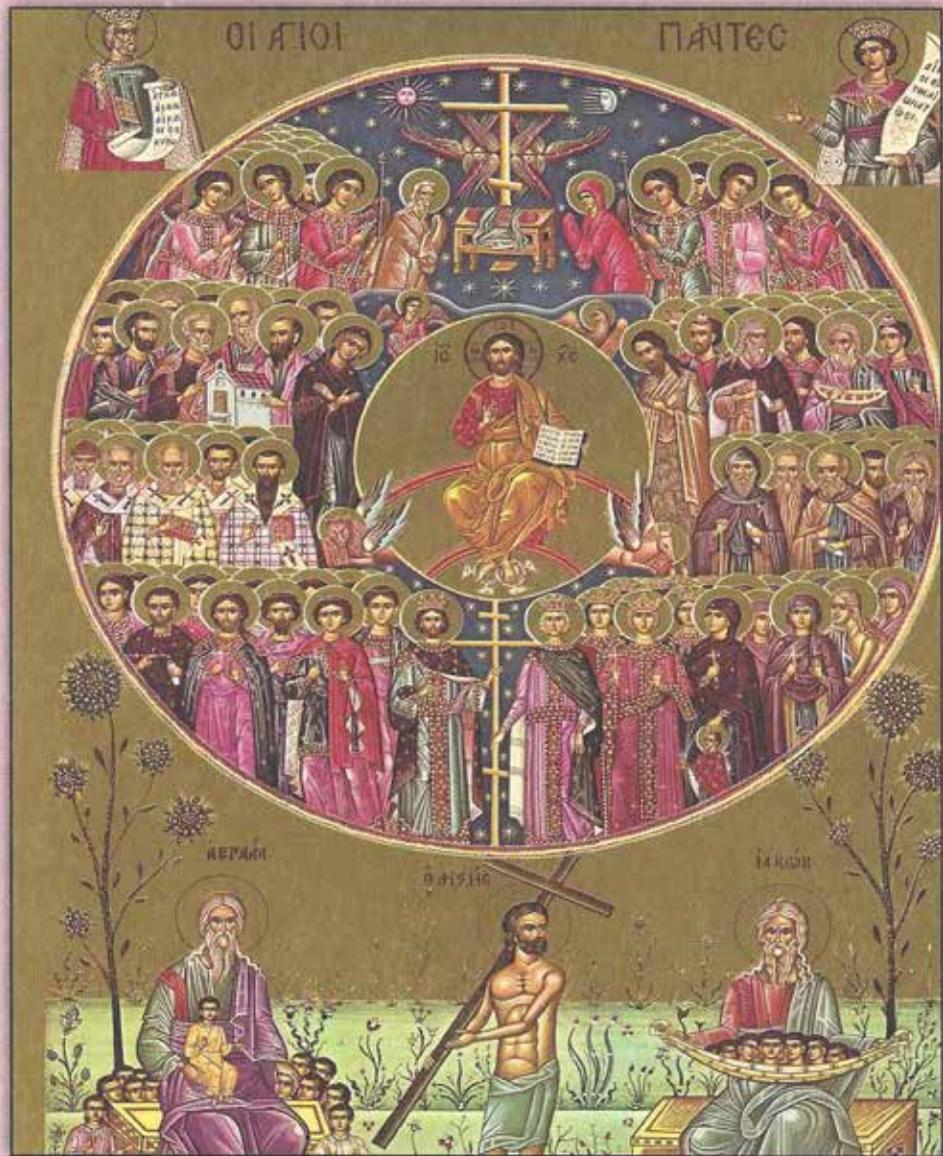


# SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*

## May 22, 2016: Sunday of All Saints

Epistle: Heb. 11:32 - 12:2

Gospel: Mt. 10: 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30

**Mon., May 23** 8:00 + Anna Chaykosky (Paul Halupke)

**Tues., May 24** 8:00 Special Intention (Anonymous)

**Wed., May 25** 8:00 + Mildred Gazella (Jason, Debbie, Jimmy, Jackson & Amy Beckage)

**Thurs., May 26** 8:00 + Debra Altier (Sharon & Frank Nemergut; Brian & April Hudak)

**Fri., May 27** 8:00 + Deceased Stecco Family (Ed & Joan Stecco)  
6:30 Moleben to the Mother of God

**Sat., May 28** **No Morning Divine Liturgy**  
10:30 Confessions.  
2:00 pm Confessions.  
4:00 pm + Raymond Dench (Parents)

**Sun., May 29** 9:00 + Jill King (Dad & Barbara)  
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, because 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 anniversary 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

74<sup>th</sup> 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?

### **Pray for Dry Weather...**

Several leaks have developed in the roof of the New Hall (Kindergarten Building). One roofer has been called in so far. His estimate is over \$5,000. We are seeking donations to help de-

fray the cost of this unexpected repair. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Until the roof is repaired, please pray for dry weather. Thank you!

### **May Devotions**

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Fridays in May, at 6:30 p.m. Come to church,

join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

### **Cemetery Monuments**

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

### **Pentecost Sunday 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 endeavor 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. The annual collection for this purpose will be taken up at all Divine Liturgies on Pentecost Sunday weekend May 14-15 in all of our parishes. 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. Please be generous in your offerings and may God bless you for caring for the spiritual needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ!

## **Babushkas of Chornobyl**

On Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, Pa., the documentary film *The Babushkas of Chornobyl* will be shown. Ms. Holly Morris, the director/producer will also be present at the screening. The award winning docu-

mentary film tells the beautiful story of three “babushkas” age 80, 72 and 85 who refused to leave their ancestral homes after the Chornobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. It is considered a masterpiece on the tragedy of the Chornobyl disaster. All are encouraged to attend.

## **Queen City Days**

The Annual “Queen City Days” Carnival, sponsored by the Eureka Hose Co. No. 4, 717 E. Grant St. in Olyphant, will be held June 2 - 4 at the Fern Hill Park. Several adult and children’s rides will be featured. Local vendors will offer food and refreshments.

Music will be provided each evening. Firemen’s Parade on Friday and giant Fireworks Display on Saturday. Any questions or to secure a spot on the midway, contact Mayor John Sedlak, Jr. at 570-383-1406.

## **Bingo At Queen City Days!**

Once again, St. Cyril’s is an active participant in the Olyphant Queen City Days Picnic with “Bingo.” All parishioner are welcomed to volunteer. Please plan to come and play a few Bingo games at the Fernhill Pic-

nic. The Church raffle tickets ARE AVAILABLE in the Church Vestibule and the winners will be drawn at the Olyphant Queen City Nights in July 2016. Please help to keep our Church open with these fund-raisers!

## **Trunk Sale**

ST. MICHAEL'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 205 N. Main St., Pittston is having a "TRUNK SALE" on June 4th, 2016 in the Church Parking Lot. Clear your garage and sell your stuff without strangers at your house. Pack up your "junk" and throw it in the trunk and make dol-

lars! We will open from 8am to 3pm. Pre-paid spots are only \$10.00 each. Limited Space available. 1st Come - 1st Served. No Refunds. Call today to reserve your spot! 570-905-7387. E-Mail – [lindahando@hotmail.com](mailto:lindahando@hotmail.com). Rain Date is June 11th. Food will be available.

## **L.U.C. Meeting**

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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 May 2016 is Team #1:

William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren, and Jerry Sereditch.

## **Sunday Collection for May 14 & 15, 2016: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 28 & 29, 2016**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Michael Roberts -- Joseph Skirpan	John Sakson
9:00 am	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Saintly Wisdom*

“You have become imitators of the Lord,” says the Apostle, “by receiving the word amidst much oppression, with the joy of the Holy Spirit.” Oppression in what pertains to the body, but joy in the spirit. You wonder, perhaps, how that can be. Well, what happened was distressing for you, but not so what came of it: the Holy Spirit does not allow it to be. On the one hand, you cannot be joyful while suffering for your sins; but on the other, you can find joy even in being scourged, when you suffer for Christ.

For that is how the joy of the Spirit shows itself: it brings gladness in place of what seemed like affliction. They have oppressed you, he says, and persecuted you, but the Spirit has not forsaken you all the while. Just as the three young men were refreshed in the fiery furnace, so it has been with you in your oppression. Whereas

it is not in the nature of fire to refresh, but of the revivifying Spirit, it is likewise not in the nature of oppression to beget joy and gladness: that comes of suffering for Christ, and of the revivifying Spirit bringing relief even through the furnace of trials and temptations ...

On the other hand, let no one pondering all this slacken off, on learning that everything can be put right in a short while. For the future is always unclear, and the day of the Lord is like a thief that comes upon us suddenly as we sleep. But if we are not asleep, it will not come upon us like a thief, or take us all unaware. For if we stay awake and keep watch, it will arrive not like a thief, but like a royal messenger calling us to the good things prepared for us.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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