

September 4, 2016: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6: 1-10

Gospel: Mt. 25: 14-30

Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day 9:00 + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Fawcett Family)
Tues., Sept. 6	8:00 + Philip Duick (Matt Beckage & Family)
Wed., Sept. 7	8:00 + Paul Wasnetsky (Barbara Halloran) 7:00 For the Nativity of the Mother of God + Veronica Bious (Roman & Eileen Kushner)
Thurs. Sept. 8	Nativity of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Rose Rutsky (Carol)
Fri. Sept. 9	8:00 + Matthew Garofalo (Wife Joyce)
Sat., Sept. 10	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Anna Chaykosky (Viola Slachtish & Family)
Sun., Sept. 11	9:00 + Frank Turko (Joey & Debbie Turko) 11:30 For Our Parishioners

How do we know of Mary's parents, Anne and Joachim?

The Bible does not tell us much about the life of Mary or her ancestry. Since Matthew and Luke trace the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph, his fosterfather, they do not mention the parents or forbearers of Mary. Nor does any biblical source. Father Leonard Foley's Saint of the Day informs us: In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of

great promises. Not only is his mother's side neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people... Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not - rep-

resent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure. The parents of Mary were like so many good, loving and heroic parents today who go

faithfully about their work and life task of raising families in the Lord. They received little attention or fame - not even an Old Testament mention. Yet they were great in virtue and grace, holy and loved by God.

Religious Education Update

Classes for grades 3 - 8 for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year will begin on Saturday, October 1st. 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.

Kanz for Kids 2.0

Just a little reminder to all of us soda-guzzling individuals: When you are finished with the soda can, or other aluminum can (such as V8), please rinse out the can, and put in into a plastic store bag. When you have accumulATED a few cans, please bring them to Church. Sandra Berta has been very generous with her time and energy, and picks up these cans. In turn, they are sold, and all the proceeds go to purchasing supplies for

the children enrolled in our Religious Education Program. This is a wonderful project, and not exactly a walk in the park.

We truly appreciate Sandra's continuing efforts, not only with collecting the cans, but also being completely involved in our Religious Education Program. We thank you Sandra, and thank our Parish Family Members for helping fund our program!

Remembering Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Our Parish has been serving Ukrainian Greek Catholics and so many others for over one hundred years now. By including Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Olyphant as one of the beneficiaries

in your Last Will and Testament, you will help our parish continue its sacred duty of serving the needs of present and future generations of its parishioners. There is no amount that is too small -

it all helps! And remember, whatever your own financial situation may be, you should prepare a Last Will and Testament, to be sure that your estate and possessions will be handled according to your wishes. When making a bequest

to our parish, please make sure you use the full name and address: Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435. Thank you, and may God bless and repay you!

1. Information On Rummage Sale Donations And Raffle Donations

RAFFLE DONATIONS: All you have to do is just ask!!!! We need you help in acquiring from places you dine at, shop at, work for or do business with: Gift Certificates, products or items from Retail Stores, Restaurants, Grocery Stores, and Businesses etc... We will also accept NEW ITEMS and GIFTS that you received, never used or never wanted for the Raffle. You can even donate lottery tickets. We have the baskets to display the items. All raffle tickets will be sold at the Rummage Sale at 3 for \$1.00 or 50 cents each. Last year, \$995.00 of raffle tickets were sold. Parishioners are encouraged to support the raffle by donating and purchasing tickets. The raffle this year includes so far: homemade quilt, Christmas basket, homemade afghans, grocery and restaurant gift certificates, box of pots and pans, unique glass bird feeder and glass flower.

“Our Basket of Cheer” for the Raffle is empty so far!!! All bottles of CHEER (wine, liquor, designer beer, etc...) can be dropped off at the school gym. Our parishioners can drop off their items, when we are “setting up” in the school gym. Donations from parishioners: September 5th Thru September 12th, 2016-check the Pre-rummage sale schedule time or contact Lauren or Father Nestor.

2. Pre-Rummage Sale Update for September 2016:

*Volunteers Times for pre-rummage sale activities:

From September 5th 2016:

*Monday(5th), Wednesday(7th) and Friday(9th) starting at 9:00 a.m to 5 p.m

*Tuesday(6th) and Thursday(8th) starting at 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.

*Saturday(10th) from 10:00 a.m.

*Join us at anytime during the day. The School Gym door is open, the volunteers are working!!!!

*Bring your lunch/snack and water bottle!!! Restrooms will be available in the basement of the Rectory.

*Cheryl Matusewski will be in charge of the Food and Refreshments being sold during the Rummage Sale. By “Just asking for a donation” we have received 7 cases of soda, and paper products from grocery stores. Food (hot dogs and buns, relishes, sandwiches) and snacks will be purchased. Money donations are always accepted in lieu of a donation to defray the cost of the food and snacks. Contact Cheryl regarding baked goods, (prefer cookies, cupcakes, muffins and cakes that are easy to cut and sell) Volunteers are need to help out during the Rummage Sale hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to help in the selling of the food and refreshments (water, soda and coffee)

*Please plan to help us, you have know about the Rummage Sale since April 2016 and know how important it is to help the church for this fund raiser. (Raffle donations, Rummage Donations, Volunteer time, Food and Refreshments etc...) We appreciate all your help, Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271

3. Volunteers need during the actual Rummage Sale!!!

Volunteers of all ages will be needed to support the Rummage Sale on Friday (23th), Saturday (24th) and Sunday 25th). Volunteers are needed throughout the day, Starting at 7:45 a.m - 6:00 p.m. Come and work for a few hours. People are needed for: *Coverage for selling jewelry at a separate table, *helping out in the kitchen, selling food, * Sit/Stand by the 4 doors of the gym, *pass out boxes at the door for customers to put their items in while shopping, * help customer carry their goods to their car, *Wrapping and bagging the items at the check-out, *selling Raffle tickets, *helping out on the selling floor, we need to have volunteers just walking around and have their present on the selling floor, *giving directions to the “Rent a John”(outside the back of the school) ETC.... Just come and lend a helping hand throughout this event. Wear your St. Cyrils logo shirts. Call Lauren 646-241=0443 to donate your time.

4. It is not your Mothers Rummage Sale!!!

All parishioners need to stop by the Rummage Sale and support our biggest fund raiser

and fellow parishioners. The raffle tickets will only be sold at the Rummage Sale. You will be surprised at the amount of items that have been donated, over 10,000 that were priced and categorized. Your fellow parishioner and over 6 non-parishioners have been volunteering for weeks in order to get this Rummage Sale ready. Remember, all donations are only accepted until Monday, September 12th, 2016. Contact Lauren Telep 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for any questions.

5. Volunteer Meeting for the Rummage Sale:

On Monday, September 12th, there will be a meeting in the School gym regarding updates etc... on the Rummage Sale. First one at Noon (for the early workers) and Tuesday, September 13th at 6 p.m for the evening workers. All are invited to attend.

Community Services Hours Available At St. Cyril's

High School students who are required to donate hours and help out in the community are welcomed at St. Cyril's Parish. The community service hours can be served at this time, volunteering at

the pre-rummage sale activities and during the sale itself. Contact either Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271

E-Bay Expert Needed To Help With Rummage Sale Items

If anyone has the expertise and time to sell on E-bay, please contact Father Nestor. We have a few items donated to our Rummage Sale, that perhaps we feel we could sell on e-bay and make additional money for our fund raiser for St. Cyrils. For example, the NY Times Cook book is listed on e-bay for \$55.00 we have

one copy. The Vintage Blue Industrial Mid Century Student School Steel Desk End Table 50s 60s is on e-bay for \$146.00, and we have quite a few, and would be for "pick-up" only. It would be a new area for us to expand with our donated vintage/antique items. Contact Father Nestor 570-489-2271 ASAP.

Year of Mercy Holy Door Pilgrimage

Our Deanery has scheduled a "Year of Mercy Holy Door Pilgrimage" for Saturday, October 15th right here in our Parish. This Pilgrimage will begin at 2 pm with the opportunity to receive the

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation. At 3 pm there will be a procession with one of the official replicas of the Shroud of Turin. The rosary will then be recited and then the Divine Liturgy will be cel-

ebred. A reception will follow. More details will be given once they are available.

This will give all participants the opportunity to receive the graces and indulgences offered specifically for those who

pass through a Holy Door, receive the sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This year, on Sunday, October 16, 2015 at 11:00AM in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. Archbishop Stefan Soroka will be joining with our married faithful in celebrating the Divine Liturgy honoring Married Life. We invite all of our married faithful wishing to celebrate their wedding anniversary in this very special way to come and join in the celebration! It will be a celebration of their love and commitment to each other in the holy state of Matrimony and a witness to the world of their life-long commitment to the Holy Mystery

of Crowning, the Sacred Sacrament of Matrimony.

During the Divine Liturgy, they will renew their wedding vows, as they gather with other jubilarians from throughout the Archeparchy to celebrate their love, faith, and commitment to each other in the presence of Almighty God and family and friends.

After the Divine Liturgy, a dinner with the Archbishop will be an opportunity for all to break bread together.

Flyers are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2016 is Team #1:

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

Sunday Collection for August 27 & 28, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 10 & 11, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Szczesniak -- Nicholas Chludzinski	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Michael Roberts	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Virgin Mary, All Nature is Blessed by You

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night - everything that is subject to the power or use of man - rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace.

To Mary God gave His only-begotten Son, whom He loved as Himself. Through Mary God made Himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave Himself form through Mary, and thus He made His own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake His ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to Him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to Himself.

St. Anselm of Canterbury

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