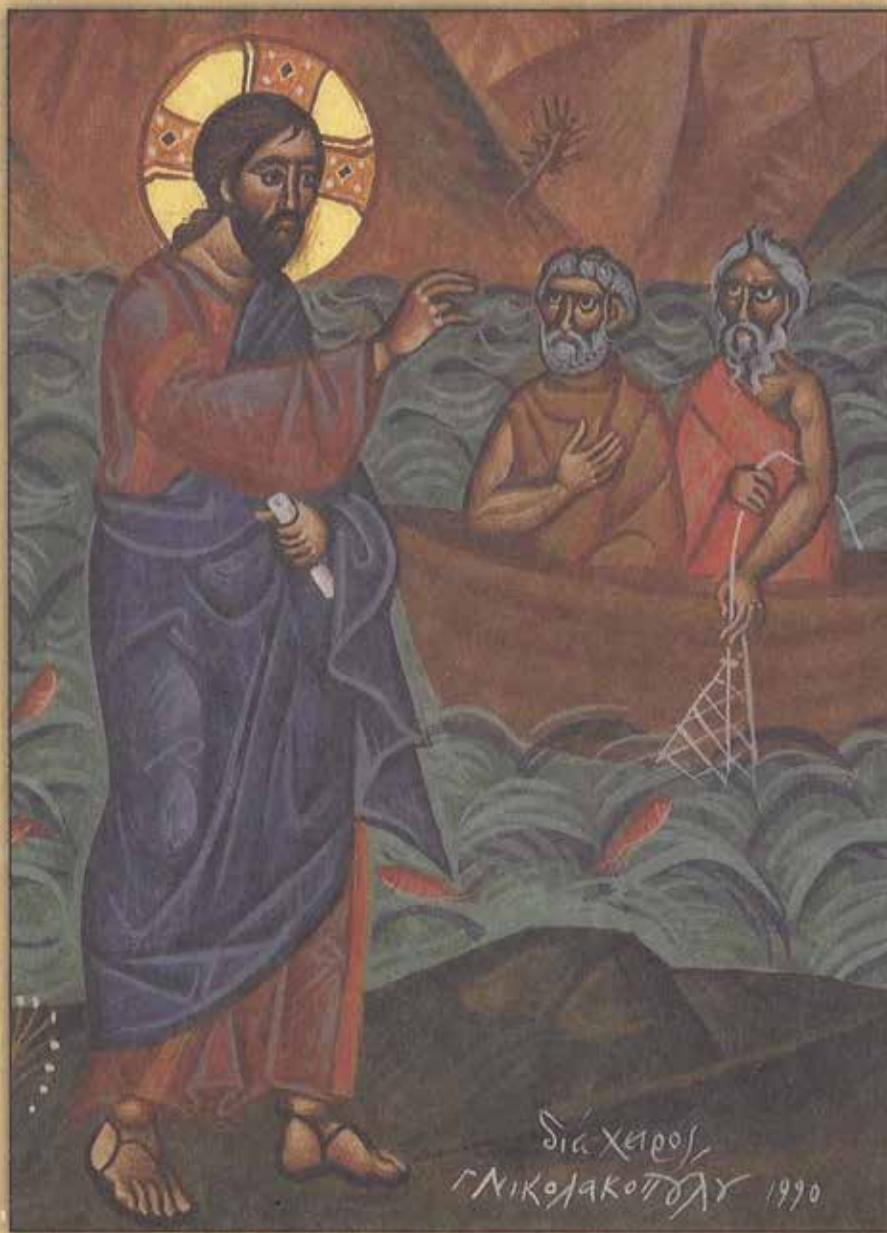


NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Apostles (Luke 5:1-11)

September 25, 2016: 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31 - 12:9

Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11

Mon., Sept. 26 8:00 + George Namiak (Wife Rosalie)

Tues., Sept. 27 8:00 + Anna Stracka (Shirley Romanovitch)

Wed., Sept. 28 8:00 + Sr. Cornelia (Dolly Daniels)

Thurs. Sept. 29 8:00 + Fran Sember (Rosemarie Sember)

Fri. Sept. 30 8:00 + Zenia & Emmett Hooper (Family)

Sat., Oct. 1 **Protection of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)**

9:00 Theresa Tehansky (Chezik Family)

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + Martha Sedlak (Family)

Sun., Oct. 2 9:00 + Mary & Harry Farnetti (Leo Danylka)

11:30 For Our Parishioners

The Protection Of The Mother Of God

One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church, is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. It is recorded in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius were in church for services when they saw the Mother of God approach the altar, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

She knelt and prayed with tears in her eyes. Then she took the veil she was wearing and extended it over her arms as a sign of protection. There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but always with Christ. Today, with her veil (omophor) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers.

Why Do We Give the Body and Blood of Christ on a Spoon?

Our Church fervently believes when Jesus said “take this and eat...” and “drink of this all of you...” He meant for us to receive His Sacred Body and Precious Blood when we “go to Communion.” For centuries the Church has maintained a way for that command to “eat” and “drink” to be carried out in a most symbolic and convenient manner: together as a whole. What looks like bread is no longer simply that – what looks and tastes like wine also is transformed. Their physical, chemical properties remain, yet their substance is changed.

When the priest repeats Jesus’ words [note – in the first person singular] first over the bread and again over wine – our faith “informs” us that what was previously bread and wine becomes the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ. Here the Sacrifice of Christ is made real. Body and Blood are separated. This recalls Christ’s words on the Cross: “it is consummated.” Yet during the course of the Divine Liturgy, the Gifts (Christ’s Body and Blood) are re-joined to show that Christ was not destroyed by His sacrifice. He is alive, whole and entire, body, soul, humanity and divinity!

The chalice is the repository of the victorious Jesus. [This is why some peo-

ple venerate it after receiving the “Holy Gifts”.] The Christ, Messiah, is there for our nourishment. It is no coincidence that the chalice and the spoon are gold plated precious metal. They give a visual impression that what they contain is something of great value. The spoon which is used to distribute the Holy Eucharist is a special instrument – reminiscent of the tongs which the Angel used to take a burning coal from the Altar in order to touch the lips of Isaiah to purify him of his sins (Isaiah 6:7). [Note the words of the priest after the last person receives the Holy Eucharist. He is quoting Isaiah 6:7.]

From a purely spiritual perspective, the Holy Gifts are exactly that: sacred, imbued with the fullness of God’s presence and grace, and are divine (not human) gifts. “For every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You the Father of lights” (Prayer behind the Ambon – Divine Liturgy). If we truly believe in God, we know quite well that God would never allow harm to come to us, most especially in the [worthy] reception of Holy Communion.

Historically early Christians received Communion from the celebrant, a portion of the consecrated Bread placed into their hands. They then drank from the chalice.

Some ancient liturgies – the Alexandrian Liturgy of St. Mark and the Jerusalemite Liturgy of St. James – still commune the laity this way. (The Roman Church sometimes uses this option). [However the Byzantine Church has developed a much deeper understanding of the Eucharist and just what is really happening.] Because of the fear of accidents, the Byzantine Church

adopted the use of tongs with which the elements were mingled and placed carefully into the mouths of the communicants. By the ninth century, the Church changed to the Communion spoon for the same practical reasons, a practice that remains in use today, which has become the “better” way.

-- Parish Bulletin of St. Josaphat's Church, Bethlehem, PA.

Religious Education Update

Religious Education Classes 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 have been contacted in order to confirm their child's attendance. If you

have received a voice mail from Sandra Berta, please have the courtesey to return her call. 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.

Reception of Holy Communion

Parishioners who have canes or walkers or are a bit unsteady on their feet, are invited to come up and stand inside the first pew on Mary's side of the Church to receive Communion. Father will come down to you. Perhaps a good time to come up to the first pew would be right after the Our Father, so you will be in place inside the first pew when Communion time arrives.

And to ALL parishioners: please do not close your eyes when you receive communion. Just tilt your head back, open your mouth wide as though your are yawning, and do not touch the spoon or close your mouth or lips on the spoon. And do not say “Amen,” since the priest already says it for you during his prayers at the moment you are receiving.

OUR 6th Annual Rummage Sale is HERE!

This is the week-end we have been preparing for the last 5 months. Our 6th Annual Rummage Sale. Stop by the school gym after Saturday 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy, it is less than 50 feet from the Church. Come and support all the volunteers who have worked endless hours for

our major fund raiser. Plan to buy a raffle ticket at 3 for \$1.00 or 50 cents each, we have great prizes. This is not your “Mother’s Rummage Sale”....with over 10,000 items, you might just find something special.

On Sunday 9/25/2016, we open at 8:00 a.m. with a special sale for all customers. After the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy walk over to the gym and support our Rummage Sale. The Raffle winners will be picked at 2:00 p.m.

2nd Rummage Sale “one day sale” will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016

Due to the amount of items remaining, we can still offer to our Rummage Sale customers special prices. On October 1, 2016 Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the School gym the 2nd Rummage Sale “one day sale” will be occurring. Please plan to stop by and get some bargains.

Volunteers will be needed to conduct this 2nd Rummage Sale. Please plan to help as you did on September 23, 24, and 25th.

On Monday, October 3rd, Volunteers are needed to help get the gym back in order. Tables have to be taken down and sorted for their return to the Parish Hall, Rectory, and other owners. ETC.... Merchandise has to be prepared/boxed for non-profit organizations. Please plan to come and lend a helping hand at 10:00 a.m. Monday. 10/3/2016

Pilgrimage and Holy Shroud Visitation Meeting

All Parishioners are invited to a Meeting to discuss and plan the upcoming Pilgrimage and visitation of the Holy Shroud. This meeting will be held next Sunday, October 2 following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy in the Church.

Homemade Pyrohy Sale

Pyrohy freshly made by the parishioners of Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church are returning for the fall and winter seasons. The first sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue. Orders at \$7.00 per dozen should be placed no later than Monday, September 26th and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

Pastie Sale

Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or with-

out onions. Pasties are \$6.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570)829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from

1:30 to 3:30pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!"

Cabbage Roll Dinner

Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Simpson, PA, will hold a "Homemade" Cabbage Roll Dinner on Sunday, October 9th at the former Parish Hall, 10 Doris Ave., Simpson. Pick

Up: 11 am to 1 pm. Donation: \$10.00. For tickets call Linda at 282-0796 or Dorothy at 282-2084.

St. Vladimir Parish Flea Market

The annual Flea Market sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will be held in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Doors will not open before 9:00am. This

event benefits the Parish Children's Religious Education Program. Slavic and American foods will be available for purchase along with tickets for an attractive basket raffle. For additional information contact Daria at 570 963-1580.

St. Michael's Trunk Sale

ST. MICHAEL'S TRUNK SALE – OCTOBER 15, 2016 – 8am to 3pm. ONLY \$10.00 FOR A SPOT. Clear out your garage and sell your "stuff" without having strangers at your house. Pack up your "junk", throw it in the trunk: St. Michael's BC Parking Lot, 2015 North Main St., Pittston, Pa. on

October 15, 2016. Pre-Registration and payment is required. Only \$10.00 per spot! All types of vendors are welcome! Set up starts at 7:00am. Reserve your spot today! Limited space is available! Food will be available!!! Call 570-905-7387. Rain Date Oct. 22.

Year of Mercy Holy Door Pilgrimage

Our Deanery will hold a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the designated Holy Door Church of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Olyphant, PA on Saturday October 15th. Confessions will begin at 2:00 pm. A rosary will begin at 3:30 pm. The Divine

Liturgy will begin at 4:00 pm. Our Archbishop Stefan will be the main celebrant and homilist. This pilgrimage will give the opportunity for the faithful of this area to gain the special graces and indulgences specifically connected with the Holy Year

of Mercy as announced by Pope Francis. All Saturday evening Divine Liturgies in the other Deanery parishes will be cancelled in order to afford the opportunity to attend to as many as possible. This will give all participants the opportunity to re-

ceive 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 11:00 AM 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 September 10 & 11, 2016:

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for October 1 & 2, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Brian Radle	John Sakson

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Lower Your Net

Can you imagine the look on Peter's face when he realized how many fish were in his net? No wonder he dropped to his knees! He realized that he was in the presence of someone totally "other," someone he felt compelled to call "Lord" (Luke 5:8). From that moment on, Peter's life was changed. Now he was going to fish with a spiritual net, catching men and women for the Lord.

Jesus is still calling his disciples to lower their nets for a catch. But practically speaking, what does lowering our nets look like? First and foremost, it means acting and speaking in such a way that we shine the light of Christ into others' lives.

Picture yourself carrying a big, invisible fishing net beside you and asking the Lord to sweep as many people as possible into it. Remember, He is the One who does all the

catching. Your part is to let your net down by practicing the kind of actions and behaviors that will attract people to Him. In other words, you are the "bait" that can draw others into the kingdom. As people see the light of Christ in you, they will be drawn toward it, so that Jesus can sweep them into the large net of God's kingdom.

Peter was fairly skeptical when Jesus first asked him to let down his nets. The best response he could conjure up was something along the lines of: "I'm just doing this because you asked me to." And look how miraculously Jesus worked! So even if you feel like you have been "fishing" for a long time with few results, go ahead and throw that net out one more time today. You may just be amazed at the results!

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