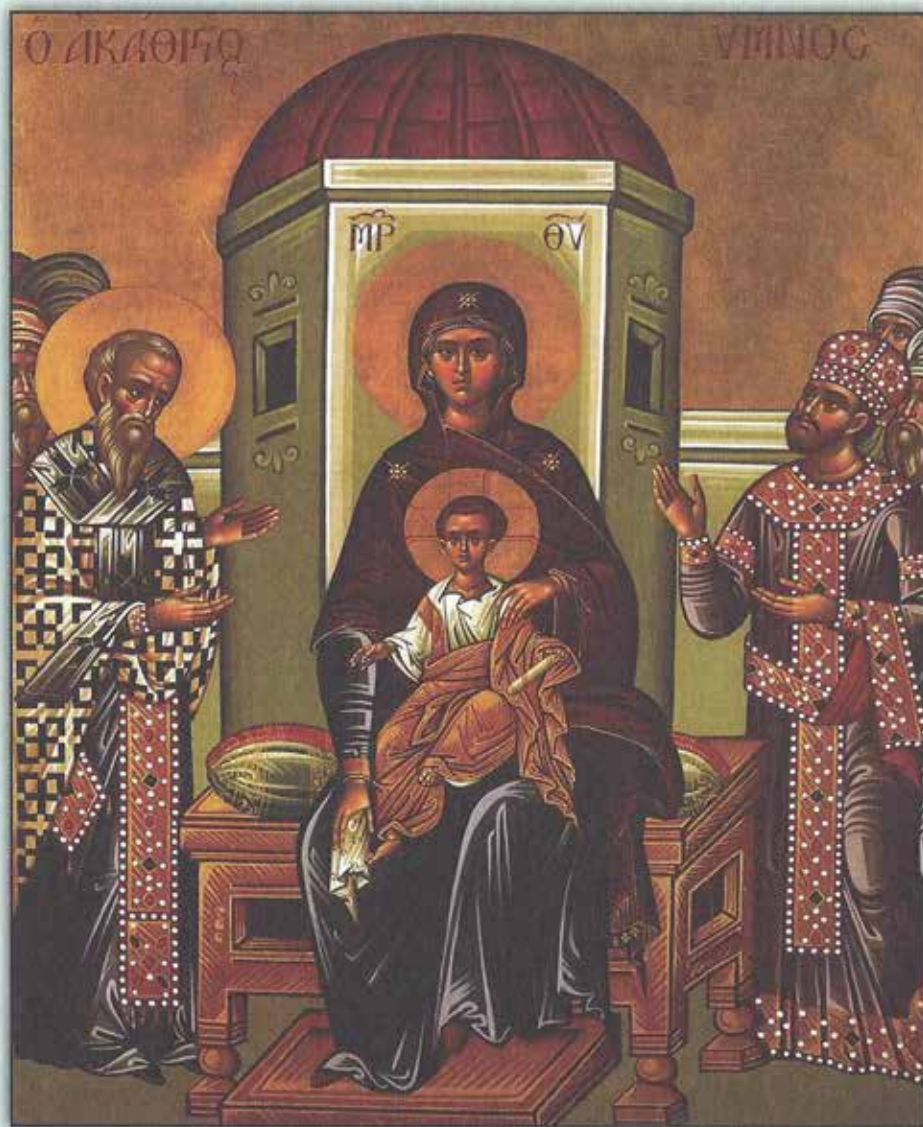


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Theotokos Enthroned

August 9, 2015: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9: 2-12

Gospel: Mt. 18: 23-35

Mon., Aug. 10	8:00	+ Helen Sembrot (Jeanette Sembrot)
Tues., Aug. 11	8:00	+ Jimmy Maslar (Joseph & Bonnie Poklemba)
Wed., Aug. 12	8:00	Health of Horrace Hitchens (Father Nestor)
Thurs., Aug. 13	8:00	+ Deceased of Stecco Family (Ed & Joan Stecco)
Fri., Aug. 14	8:00	+ John & Nellie Priblo & Family; + Spurge Chudillo (Family)
	7:00 pm	David T. Krenitsky (William Krenitsky & Family)
Sat., Aug. 15	Dormition of the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	10:30	Confessions.
	2:00 pm	Confessions.
	4:00 pm	+ Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter Elaine & Robert))
Sun., Aug. 16	9:00	+ Bishop Walter Paska (Chancery)
	11:30	+ Martha Sedlak (John Sedlak)

First Antiphon

Sing joyfully to God, all you on earth,*
chant the glory of His name, give to Him noble praise.
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

Your voice thunders in the whirling wind,*
Your lightning enlightens the world and the earth trembles and shakes.
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

You are clothed in majesty and splendor;* robed in light as in a garment.
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

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Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
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Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
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Hymn to the Mother of God

Rejoice, O my soul, for the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth to God in purity. * He came forth in human flesh. * He was seen upon the earth, * and He conversed with men. * Therefore, O Mother of God, * with our hymns we praise you.
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Communion Verse

We walk in the light of Your countenance Lord,*
and we rejoice in Your name forever.*
Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

The Feast of the Dormition

It should be no surprise that one of the most prominent icons found within the Church depicts the Theotokos with the Christ child, that is, serving as the bridge that brings the Divine into the world. As such a bridge, she holds a place of honor in both the Church and in our hearts. And, it is on the fifteenth of August that we commemorate her falling asleep in the Lord. This oc-

casion is a solemn time for Eastern Christians. In fact, in preparation for the Dormition of the Theotokos, we fast from certain foods (meats and dairy products) and we offer prayers for her intercessions throughout the first fourteen days of August. It is a time of personal reflection and a time for us to offer thanksgiving that we have as an intercessor the one with

the Motherly favor! Extra biblical sources (information not of the Bible) suggest the Theotokos was a tireless servant of Christ. Throughout her life, she served the Lord with commitment, with love, and with faith; modeling the virtues that each is called to possess. Her words and her actions, that is, her life, taught the

early Christians of Jerusalem much. The Theotokos continues to serve her son by offering Him prayers on behalf of humanity. Similarly, she continues to teach the faithful much, who look to her virtuous example as a model for their own lives. As such, she is the Mother of all His Creation!

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 relaxation. 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 finan-

cial 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.

Our Thanks

We wish to thank Billy Krenitsky of QUINN'S MARKET for donating three cases of delicious fruit, which we blessed

on the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Thank you for your continued generosity. We all enjoyed the tasty fruit.

St. Cyril's Choir Takes A Vacation In August

For the entire month of August 2015 and through Labor Day Weekend, the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in English, just as the 4:00 p.m

Saturday and the 11:30 Sunday Divine Liturgy. Come early for 9:00 a.m. and have more time on Sunday to enjoy the summer.

Pre-Rummage Sale Meeting

A pre-rummage Sale meeting will be held on Monday August 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 207 River Street. All

parishioners are invited to attend. We need more volunteers than last year to coordinate the new location of the Rummage Sale.

Plans will be discussed regarding this fund raiser: the schedule for pre-rummage sale set-up “marking and merchandising all the items,” selling food, items for raffles, “basket of cheer,” Clothing racks for display, tables, tents, placing new signs around town etc... and any other suggestions for the Rummage Sale. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319. We need your help and ideas to make this Sale successful. Please plan to attend.

Gone are the days when you get a per-

sonal call to help to volunteer at an event. You have a personal invitation via the bulletin and church announcement and other volunteers asking you to come and help. The future of our church depends on all fund raisers. Help us out as much as you can. Last year we were very fortunate to have 40+ volunteers over the span of 2 weeks, including a handful of non-parishioners at the Rummage Sale. A couple hours of your time will be appreciated. Especially to the men in the Parish, we need your help too!!!

Slavic Festival

ST. MARY’S FESTIVAL, 310 Mifflin Ave. will hold its Slavic Festival on Friday, Aug. 14 (4-10pm), Sat. Aug. 15 (3-10pm) and Sun. Aug. 16 (12-5pm). Homemade Ethnic Foods will be highlighted on all 3 days. Ethnic Foods, Clams, Soups, Carnival

Foods and Games, Raffles, White Elephant Sale and more!!! Live music on Friday with Joe Stanky, Saturday with Doubleshot and Sunday with DJ Sara. Come out to join all the festivities!!!

Super Heroes of the Bible

All students, grades K through 8, are cordially invited and welcome to five days of Vacation Bible School at Holy Ghost Church in Jessup starting Sunday, August 16th through Thursday, August 20th from 6:00 until 7:30 pm in the facilities of Holy Ghost School building, 309 First Avenue in Jessup. Each night we will meet a dif-

ferent hero from the Bible, learn songs and prayers related to this person and enjoy fun activities, create a craft and enjoy a themed snack! This Program is free of charge compliments of Holy Ghost Parish. Registration may be done by calling 570-489-2353 or online at www.holyghostjessup.weebly.com.

Pre-Rummage Sale Information

**Ss. Cyril And Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church,
Olyphant, Pa., “5th Annual RUMMAGE SALE”**

St. Cyril's Parish Hall (New Location)
207 River Street, Olyphant
SEPTEMBER 18th, 19th, and 20th 2015
FRIDAY-SATURDAY 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: We need your help in acquiring “Gift Certificates, Products etc... from your favorite restaurant, pizza place, where you work, retail store etc.,, for our RAFFLE on September 20, 2015. The “handouts” will be available in the vestibule of the Church for you to give to your favorite place. We have to keep track of the places contacted. Please call Lauren at 570-383-0319 regarding Raffle Donations, as not to duplicate any company. Some companies have only so many Dollars to donate to a charity, it is first come, first serve. As in past years, we will be collecting for a “Basket of Cheer” (received 8 bottles last year) and also parishioners donation of their own BASKET of Goodies for the Raffle (received 15 baskets last year). This is a major fund raiser for our church, please help in anyway possible.

DONATIONS: Being accepted NOW!!!! from Estate Sales, Moving Sales and Yard Sales, Rummage Sales will be appreciated. (Please NO clothes NO shoes,

(too much time and space to organize, donate them to United Neighborhood, Scranton, NO TV's, NO Computers, NO Baby Car Carriers, NO Exercise Equipment, NO Encyclopedia's, NO Text Books, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT SELL, AND THEN WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET THEM TO THE GARBAGE DUMP

ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED: Clean and salable items. (Furniture, new items, household items, kitchen items, bathroom, bedroom, living room, basement, outdoor, garden, craft items, religious, toys, games, sporting goods, books, holiday, ladies accessories, children's books, tools, music media-records, antiques, Ukrainian items, etc.)

CONTACT: Rev. Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor at St. Cyril's at 570-489-2271 or Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 regarding “pick-ups” or you dropping off the items. Call for additional information or visit: <http://stcyrils.weconnect.com> on the web.

Ukrainian Folk Group to Perform in Scranton

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Scranton is proud to announce the appearance of the “Korinyan Ukrainian

Folk Band” which will be joined by several members of the “Kazka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble “on Sunday, September 20, 2015

beginning at 3:00pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue. Adult tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15.00. Children fifteen years of age and younger are free. Tickets purchased at the door the day of the performance are \$20.00. For ticket purchase and additional information, please contact Dr. Olenka (Helen) Chandoha at 570 842-3539; Diann Wolfe at 570 341-9383; or Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged as a sell-out is expected.

“Korinya” which means “Roots” in Ukrainian is a young and energetic ensemble from the Hudson Valley of New York State. They have performed extensively in the United States and Canada having appeared at the Ukrainian Institute in New York City, the Yonkers Ukrainian Heritage Festival, the popular Soyuzivka and CYM

Ukrainian Resorts, the Toronto Canada Ukrainian Festival and others. In addition, their performance at the 2012 Boyko Festival in Ukraine resulted in their being awarded first place.

“Kazka” with headquarters in Sugarloaf PA is a well-known Ukrainian folk dance group having performed in Ukraine and throughout the North Anthracite region including the Anthracite Heritage Museum at McDade Park, Scranton; the annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at Minersville/Primrose, PA; the Ukrainian Homestead Annual Folk Festival at Lehighon, PA; Patchtown Days at the Eckley Miners Village, Eckley, PA; and many other venues.

“Korinya” website address: www.korinya.yolasite.com

“Kazka” website address: www.kazkaensemble.org/

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August is Team #4: Tom

Matkosky, Ed Stecco, Joe Smagula and Jason Sawicki.

Sunday Collection for August 1 & 2, 2015: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 15 & 16, 2015

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chludzinski -- Daniel Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Michael Roberts -- Patrick Marcinko	Michael Kushner
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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In Praise of the Theotokos

Hail Mary, Mother of God, through whom the faithful spirits are saved. Hail Mary, Mother of God, through you the waves of the sea, now placated and calm, carry joyfully and gently those who, like ourselves, are servants and ministers.

Hail Mary, Mother of God, most venerated treasure on all earth, inextinguishable light, crown of virginity, scepter of true doctrine, indestructible temple, dwelling place of Him who cannot be contained, Virgin and Mother, through whom we have been given Him who is called blessed par excellence, and who has come in the name of the Father.

Hail to you, who in your holy and virginal womb have enclosed the immense and the incomprehensible. Because of whom the Blessed Trinity is adored and glorified, and the precious Cross is venerated and feted throughout the earth. Because of whom heaven exults, the angels and archangels rejoice, and the devils flee. Because of whom the tempter was ejected from heaven, and fallen creature was taken up to paradise. Because of whom all men, fettered by the deceit of idols, come to the knowledge of truth. Because of

whom holy baptism is given as a gift to believers, the oil of joy is obtained, the Church is rooted all over the world, and people are moved to penance.

And what more can I say? Because of whom the only begotten Son of God shone the light on those who walked in darkness and in the shadow of death. Because of whom the prophets prophesied future events. Because of whom the apostles preached salvation to the Gentiles. Because of whom the dead rose and kings reigned, through the Blessed Trinity.

Who among men is capable of uttering the praise which Mary merits, who is worthy of all praise? She is Virgin and Mother. What a marvelous thing. I am filled with awe at this miracle. Who has heard of a case where the builder of a temple is banned from attending it? Who could be blamed for ignominiously having taken His own slave to be His Mother?

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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www.ecpubs.com