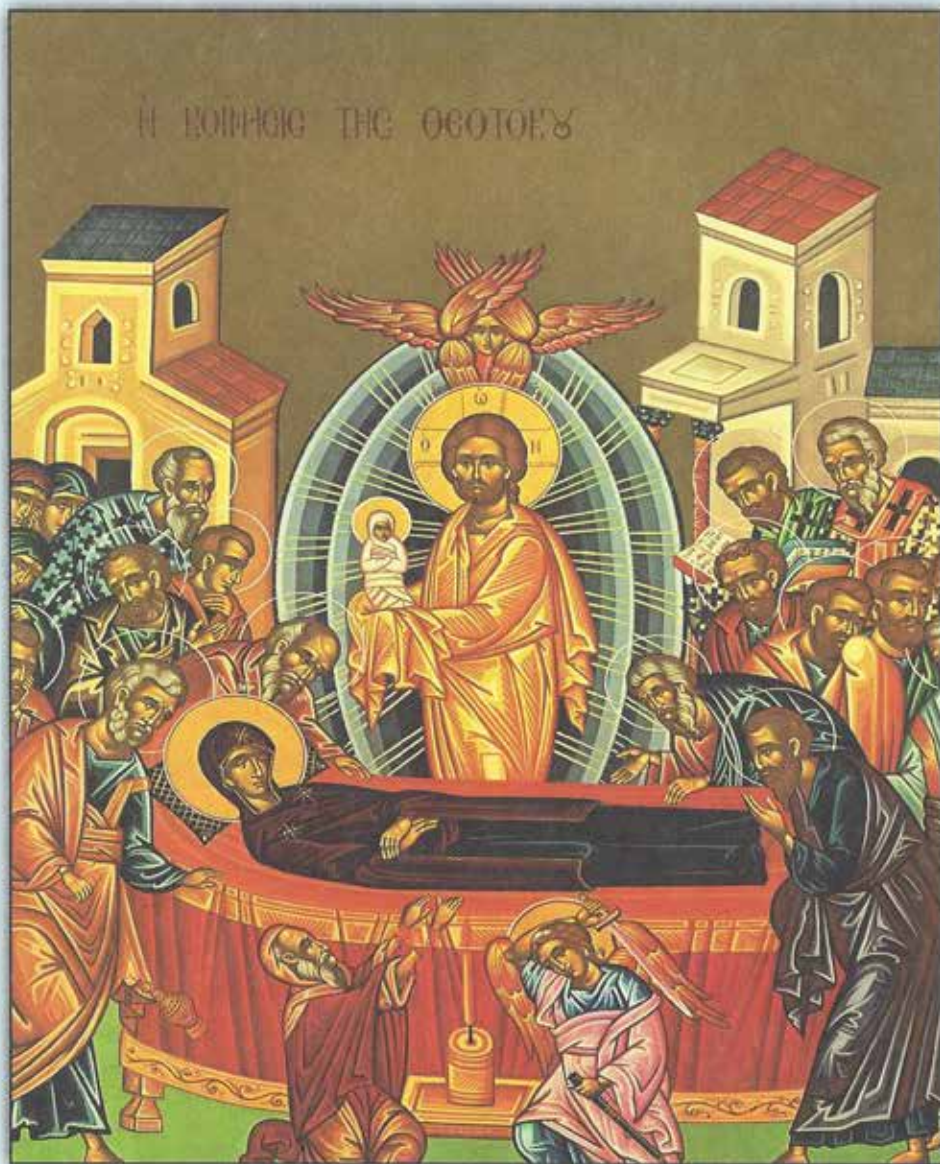


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition -- August 15th

August 14, 2016: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16: 13-24

Gospel: Mt. 21: 33-42

Mon., Aug. 15	Dormition of the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00 +Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter Elaine & Robert) 7:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Tues., Aug. 16	8:00 + Ann Jablonski (Robert Surkey)
Wed., Aug. 17	8:00 + George Beggin (Family)
Thurs. Aug. 18	8:00 + Mary Repchak (Loretta Kovaleski)
Fri. Aug. 19	8:00 + Fr. Joseph Szupa (Chancery)
Sat., Aug. 20	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Johanna M. Dutka (Robert Mitchell & Family)
Sun., Aug. 21	9:00 + Johanna Dutka (St. Cyril's Choir) 11:30 For Our Parishioners

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 occasion 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!

The Feast of the Dormition is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. There will be two Divine Liturgies on Monday: the first at 9:00 am and the second one at 7:00 pm. We will bless flowers during the Divine Liturgies as is our custom.

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 fi-

nancial 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.

St. Cyril's Choir Takes A Vacation In August

For the entire month of August 2016 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.

Thank You for the New Divine Liturgy Books

As you may have noticed, we have new Divine Liturgy books in Church. This is due to the generosity of an anonymous donor who donated \$2,000 in

order to have this project brought to fruition. We thank them for their generosity and pray that the Lord will reward them for this great kindness.

St. Mary's Slavic Festival

ST. MARY'S SLAVIC FESTIVAL, 320 MIFFLIN AVE., SCRANTON, PA. will be held on Fri., Sat., and Sun., Aug. 19, 20 & 21st. Fri. & Sat. from 5-10pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm. This Festival fea-

tures Home made Ethnic Foods, Home Made Soups, Carnival Foods, Clams, Beer/Wine Tent, Raffles, White Elephant Sale, Live music and more! Everyone is invited to enjoy this wonderful event!

L.U.C. Meeting

SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 706 North Warren Street, Berwick extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 3:00pm to be

followed by a meeting and annual picnic of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). This is a public event of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

Flea Market In Old Forge

ST. NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 320 Vine St. Old Forge, Pa. - Rev. Eduard Shestak and the Parishioners of St. Nicholas are inviting everyone to their ANNUAL GIGANTIC FLEA MARKET on Sat. Sept. 17th from 8am to 4pm and then on Sunday

Sept. 18th from 10am to 4pm. The event will be held rain or shine at the Church Hall. A variety of ethnic foods items, baked goods and refreshments will also be available. You don't want to miss this one, it is gigantic!

Pre-Rummage Sale Update for August and September 2016

Our pre-rummage sale activities will start on Monday August 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. All parishioners are invited. A few parishioners have their specialty: working with jewelry, fabrics, bedding, books, and records. We welcome everyone, of all ages! No experience needed. You can come and sit at a table, we will give you the items and tell you what to price them at... and get to know your fellow parishioners. Volunteers price the items, others put items in their designated area to be displayed.

***Volunteers Times for pre-rummage sale activities:** Starting August 22th: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at 9:00 a.m to 5 p.m or longer if necessary. Join us at anytime during the day. The School Gym door is open, the volunteers are working! Every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and water bottle! Restrooms will be available in the Basement of the Rectory.

The schedule volunteer hours will include over 200 hours of pre-rummage sale preparation. You can help your parish out by volunteering 2-3 hours out of the 200 hours, Lauren and the volunteer team will be working. We have ladies who are in their mid-80's volunteering, they sit at the table and mark the items. **Everyone can help out!**

Gone are the days when you get a personal call to help to volunteer at an event. You have a personal invitation via the bulletin and church announcements and other volunteers asking you to come and help. The future of our church depends on all fund raisers. To date, our profit for the 5 years of the Rummage Sale is \$49,000.00. Contact Lauren Telep at (H:) 570-383-0319 or (C:) 646-241-9443, or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for any additional information.

Raffle Donations

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... Donations will be raffled on Sunday September 25, 2016 The Raffle benefits St. Cyrils. Information flyers are available in the back of the Church. The following places have been given the information; The Giant, Price Chopper, Sam's Club, The Bank of Olyphant, Design to Consign, Burger King, Best Buy, Alexander's Restaurant, Lowes to name a few. Take some flyers and pass them out to the business you may go to... ask for a Gift certificate or products and then just follow up with the owner or manger. The sooner the better, because some business only have so much to offer in donations. Some items received all ready include a home-made quilt, designer hand bag, designer photo album and restaurant gift certificates. Last year the highest priced raffle items was worth \$139.00 from a local hotel. Raffle Tickets for 2016 will be 3 tickets for \$1.00 or 50 cents each, and available during the Rummage Sale.

We will accept "NEW ITEMS and GIFTS and NEVER USED HOME MADE QUILTS ETC... that you received, never used or never wanted!!!! We will be having the "Basket of Cheer" with our Raffle donations. All bottles of CHEER will be accepted from August 22, 2016 at the School Gym.

• **DONATIONS:** NOW Being accepted August-SEPT. 12th 2016, from Estates, Moving Sales, Yard Sales, Garage Sales etc... (Please NO clothes, NO shoes, NO TV's, NO computers, NO baby car carriers, NO exercise equipment, NO encyclopedias, NO text-books, and NO mattresses)

Our parishioners can drop off their items, when we are “setting up” in the school gym. Donations from parishioners: August 22, 2016-check the Pre-rummage sale schedule time or contact Lauren or Father Nestor.

• **ITEMS 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:** Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319/cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor, Pastor of St. Cyril's, at 570-489-2271 regarding “pick-ups” or you dropping off the items. Info: Website for SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA. SS Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

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, volunteer-

ing 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

Where Are They Now???

Approximately 25 years ago, St. Cyril's Church offered parishioners free, 9 foot tables because they were buying new ones. We are in need of tables for the Rummage Sale, and we would like to “BORROW” the tables back. Be sure to put your name and address on the back of tables and they will be returned to you, after the Rummage

Sale. On the other hand, if you have the 9 foot tables and have not used them in the last 5-10 years and they been sitting in your garage or cellar, you can DONATE the tables to the Church. “no questions asked” Please contact Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 in order that Victor can pick them up or you can deliver them to the gym, ASAP.

Be sure to let Father Nestor know, if they are to be “Borrowed” or “Donated” and

delivered by August 23, 2016 or sooner. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Save the Date!

The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, author, “Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky and the Genesis

of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America”, to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of ‘Treasury of Faith’ Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone’s anticipated assistance and participation.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2016 is Team #4: Tom

Matkosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for August 6 & 7, 2016:

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 20 & 21, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Michael Roberts	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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On the Dormition

O how did heaven receive her who is greater than heaven? How did she, who had received God, descend into the grave? This truly happened, and she was held by the tomb. It was not after bodily wise that she surpassed heaven. For how can a body measuring three cubits, and continually losing flesh, be compared with the dimensions of heaven? It was rather by grace that she surpassed all height and depth, for that which is divine is incomparable. O sacred and wonderful, holy and worshipful body, ministered to now by angels, standing by in lowly reverence. Demons tremble: men approach with faith, honoring and worshipping her, greeting her with eyes and lips, and drawing down upon themselves abundant blessings. Just as a rich scent sprinkled upon clothes or places, leaves its fragrance even after it has been withdrawn,

so now that holy, undefiled, and divine body, filled with heavenly fragrance, the rich source of grace, is laid in the tomb that it may be translated to a higher and better place. Nor did she leave the grave empty; her body imparted to it a divine fragrance, a source of healing, and of all good for those who approach it with faith.

Watch over us, O Queen, the dwelling-place of our Lord. Lead and govern all our ways as you will. Save us from our sins. Lead us into the calm harbor of the divine will. Make us worthy of future happiness through the sweet and face-to-face vision of the Word made flesh through you. With Him, glory, praise, power, and majesty be to the Father and to the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

St. John of Damascus

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