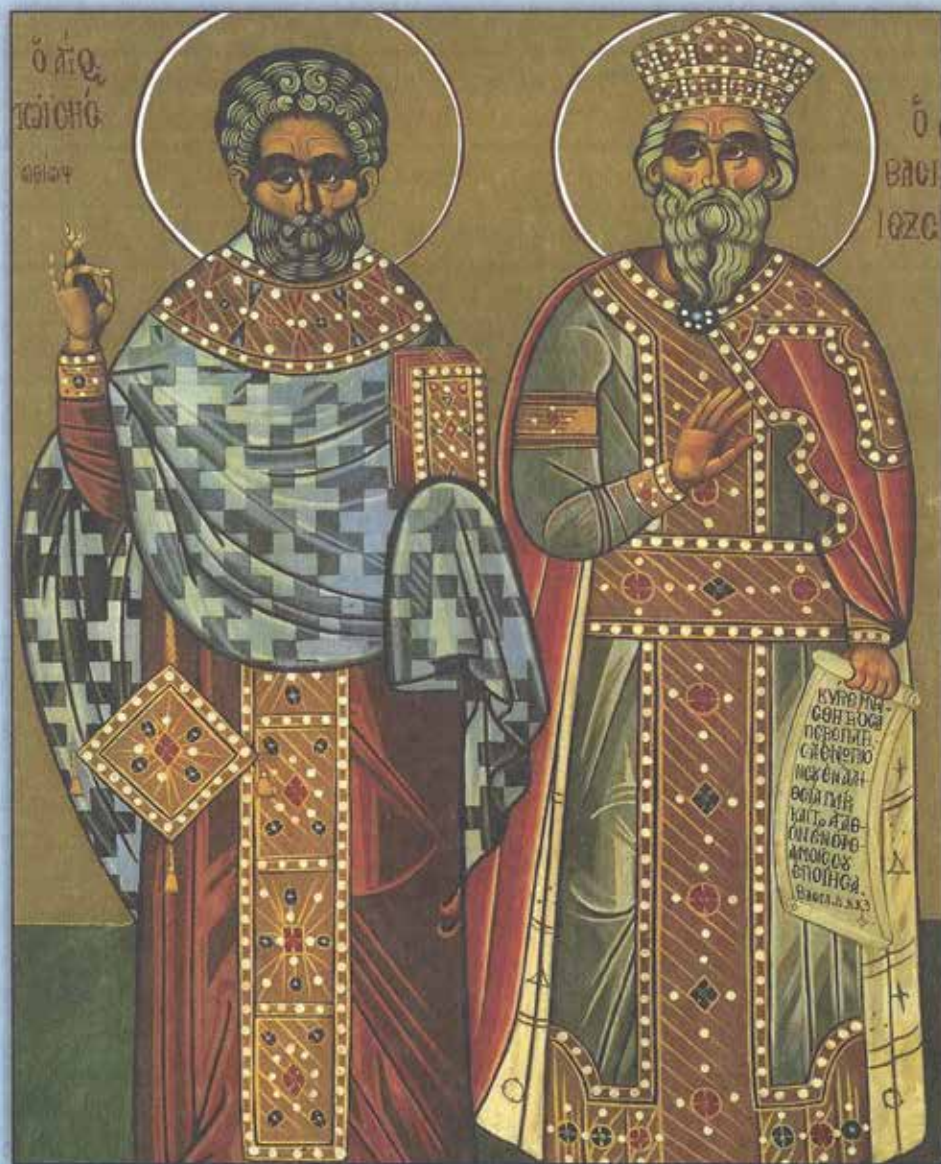


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Moses and Ezekias -- August 28th

August 28, 2016: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21 - 2:4

Gospel: Mt. 22: 1-14

Mon., Aug. 29	Beheading of John the Baptist (Simple Holy Day) 9:00 + Florence Chomo (John & Diann Yuhnick)
Tues., Aug. 30	8:00 + Anna Chaykosky (Son Nick)
Wed., Aug. 31	8:00 + John Cheplick (Evelyn Cheplick)
Thurs. Sept. 1	8:00 + Thomas Trently (Dorothy Zinsky)
Fri. Sept. 2	8:00 + Halyna Iwasiw (Father Nestor).0
Sat., Sept. 3	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Sun., Sept. 4	9:00 + Thomas Barkofsky (Family) 11:30 + Raymond Dench (Parents)



The New Saint of Mercy

On September 4, Pope Francis plans to canonize Mother Teresa, whose life sent the world a single, urgent message: that love and caring are the most important things in life.

Perhaps we can best understand why she is worthy of veneration and imitation by reflecting on some of her own words:

“The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and char-

ity, the terrible indifference toward one's neighbor who lives at the roadside, assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease.

"Those who are a burden to society, who have lost all hope and faith in life, who have forgotten how to smile and no longer know what it means to receive a little human warmth, a gesture of love and friendship—they turn to us to receive a

little bit of comfort. If we turn our backs on them, we turn our backs on Christ.

"Our love and our joy in serving must be in proportion to the degree to which our task is repugnant."

Our prayer today: Mother Teresa, Saint of Mercy, pray for us that we may truly see the image of God in the spiritually most deprived and disfigured of our brothers and sisters.

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 financial

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.

Annual Envelop Drive

The Annual Envelop Drive of Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 in Olyphant is being conducted during August (2016). Donation materials have been mailed to the resi-

dents and businesses and may be returned to the Fire Station, or dropped off at the Borough Light Office. Proceeds are used for vehicle loans and operating expenses.

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 accumulalated 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 fi-

nancial 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: 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 and NEVER USED that you received, never used or never wanted for the Raffle.

We will be having the "Basket of Cheer" with our Raffle donations. All bottles of

CHEER will be accepted starting August 29, 2016 at the School Gym. Donations from your Business (gift certificate, lottery tickets, products etc....) We have the baskets for your donations. We appreciate your generosity very much.

Our parishioners can drop off their items, when we are “setting up” in the school gym. Donations from parishioners: August 29, Thru September 12th, 2016- check the Pre-rummage sale schedule time or contact Lauren or Father Nestor.

2. Where Are They Now???

We are in need of tables for the Rummage Sale, many of the tables we have, are literally on their last leg!!! (a few are from the 1960's-70's Bingo games). We would like to “BORROW” the tables from you and they will be returned to you, after the Rummage Sale. On the other hand, if you have 9 foot tables and have not used them in the last 5-10 years and they been sitting in your garage or cellar, we would like to borrow them. 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.”

3. Pre-Rummage Sale Update for August and September 2016:

We welcome everyone, of all ages!!! No experience needed.

***Volunteers Times for pre-rummage sale activities:**

From August 29, 2016:

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

*Tuesday and Thursday starting at 12:00 to 7:00 p.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. For any questions or suggestions call Cheryl at 570-

489-4348.

*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

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 recieve 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 celebrated. 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 August 2016 is Team #4: Tom

Matkosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for August 20 & 21, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 3 & 4, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Joseph Chylak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Michael Roberts -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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My Yoke is Easy, My Burden Light

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases Him more than our coming back to Him with true repentance. ... It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart than the divine Word of God lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with Him. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate Him by our own kindness and genuine love for one another.

So it was that Christ proclaimed that He had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. To give the same lesson - he revived the man who, having fallen into the hands of the brigands, had been left stripped and half-dead from his wounds; he poured wine and oil on the wounds, bandaged them, placed the man on his own mule and brought him to an inn, where he left sufficient money to have him cared for, and promised to repay any further expense on his return.

Again, He told of how that Father, who is good-

ness itself, was moved with pity for his profligate son who returned and made amends by repentance; how he embraced him, dressed him once more in the fine garments that befitted his own dignity, and did not reproach him for any of his sins.

So too, when he found wandering in the mountains and hills the one sheep that had strayed from God's flock of a hundred, he brought it back to the fold, but he did not exhaust it by driving it ahead of him. Instead, he placed it on his own shoulders and so, compassionately, he restored it safely to the flock.

So also He cried out: Come to me, all you that toil and are heavy of heart. Accept my yoke, He said, by which He meant His commands, or rather, the whole way of life that He taught us in the Gospel. He then speaks of a burden, but that is only because repentance seems difficult. In fact, however, my yoke is easy, He assures us, and my burden is light.

St. Maximus the Confessor

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