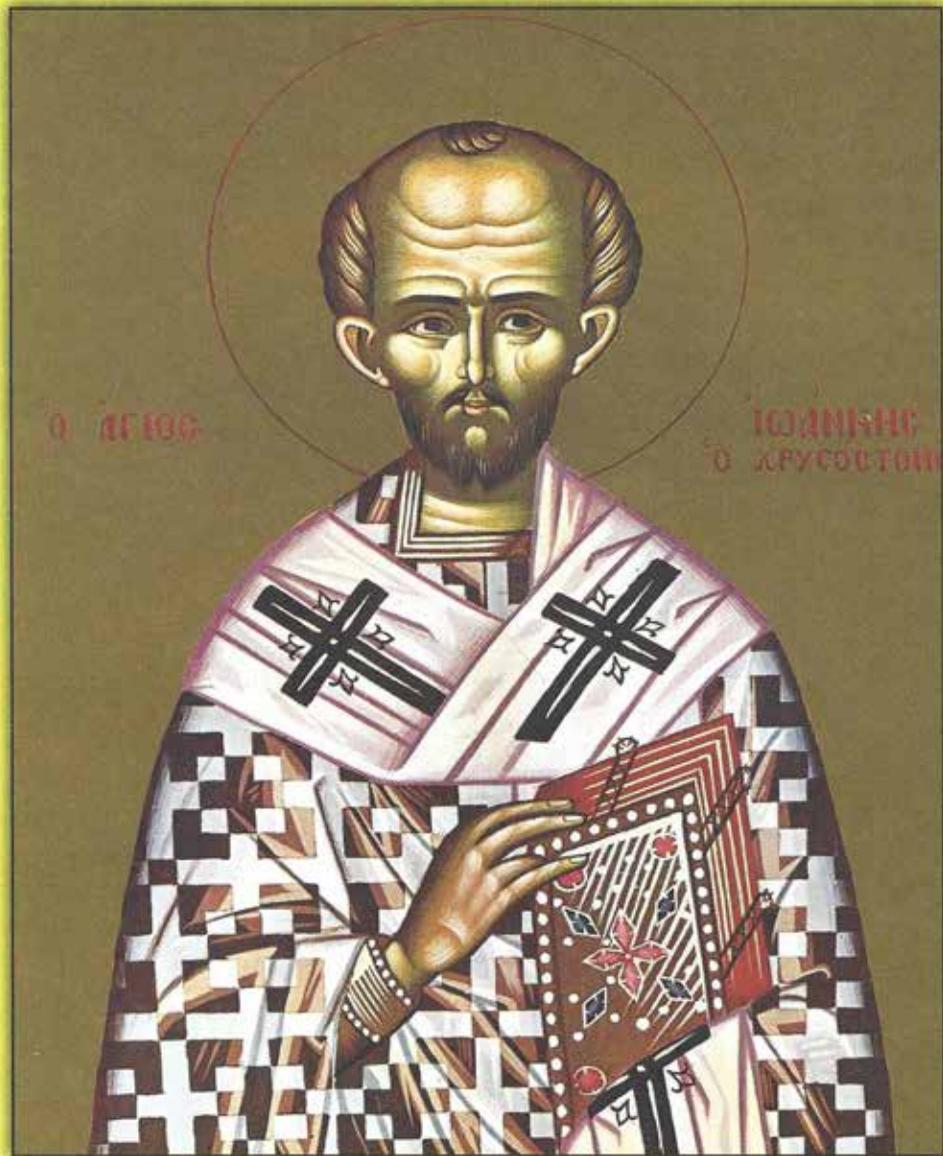


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of Saint John Chrysostom -- November 13th

November 13, 2016: 26th Sunday After Pentecost		
	Epistle: Eph. 5: 9-19	Gospel: Lk. 10: 25-37
Mon., Nov. 14	8:00	+ Nancy & George Tehensky (Daughter Dorothy Chezik & Family)
Tues., Nov. 15	8:00	+ John & Mary Stevensky (Msgr. John Stevensky)
Wed., Nov. 16	8:00	+ Dominick & Gladys Savino (Roger & Beverly Barren)
Thurs. Nov. 17	8:00	+ Alice & Joseph Swider (Rosalie Namiak)
Fri. Nov. 18	8:00	+ Peter & Nellie Nestor & Family (Sam & Myra Taffera)
Sat., Nov. 19	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + George Chowanec (Paula Bartkovsky)	
Sun., Nov. 20	9:00	+ Christine Danylak (Leo Danylak)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

Pylypivka Pastoral Of The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy Of The U.S.A. To Our Clergy, Hieromonks And Brothers, Religious Sisters, Seminarians And Beloved Faithful

Praise be Jesus Christ!

TIME TO REFLECT ON WHY WE ARE HERE IN THIS WORLD

With the commemoration of St. Philip on November 14th, we begin the customary fast or preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It coincides with the hectic season of pre-

Christmas preparations, shopping for gifts for others, and invitations to participate in many social festive events. It truly becomes a challenge for us to withdraw ourselves from our earthly appetites, as we attempt to facilitate

more time for prayer and meditation. When we become overwhelmed by such preparations, many of us step back and wonder whether all these things really add to our happiness and our feelings of contentment. We reflect on why we are here in this world.

Pope Francis, in the Apostolic Exhortation, "Joy of the Gospel", says that you and I are "a mission on this earth", and that is the reason why you and I are here in this world. We are called to live as missionaries who feel genuine happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness. It is who we are. The Holy Father calls us to draw nearer to others and to seek their welfare. In turn, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts. "Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God".

The recent beatification of Saint Teresa of Calcutta reminds us of a life dedicated "to give until it hurts". Mother Teresa gave of herself until it hurt, as she continued to give of her understanding, compassion, care and devotion. She revealed to us that every person is worthy of our giving. Pope Francis reminds us that "every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and He himself is pres-

ent in their lives. Every person is immensely holy and deserves our love". Why are you here in this world? Pope Francis tells us so beautifully, that "if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!"

Herein lies our challenge during "Pylypivka" or Advent. Be still, calm yourself and hear the voice of Jesus in your life in prayer and meditation. Go about your daily life energized with the closeness of the Lord in your heart. Let Jesus be the source of your energy and that which you need for daily life. Choose to draw nearer to others seeking their betterment in small ways. Open your eyes to be become more aware of others and their challenges in life. Listen. Observe. Share of yourself in increased attentiveness to others. Share from your abundance. Pope Francis observes that "we do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share, stop giving and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide".

You will come to know that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). You will be able to "give until it hurts" because it will not hurt.

Jesus will not ask more of you than you can handle. You will do it with His joy and peace overtaking you. And, you will have come to understand why you are here in this world as you prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our

Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

God bless you in ways only He can as you journey through “Pylypivka” in anticipation of the birth of Jesus in the cave at Bethlehem.

+Stefan Soroka (author) (Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians)
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Eparch of Stamford)

+ Bohdan Danylo (Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma)

+John Bura (Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia)

Don't Scatter Cremated Ashes Or Keep Them At Home, Vatican Says

The Catholic Church prefers burial over cremation and wants ashes of the dead to be kept in “sacred places”, not at home, divided among family members or scattered to the wind, the Vatican said.

A two-page instruction issuing new rules on cremation also said that there were even some cases where a Christian funeral could be denied to those who request that ashes be scattered. “The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted,” the instruction from the Vatican’s department on doctrine said, except in “grave and exceptional cases” to be decided by the local bishop.

For centuries, the Catholic Church prohibited cremation because it clashed with teachings about the resurrection of the body in the Last Judgment at the end of the world.

It started allowing cremation in 1963, but has always frowned on the practice.

“The Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places,” because it showed the dignity and respect for the human body, said the document approved by Pope Francis.

If cremation is chosen, “the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area

which has been set aside for this purpose,” it said.

“It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects,” the document said.

The Church could not permit or con-

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done attitudes such as considering death as the “definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration.”

A Christian funeral could be denied if a person requests scattering of ashes as a means to mock the faith, the document added.

There Are Sinners In Our Church!

The world has this notion that to be a churchgoer, one must lead a sinless life. You may even be thinking, “When I get my life straightened out and become a good enough person, then I’ll go to church.” A lot of people feel this way.

But if anyone believes that they are already good enough, they’ve probably missed something. If the church was only for the sinless, it would surely be empty. But church is for sinners and any-

one honest enough to seek God’s help.

At church we deal with sin, its cause, and its cure. If you’d like to know more about how you can become the person God intends you to be, come to church more often.

Please share this invitation with someone you know who should be coming to church. God’s LOVE and forgiveness and restoration awaits them!

Food For Thought

The churchgoer who never misses Sunday liturgy may spend as much as 78 hours per year in corporate prayer to God. Sound like a lot? An average American spends more than 2,900 hours per year in front of some kind of screen. So for every hour we spend praying with

God’s people and getting to know Him better, we spend more than 37 communing with rectangles with moving pictures. It’s no wonder that we know far more about politics, sports, fashion, soap operas and science fiction than we do about God.

The Important Things In Life

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2 inches in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes."

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things

– your family, your partner, your health, your children – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter – like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The "small stuff".

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your husband or wife out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

Take care of the rocks first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

Liturgy Statistics

During the month of November our Parish will do a statistical analysis of our Liturgy attendance for both Saturday and Sunday

Services. This information will be sent to the Archdiocese per their request. Please come and BE COUNTED.

Turkey Bingo

TURKEY BINGO at St Mary's in Taylor will be held on Sunday, November 13th, at

1:00 PM. Admission is \$3.00. Extra Bingo Cards - \$2.00. There will be food and bev-

verages available as well as baking goods. 1:00PM.
Doors open at 12 Noon. Bingo starts at

Christmas Pirohi Sale

St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, per dozen and you can place your order at
310 Broadway, Scranton, Pa. is having a 570-587-2738 or 570-343-8820. Order pick-
CHRISTMAS PIROHI SALE and the dead- up will be on December 12 between 10am
line has moved to Nov. 15th because of an and 2pm.
overwhelming response. The Cost is \$8.00

Annual Harvest Dinner

Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Sunday, November 20, 2016 - 12:30pm

St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and bev-
erages.

Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under

Advance reservations close Sunday, November 13 - no tickets sold at the door.

Take-outs available - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon.

Tickets will be available for a Basket of Cheer raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

For reservations contact Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy
month of November 2016 is Team #3: Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for November 5 & 6, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 19 & 20, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Szczesniak -- Nicholas Borowski	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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Our Faith and Christ's Action

The liturgical service takes place on earth, but it belongs to the realm of heavenly realities. In fact, it was not instituted by a human being or an angel, but by the Spirit himself, so that those who are still living in the flesh should think of performing the service of angels.

O what mercy, O what love of God for human beings! Christ who is seated with the Father in highest heaven is at that moment grasped by the hands of all and does not hesitate to give Himself to anyone who wants to embrace Him and be bound to Him.

He whom the eyes of faith perceive is possessed by everyone.

You remember how Elijah was surround-

ed by a great crowd and had in front of him the victim for sacrifice placed on the stone (see 1 Kings 18). Everyone stood stock still. The silence was complete. Only the prophet raised a prayer. Suddenly from heaven came down fire on the victim. It was a marvelous spectacle that filled everyone with amazement.

Here, however, something much more than a marvelous spectacle is unfolded. Something is happening that is greater than any marvel. Here the priest draws down not fire but the Holy Spirit Himself.

St. John Chrysostom

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