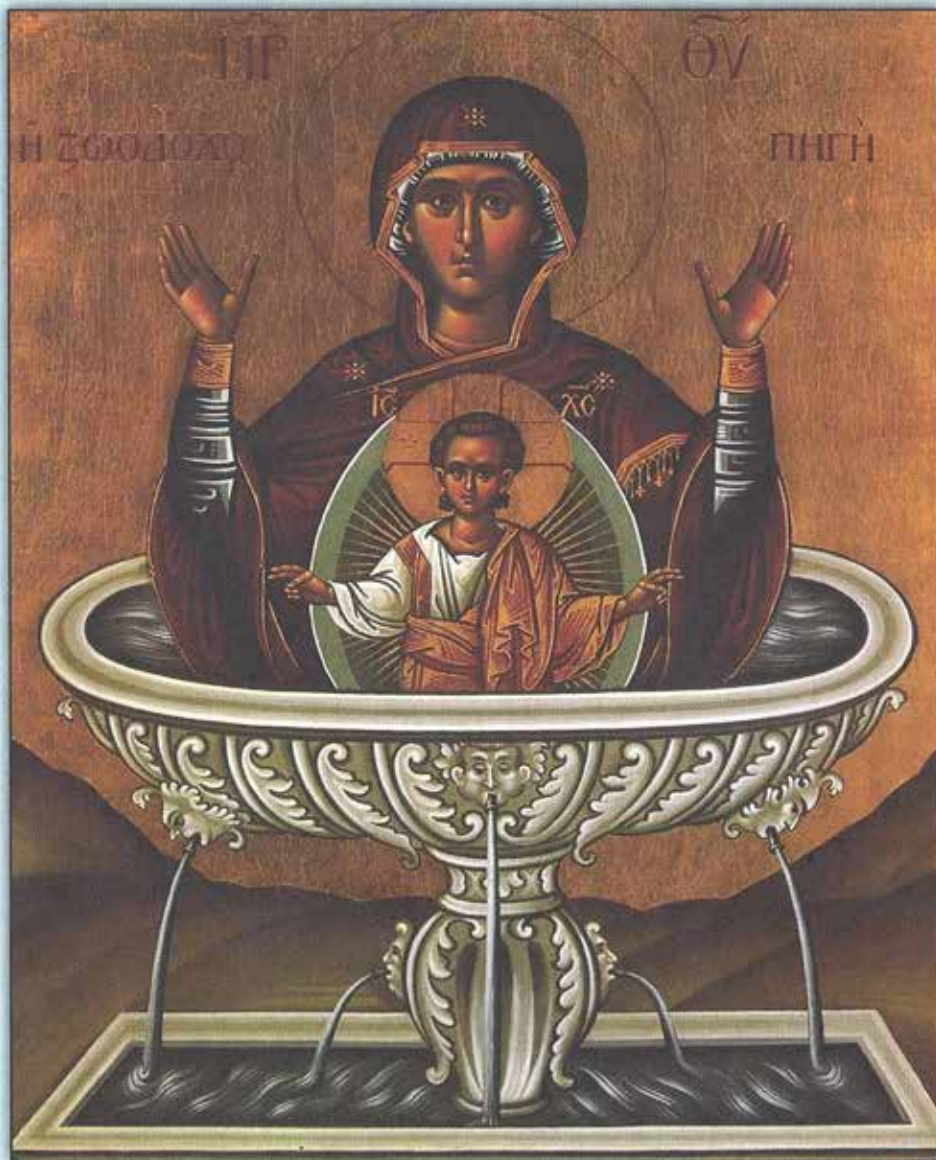


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of the Mother of God and Christ -- The Fountain*

## November 27, 2016: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Eph. 6: 10-17

Gospel: Lk. 12: 16-21

<b>Mon., Nov. 28</b>	8:00	+ Stephen Chezik (Chezik Family)
<b>Tues., Nov. 29</b>	8:00	+ Walter & Mary Lesnefsky (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
<b>Wed., Nov.30</b>	8:00	+ Rosalie Naminiak (Family & Friends)
<b>Thurs. Dec. 1</b>	8:00	+ Daniel Telep Sr. (Daughter Lauren Telep)
<b>Fri. Dec. 2</b>	8:00	+ Myroslaw Iwasiw (Father Nestor)
<b>Sat., Dec. 3</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + John & Olga Yuhnick & Jimmy Maslar (Family)
<b>Sun., Dec. 4</b>	9:00	For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Mike & Rose Rutsky (Carol)

### Divine Liturgy Intention Correction

A mistake crept into last Sunday's Church Bulletin. This week, the 9:00 Divine Liturgy will be for + Andrew

& Anna Smagula by son Joseph. The 11:30 Divine Liturgy will be for + Larry Krisanda by wife Anna Mae.

### St Andrew the Apostle, the First-Called

*Commemorated November 30<sup>th</sup>*

As the first to be called by Jesus Christ into his service, St. Andrew commands a reverence a degree greater than those who have followed. For this reason, St. Andrew is called "First-called."

St. Andrew, like his brother St. Peter, was a fisherman, a toiler with net

and boat. His love of the sea stemmed from his love of the Creator who made it.

St. Andrew, who lived in the Holy Land in the ancient city of Bethsaida, accepted Christ with all his heart and after a discipleship with St. John the Baptist. He went forth to become one

of the greatest missionaries in all history. St. Andrew exulted in his mission to preach in Asia Minor, part of Greece, and an area along the coast of the Black Sea, including its gateway, the city now known as Istanbul, or Constantinople.

Wherever St. Andrew went, he attracted throngs of people who thirsted for a spiritual knowledge. His message of deliverance was so eloquently convincing, even to hostile minds, that he is credited with having converted countless thousands to Christianity in a day when mass media did not exist. As an apostle, his only tools were his power of oratory and his love for Jesus, and his only press agent was the word of mouth of those privi-



leged to hear his homilies.

St. Andrew alone is credited with having set up parishes throughout Asia Minor, in Pontos, Bithynia, Thrace, Macedonia, Greece, Scythia, Ukraine, where he is still regarded as patron saint, and in the capital city

of Byzantium. It was in Byzantium that St. Andrew ordained Stachys as first bishop of Byzantium. From Byzantium, St. Andrew went on to more glory through his compelling oratory and power of healing through Jesus Christ. He eventually found himself in Achaia, in the city of Patras, where he was to suffer death.

St. Andrew committed the grave crime in the eyes of the state of con-

verting Maximilla, wife of the ruler Aigeates, to Christianity. Despite the fact that he was then eighty years old, it was ordered that he be put to death by being nailed upside down to an X-shaped cross. After three days of agony on this vile device, St. Andrew

died. The great fisherman had cast his net for Christ for the last time. St. Andrew's remains were brought to Constantinople two hundred years later and in 1460 AD his head was given to the Pope.

## **Ten Commandments For The Season**

1 Thou shalt remember to keep Christ in Christmas.  
2 Thou shalt pause in thy business to consider the magnitude of God's gift of Christ to mankind.  
3 Thou shalt remember that Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn, and, remembering, give Christ the chief room in thy heart.  
4 Thou shalt participate joyfully in all of the pre-Christmas and Christmas liturgical services in thy church.  
5 Thou shalt be of generous heart in answering the appeals of the needy at Christmas time.  
6 Thou shalt take time to plan for the happiness of those outside thine own circle of family and friends.

7 Thou shalt enjoy, in unhurried calm, the priceless heritage of Christmas carols and great Christmas art.  
8 Thou shalt give of thyself in all thy gifts, giving not for duty, reciprocity, or personal satisfaction, but for the simple joy of sharing.  
9 Thou shalt remember, with patience and understanding, all those who serve thee — the sales people, the postal and delivery people, the news carriers and all others who bear the physical burden of the holiday season.  
10 Thou shalt teach thy children the true meaning of Christmas, of the Prince of Peace who came to show us a way to righteousness and happiness.

## **Everyday Is "Thanksgiving Day"**

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings. Thank you, Lord that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible. Thank you, Lord that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising. Thank you, Lord that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud. Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in maga-

zines and the menu is at times unbalanced. Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest. Thank you, Lord, for life.

## **Some Thanksgiving Humor**

### **Thanksgiving Divorce!**

A man in Chicago calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Dallas and tell her." Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this," She calls Chicago immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting di-

vorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

### **Taming A Cussing Parrot!**

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft mu-

sic and anything else he could think of to “clean up” the bird’s vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got even angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he had hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the

freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John’s outstretched arm and said, “I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior.” John was stunned at the change in the bird’s attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, “May I ask what the turkey did?”

## **St. Mary’s International Dinner Club**

ST. MARY’S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH INTERNATIONAL DINNER, 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton is featuring “Christmas Cheer” for their menu on Thursday, December 8, 2016. The price is only \$20.00 per person and reservations for 5:30pm or 6:30pm can be made by Dec. 5th by calling 570-343-5151. The menu will start with Mrs. Claus

Garden Vegetable Salad. The Entrée will be St. Nicholas Roast Prime Rib and Stuffed Chicken Breast Florentine Combo with Baked Potato Rudolf and Frosti’s Brussels Sprouts prepared with bacon and garlic. The Dessert will be a Sampler of Elfin Assorted Holiday Desserts. Coffee, Tea, Water or Soda is included and a Cash Bar is available.

## **Church Decorating Party**

Christmas is just around the corner and we need to get the Church decorated. This year, we are asking our faithful Parishioners to help us decorate the Church. We will be having a “Church

Decorating Party” on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Let us gather as a Parish family and make sure that our Church is decorated for Christmas!

## **Christmas Carol Sing Along**

YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 23rd Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, Sunday, December 11th, 2016 starting at 2 p.m. Join in the singing of some very sacred, joyful and inspiring

Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all prepare to welcome the New-born Son of God into our hearts and homes.

## **Emmanuel Moleben and Concert**

Emmanuel Moleben and Concert, Sunday December 11 at 3pm at Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary, 712 State Rt 93, Sybertsville, PA. This moleben features Scripture and hymns to help us prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. The concert, sung by Cantors of Northeast Pennsylvania, features sea-

sonal hymns in English and Slavonic. St Nicholas expects to join us. Both spiritually nourishing and fun for the whole family. Reception following the concert. To bring refreshments or for more information: [holydormition@gmail.com](mailto:holydormition@gmail.com) or 570-788-1212.

## **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2016 is Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno,

Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

**Sunday Collection for November 19 & 20, 2016: \$**

## **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for December 3 & 4, 2016**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Samuel Sczesniak	Mike Shumek
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Michael Roberts	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *The Word Took Our Nature from Mary*

The Apostle tells us: The Word took to Himself the sons of Abraham, and so had to be like His brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide Him with a body of His own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn.

Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced His birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would

be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you" so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is forever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church.

*St. Athanasius the Great*

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