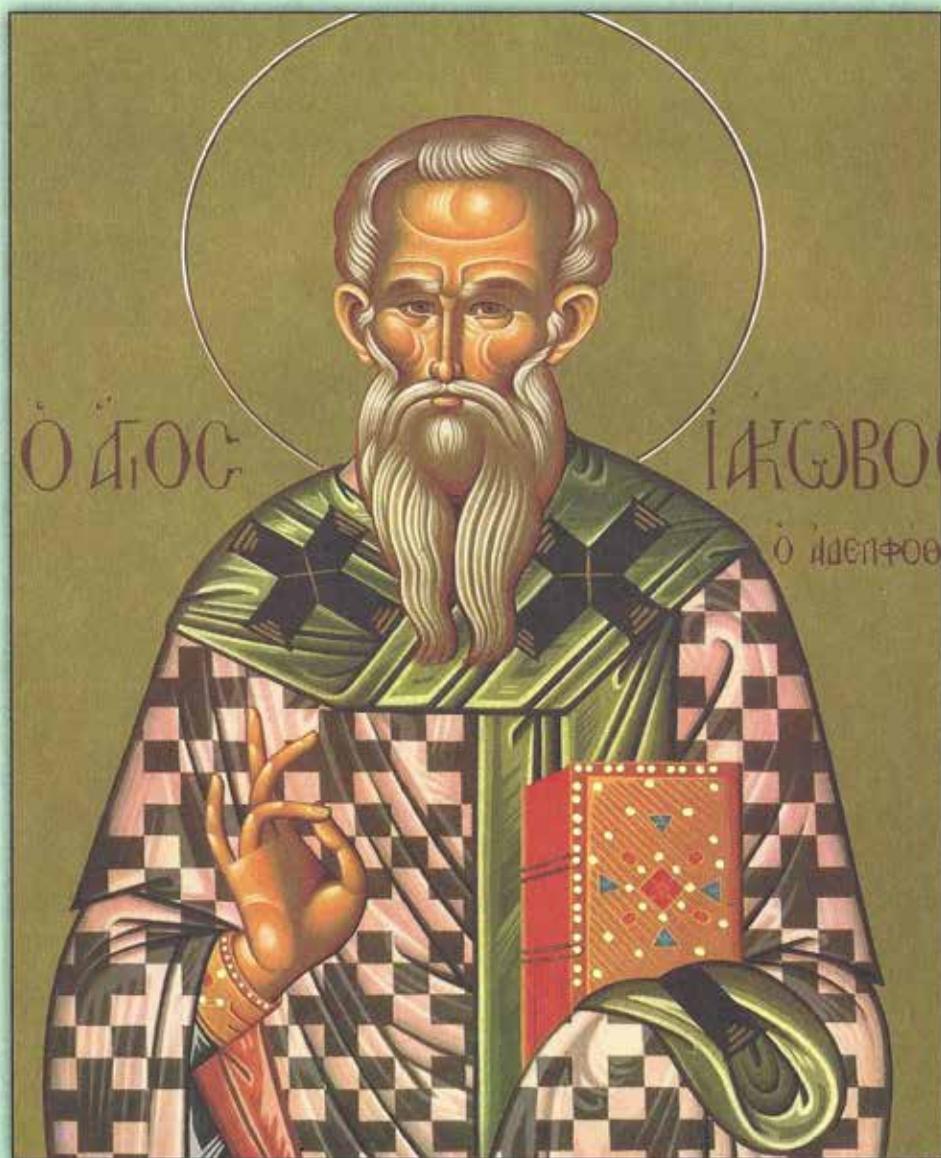


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord -- October 23rd*

**October 23, 2016: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Epistle: Eph. 2: 4-10

Gospel: Lk. 16: 19-31

<b>Mon., Oct. 24</b>	8:00	+ Ann Jablonski (Sue Onze)
<b>Tues., Oct. 25</b>	8:00	+ Kathryn & Dick Chiapporali & Daughter Nancy (Dolly Daniels)
<b>Wed., Oct. 26</b>	8:00	+ Julia & John Havran (Family)
<b>Thurs. Oct. 27</b>	8:00	Health of Tom Bulzomi (By A Friend)
<b>Fri. Oct. 28</b>	8:00	+ Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Michael & Robin Bartkovsky)
<b>Sat., Oct. 29</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Jimmy Maslar (Family)
<b>Sun., Oct. 30</b>	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ Charlene Zinskie (Family)

**Rummage Sale Report**

Sales	\$17,018.90	
Jewelry	\$589.44	
Donations	\$269.92	
Expenses	\$39.34	
Profit from Sales		\$17,338.92
Raffle Income	\$1,200.00	
Raffle Expenses	\$122.00	
Raffle Profit		\$1,078.00
Kitchen Profit		\$609.86

Overall Profit for 2016	\$19,026.78
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**The Net profit for the Rummage Sales from 2010-2016 is approximately \$68,000.00.**

**Under the leadership of Lauren Telep, and all 60+ volunteers who have continued to increase the net profit every year for our church, we thank you all!**

## **Jesus Is All Mercy**

When we take up our cross, we discover that it is freeing, that the yoke is easy and the burden light, just as Jesus promises. Isn't this what Jesus meant when, on the night of his passion, he offered his great Priestly Prayer to our heavenly Father: "...so they may share my joy completely." (John 17:13)

Pope Francis must have had this prayer in mind when he wrote his book, *The Joy of Discipleship*. Jesus is all mercy, all love, Francis writes. In his eyes, each of us is the little lost lamb, the mislaid coin, the child who squanders an inheritance on illusions of happiness.

The Pope writes that God does not forget us, never abandons us. He is a patient father, always waiting for us. He respects our freedom, but he remains faithful forever. When we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases to wait for us with love. And his heart rejoices over every child who trusts in his divine mercy and returns to him and asks his forgiveness.

Our prayer today: *Jesus, I pray for the courage and faith to take up my cross daily and taste its freeing sweetness for myself.*

## **In Everything Give Thanks**

How well we remember the instruction our Sunday School teachers gave us. After you receive Holy Communion, go back to your place. Stand, say prayers of thanks to Jesus for the great gift you have received. Times have changed and, unfortunately, so have

the traditions. Now almost everyone in the church, prepared and unprepared, fasting and non-fasting, go up for communion almost every Sunday. Following the reception of the Holy Gifts many go back to their places and plop down in the pew. Those who have

not received are not standing as previously in the presence of the Eucharist – they are sitting relaxed or whispering with someone near them. What is indeed sinful is conversation with someone while in line to receive Communion. If you have fallen into this habit, break it now for St. Paul warns that you will be judged for this. A reminder – it is proper – the teaching has not changed to stand with respect once

the priest comes out of with the Holy Gifts and until he returns with them to the altar. Whether you commune or not, you should pray or meditate. Bring your prayer book to church, use the pew book provided. What can be said about those who leave the church immediately following the reception of the Very Body and Blood of Christ without giving a word of thanks?

## **Our Sincerest Thanks**

Our Sincerest Thanks to everyone who helped to make last week's Pilgrimage a big success. Much work went into the preparations. It was nice to see every-

one come together as a Parish Family to prepare everything. A special thank you to the youth who greeted the Archbishop so nicely.

## **L.U.C. Meeting**

Father Myron Myronyuk, pastor of Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 3:00pm. A church sponsored

meeting of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics [LUC] will take place immediately after the Moleben. This is a public event of St. Vladimir parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

## **Mission On Mercy**

St. John Vianney Parish invites you to join us for a mission on Mercy. It will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Twp, PA 18447 (Route 438) on October 24, 25 & 26. Fr. Sylvester Peterka, C.M. will present the theme "Mercy is God's Gift to us & Mercy is Our Mission". Fr Sy says

of himself, "I'm just a nobody trying to tell everybody about somebody who can save anybody." You will not want to miss this extraordinary presenter. Services start at 6:30p.m. each evening and on Wednesday there is a meal for everyone 5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m. Reservations for the meal may be made at

weekend Masses, Oct. 22-23 or at Monday or Tuesday's Services. Confession is available prior to Monday and Tuesday's

Services. For further information, call 570-254-9502

## **Trunk or Treat for Halloween**

Trunk or Treat for Halloween 2016 will take place in Olyphant on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the "Wargo-Monsignor Hrynuck-Beckage Sports Complex" at 700 Block of East Grant Street, Fern-Hill Section of Olyphant. at 1:00 p.m.

Decorate your car and join the FUN! Over 350 children attended the event in 2015. Volunteers are needed. Contact Krukovitz or Paula Foley or Heather Schroeder.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN, SAFE, FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT! All kids invited (Mid-Valley Residents) to come in Halloween Costumes. Decorate your trunks/vehicles for Halloween

and hand out treats. The children will go car to car in a safe secure area on the Baseball field. To REGISTER your car all David Krukovitz 570-780-4446 or Paula Foley at 570-351-8452. or Heather Schroeder 570-507-3804 Only registered, decorated vehicles will be allowed on the field.)

Car Arrival at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Trunk and Treating Starts at 1:00 p.m. Child Fingerprinting, Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate at the Eureka Volunteer Fire Company (across from the Baseball field) 3:00 p.m. There will be a prize for "THE BEST" DECORATED TRUNK VEHICLE only!

## **Bishop Soter Ortynsky Anniversary Celebration**

All Faithful Invited to Prayer Services in Honor of Bishop Soter Ortynsky, First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in the U.S., to be held Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 pm in the Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral.

The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Ukrainian Catholic bishop, Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemo-

rate 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. Moleben to the Mother of God will be celebrated by the Ukrainian Catholic, Byzantine Catholic and Roman Catholic bishops with a homily 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 Panakhyda. After the services, all are invited for refreshments in the Cathedral Social Hall. We encourage all the faithful and religious to come

together with their clergy in prayer as we honor his contribution and pray for the soul of our first hierarch, Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM.

## **Annual Turkey-Fest**

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest on Saturday, November 5th from 2 to 7 pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets in Wilkes-Barre. This event features a traditional turkey dinner, festival games, raffle and a basket auction. Diners will be \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00

for children. Eat-In or Take-out. Walk-Ins are welcome, but reservations are encouraged. Call (570) 829-3051 to make a reservation. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry. Receive a ticket for each item donated for our special food drive raffle.”

## **The Sounds of Ukraine**

The world-renowned Kyiv Chamber Choir will perform in Philadelphia at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 602 West Avenue, Jenkintown. Tickets are available at Platinum Concerts International, toll-free 1-844-466-2557; also at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Centre in Jenkintown, 215-663-1166; also available online at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

and at the door. For concert information, go to [www.platinumconcerts.com](http://www.platinumconcerts.com). This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the world’s great choirs share some ‘hidden treasures’ from 1,000 years of Ukrainian sacred and folk music. One of 9 concerts the Choir will perform in North American cities, November 5th will be a special occasion – one not to be missed.

## **Roast Beef Dinner**

ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER at St. John’s Church, 306 Susquehanna Street, Forest City, will take place Sunday, November 6, 2016 in the church so-

cial hall with take-outs from 11:00 a.m. until noon and “sit-down” serving from noon to 2:00 p.m.. Dinner includes eye-round roast beef, holubki (stuffed cab-

bage - "Piggies"), string beans, cole slaw, (real) mashed potatoes, rolls and spread, beverage and dessert (pastry). Admission

is \$10.00. For tickets, please call 570 785 5147 or 570 489 2353.

## Stuffed Breast of Chicken Dinner

STUFFED BREAST OF CHICKEN DINNER at Holy Ghost church, 313 First Avenue, Jessup, will take place Sunday, November 6, 2016, take-outs-only, from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium (309 First Avenue) featuring stuffed

chicken bread, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Donation is \$9.00. Tables will be available for those who prefer to eat in. For tickets, please call 570 489 2353. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door until sell out. ALL WELCOME!

## St. Mary's International Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER INTERNATIONAL DINNER, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will host "A La Francaise" (France) on Thursday, November 10, 2016. Reservations may be made by November 7th at 570-343-5151 for 5:30 or 6:30pm seatings for only \$20.00 per person. The menu will start with a French Onion Soup

followed by Thick, juicy Pork Chops stuffed with chef's special apple stuffing along with tender Green Beans with butter and almonds and a specially prepared Sweet Potato au Gratin. The dessert will be a delectable Apple Tart surprise. Coffee, tea, water or soda is included and a cash bar is available.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2016 is Team #2: Eu-

gene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

## Sunday Collection for October 15 & 16, 2016: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for October 29 & 30, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Joseph Skirpan -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *Compassion for Lazarus*

I should like to know, O rich man, if you in your suffering excuse even your own self. You would not have come to these evils if on earth you had given a crumb from your huge barns and a drop from your great wine presses. What the flesh needs, and nature demands, and suffices for life, is little. Avarice is the reason why a man stores up many great possessions, not for himself but for others, and that clearly to his present or future suffering.

But, you object, O rich man: "Even if I did refuse to give wine, what I ask for is water, which the Creator himself of all beings and nature gave as something common to all human beings." I think, O rich man, that you refused even water to the poor man. You exposed him to as many dogs as you could to keep him from entering your door and coming to your well.

"Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water." What is the meaning of this which you

say if he is not to bring the water? Evidently, that water is nearby to you. And if it is near, why do you not take it from nearby? Why? Because your hands are rightly bound, O rich man. Because you spurned to give help to Lazarus' hands when they had lost their strength through weakness. Man should certainly share his members with the weak. When Job was not so much giving them as giving them back, he spoke as follows: "I was an eye of the blind, and a foot of the lame. I was the father of the weak." O man, if you do not have a coin, give a poor man your hand, because he shows greater mercy who by his own hand leads a poor man who is weak to his table. He gives his very self to the poor man who devotes himself to his service, makes himself the poor man's servant.

*St. Peter Chrysologus*

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