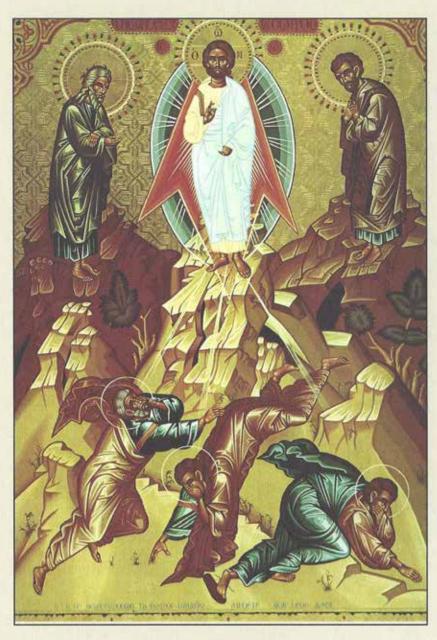
# HOLY TRANSFIGURATION



Icon of the Holy Transfiguration -- August 6th

August 6 Epistle: 2 Peter 1	,	: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Gospel: Mt. 17: 1-9
Mon., Aug. 7	8:00	+ Florence Sheroda (Pauline & Jimmy Kiballa)
Tues., Aug. 8	8:00	+ Cyril Augustinsky (Gawron Family)
Wed., Aug. 9	8:00	+ Madelyn Zielinski (Marie & John Mohila)
Thurs. Aug. 10	8:00	+ Stephen Beckage (Daughter Deborah & Jason)
Fri. Aug. 11	8:00	+ Mina Shumek (Michael Shumek Family)
Sat., Aug. 12	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Martha Sedlak (Family)	
Sun., Aug. 13		+ Gene Turko (St. Cyril's Choir) For Our Parishioners

# Transfiguration of Our Lord

#### **First Antiphon**

Sing joyfully to God, all you on earth;\* chant the glory of His name, give to Him noble praise. Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* Savior, save us.

Your voice thunders in the whirling wind,\*
Your lightning enlightens the world and the earth trembles and shakes.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* Savior, save us.

You are clothed in majesty and splendor;\* robed in light as in a garment. Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* Savior, save us.

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### Third Antiphon

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Sion; it will stand forever. When You were transfigured on the mountain, \* Your disciples saw as much of Your glory as they could grasp. \* Let Your eternal light shine upon us sinners, \* through the prayers of the Mother of God. O Giver of Light, \* Christ God, \* glory to You!

Like mountains surrounding the city,

so the Lord encompasses His people now and forever.

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### **Entrance Hymn**

Send me Your light and Your truth, Lord; they will lead and guide me to Your holy mountain.

## **Hymn to the Mother of God**

Rejoice, O my soul, for the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth to God in purity. \* He came forth in human flesh. \* He was seen upon the earth, \* and He conversed with men. \* Therefore, O Mother of God, \* with our hymns we praise you.

### **Communion Verse**

We walk in the light of Your countenance, Lord;\* and we rejoice in Your name forever.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

## 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.

# St. Mary's Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S PARISH DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. presents "Southern Hospitality" on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Seatings are at 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 by August 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$20.00 per person. The menu will start with a Mississippi Sum-

mer Salad. The entrée will be S. Carolina Special Baked Buttermilk Fried Chicken with N. Carolina's Country Sweet Potatoes and Alabama Bean Medley. The dessert will be Georgia Peach Cobbler. Non–alcoholic beverages included and a Cash Bar is available.

### **Blood Drive**

The Valley Blood Council of the Lackawanna Chapter of the American Red Cross announces a blood drive on Thursday, August 17th from 12:00 to 5:00 at LaSalle Hall of Holy Ghost Church, First Ave., Jessup.

This drive is in honor and memory of Msgr. John T. Sekellick, a board member of Valley Blood Council and a dedicated person who loved helping his Community and people in need.

The demand for blood donations increases in the summer while the number of donations decreases. We are in a critical need of donations at this time, not only locally but across the country.

To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit redcrossblood.org or call: 1-800 REDCROSS (800-733-2767).

One unit of blood is a special gift that may touch the lives of up to three hospital patients.

# Pilgrimage to the Mother of God

Come and celebrate the Feast Day of the Dormition of the Mother of God by participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pilgrimage at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia, PA on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Pray to the Blessed Mother in one of our earliest churches in the U.S.A. The beautiful blue domes of the Church located on a mountain side in the coal regions of Pennsylvania invite pilgrims to avail themselves of the never ending presence and nurture of the Blessed Mother in our daily earthly life. Come and revel in the peaceful and holy surroundings as

pilgrims participate in Confessions and in the various liturgical services and meditations offered during the day. The Pilgrimage begins at 12 noon with the Divine Liturgy. Pray before the historic and holy 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv, before a Holy Shroud of the Dormition and before the Icon and Holy Relics of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSsR. Benefit personally with prayers for healing and being anointed with holy oils for the healing of soul and body at the conclusion of the Pilgrimage.

## "Pre-Rummage Sale 2017 Set Up"

Due to the amount of merchandise that has been donated for our Rummage Sale, we have moved the dates of the "Pre-Rummage Sale" SET-UP to Monday, August 7, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m. WE are very thankful for all that has been donated so far.

We are requesting the men and high school students of the Parish to volunteer and help in any way possible on Monday, August 7, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m. We need the men to "clear the gym floor" because we have to stack and rearrange items to make room for the tables. The men need to move the tables from the garage, parish hall, Church and rectory to the school gym. Merchandise will be re-located again and organized once the tables are set up. Volunteers are needed to help through out the morning starting at 9:30 a.m. We are considerate of your well-being, but there are jobs that do not require lifting heavy items and the women cannot do it alone. (especially Lauren and Michaelene.)

Call Father Nestor if you have tables to donate (or lend) and we can get them picked up by one of our parishioners with a truck. Ladies can help also, as the tables are being set up. A light lunch will be served at noon. A meeting will be held regarding the Rummage Sale, the food sale, raffle tickets and donations, etc., during lunch.

The "Ladies of the Church" (Marie, Helen, Anna Mae, Cheryl, Marlene, Dorothy) for the past month, have been pricing and working on many of the donations: Baskets, wreaths, books, jewelry, domestics (drapes, tablecloths, bedspreads, etc.). There is still so much more to do!

Wednesday, August 9th, We START the preparation for the sale, and the tables are set up. Volunteers can start helping at various jobs: items will be assorted by price, marking the sticker with the price on the merchandise, etc. You will be sitting while other volunteers will put the items on the designated tables. We will be working over 25+ hours a week, and hope you can help your Church for a few hours.

We need your help and are always thankful to our parishioners and non-parishioners. It is a pleasant atmosphere to re-connect with your fellow parishioners who you may have worked with as a PTA Member, Holy Name Society member, altar boys, or graduates of our grade school or to meet new ones. If you are retired, come and help us out too! Students who need community service, contact Father Nestor for hours to be served at the pre-rummage sale set-up. You are never to old or too young to volunteer! **No experience is needed.** (Even Father Nestor puts in a few hours each week!)

THE DOORS ARE OPEN AND THE LIGHTS ARE ON... WE ARE WORKING! Be sure to stop by and get a Raffle ticket!

Each week the schedule will be listed.

1st week of August: MONDAY the 7th from 9:30 a.m., will be for setting up the school gym. TUESDAY the 8th, CLOSED, and WEDNESDAY the 9th from 9:30 a.m to 2:00 p.m., and THURSDAY the 10th from 4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. and FRIDAY the 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. SATURDAY the 12th at 4:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday the 13th CLOSED. Please check the schedule every week or call Lauren at (c) 646-241-9443. We do have bottle water for the volunteers.

2ND WEEK: (Bring your lunch/snack) August 14th, 16th, 18th Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

August 15th and 18th Tuesday and Thursday, Evening Hours: 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

August 19th Saturday, 4:00 p.m-6:00 p.m.

August 20th Sunday, Closed

From WEDNESDAY, August 9th, 2017 onward (Check the times listed above for when the school gym is open)

- \* Volunteer for our biggest fund raiser. The financial life line of our Church.
- \* Donations accepted for the Rummage Sale NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2017 from Homes, 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, NO mattresses) Because they do not sell and then we are responsible to take them to the dump or pay for their removal. ITEMS ACCEPTED: Clean and sell-able items: Especially: Ukrainian items (pysanky, Ukrainian dishes, dolls, etc)... gifts never used, new products and items, religious items etc.

### During this time period:

- \*Parishioners help in getting gift certificates/items for raffle donations. Check with Lauren about specific business/areas to contact.
- \* Parishioner who have a Truck/SUV to help with donations that need to be picked up, call Father Nestor with your name and phone number.

WE need help during the week, when we "pick up donations" and the women cannot do it alone. Special thanks to Paul M., Ken K. and Bob K. for their help during the past weeks in getting the donations (furniture) to the gym.

- \* Donations for the Basket of Cheer.
- \* We need hangers (no wire hangers) to hang drapes, tablecloths etc. ASAP
- \* Borrow 8ft-10 ft tables for the sale, ASAP
- \* Costume Jewelry can be donated ASAP.
- \* Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school gym during the Pre-Rummage Sale SET UP

(tickets will not be mailed to you).

This is not your "mothers rummage sale". We do hear comments "I do not shop rummage sales, etc. it is just junk or I don't need anything! Our rummage sale, is organized, everything is marked, great prices, clean and salable. (That is why we made a profit of \$19,000.00 + in 2016). You might be surprised. FYI, people travel as far as Wilkes Barre and surrounding areas over 20 miles to come. There are really no excuses not to come... 50 feet from the church. The school side doors are opened for those who have trouble using the front steps.

We will be the largest Church Rummage Sale Fund Raiser in the Mid-Valley area. (Sacred Heart Church of Peckville and Holy Ghost Church in Jessup, will not be having a Rummage Sale this year, due to lack of a chairman and volunteers).

We are very thankful to everyone who volunteers and helps in anyway possible. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for additional information.

# **Christmastime Day Trip to New York City**

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017 Sponsor: Scranton's St. Vladimir Parish

Stops: Ukrainian Village on Manhattan's Lower East Side, Bryant Park Christmas Shoppes

Midtown - Rockefeller Center/Fifth Avenue/Times Square area

Cost: \$42.00 per person

**For Detailed Information and Reservations:** Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275 Early booking is encouraged as the 55 passenger Martz bus will fill quickly.

# **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the kosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe Smagula. month of August 2017 is Team #4: Tom Mat-

## Sunday Collection for July 29 & 30, 2017: \$

## Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 12 & 13, 2017

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	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe Nicholas Borowski	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Sczesniak David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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#### It Is Good For Us To Be Here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to His disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them He had spoken of the kingdom and of His second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, He gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of His glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven.

It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of His Father." Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when He wished, the evangelist continues: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, He was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here.

St. Anastasius of Sinai, Bishop

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