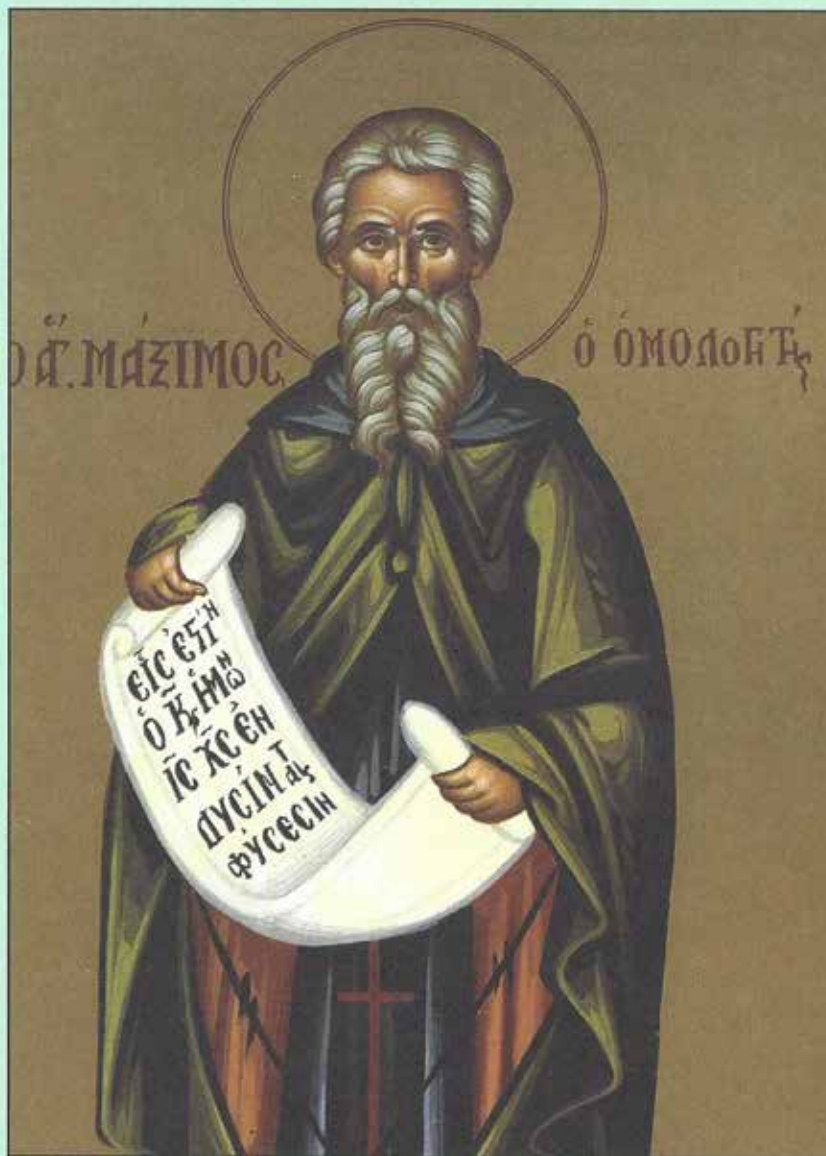


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Saint Maximos the Confessor -- August 13th

August 13, 2017: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	
Epistle: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16	Gospel: Mt. 17: 14-23
Mon., Aug. 14	8:00 + Howard Smith (Son Howard) <i>For the Dormition:</i> 7:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Tues., Aug. 15	Dormition of the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00 + Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter Elaine)
Wed., Aug. 16	8:00 + Deceased of the Stecco Family (Joan & Ed Stecco)
Thurs. Aug. 17	8:00 + Thomas Trently (Evelyn Trently)
Fri. Aug. 18	8:00 + Robert Harris (Mary Ann Spryn)
Sat., Aug. 19	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Sun., Aug. 20	9:00 God's Blessings of Sandra Smith (Father Howard) 11:30 + William & Anna Stracka (Bill & Jane Granza)

Archeparchy of Philadelphia Welcomes

Father Andriy Rabiý as New Auxiliary Bishop

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Auxiliary Bishop John Bura, together with the clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia joyfully welcome the Holy Father's appointment of Very Rev. Andriy Rabiý, a priest of our archeparchy, as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. He has been assigned the Titular See of Germaniana. Pope Francis concurred with the

recommendation of the appointment offered by the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops.

Very Andriy Rabiý has studied for the priesthood at our St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, receiving his philosophical and theological studies at The Catholic University of America and the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood within our archeparchy and has



resulted in his beginning a successful new mission parish in Lancaster, PA, St. Andrew the Apostle Ukrainian Catholic Mission Parish. Recently, he successfully transferred the location of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church from a downtown location to a more suitable suburb location offering a full range of facilities for the parish. Very Rev. Andriy Rabyi serves as Vicar General and Vice-Chancellor of our Archeparchy, in addition to his ministry at his parishes.

Our Archeparchy and our Ukrainian Catholic Church will be well served by the vibrant and dedicated ministry demonstrated by our newly nominated candidate to the episcopacy. We congratulate him. We commit ourselves to support him with our prayers, words of encouragement, and joyful sharing in his episcopal ministry.

God bless Very Rev. Andriy Rabyi richly in ways only He can as he undertakes his new ministry as a bishop of the Church. Our heartfelt welcome and 'Mnohaya Lita'!

served with enthusiasm and dedication at a number of parish assignments. Very Rev. Andriy Rabyi returned to The Catholic University of America for advanced studies in canon law and has served in our Archieparchial Marriage Tribunal. His care and concern for the souls of faithful living in locations not close to existing parishes

The Feast of the Dormition

It should be no surprise that one of the most prominent icons found within the

Church depicts the Theotokos with the Christ child, that is, serving as the bridge

that brings the Divine into the world. As such a bridge, she holds a place of honor in both the Church and in our hearts. And, it is on the fifteenth of August that we commemorate her falling asleep in the Lord. This occasion is a solemn time for Eastern Christians. In fact, in preparation for the Dormition of the Theotokos, we fast from certain foods (meats and dairy products) and we offer prayers for her intercessions throughout the first fourteen days of August. It is a time of personal reflection and a time for us to offer thanksgiving that we have as an intercessor the one with the Motherly favor! Extra biblical sources (information not of the Bible) suggest the Theotokos was a tireless servant of Christ. Throughout her life, she

served the Lord with commitment, with love, and with faith; modeling the virtues that each is called to possess. Her words and her actions, that is, her life, taught the early Christians of Jerusalem much. The Theotokos continues to serve her son by offering Him prayers on behalf of humanity. Similarly, she continues to teach the faithful much, who look to her virtuous example as a model for their own lives. As such, she is the Mother of all His Creation!

The Feast of the Dormition is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. There will be two Divine Liturgies on Monday evening at 7:00 pm and the second one on Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. We will bless flowers during the Divine Liturgies as is our custom.

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.

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 2nd Annual Pilgrimage at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia, PA on Sunday, August 27th. 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 Update!

Due to the amount of merchandise that has been donated for our Rummage Sale (Sept. 22, 23, 24, 2017), we have **STARTED PRICING AND MERCHANDISING ALL ITEMS**. You are welcome to stop by and give support to the Parishioners! You might find something to purchase, as furniture and domestics are priced to sell.

As of Monday, August 14, 2017, Volunteers are needed everyday at the school gym. We will be working over 25+ hours a week, and hope you can help your Church for a few hours. There is always a job to get done!

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 too 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!

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

August 15th and 17th Tuesday and Thursday, Evening Hours: 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

August 19th Saturday, 3:45 p.m-5:30 p.m. (Items to be dropped off or purchase raffle tickets)

August 20th Sunday, Closed

3rd WEEK: (Bring you lunch/snack) August 21st, 23rd and 25th: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

August 22th and 24th Tuesday and Thursday, Evening Hours: 3:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

August 26th Saturday, 3:45 p.m-5:30 p.m. (Items to be dropped off or purchase raffle tickets)

August 27th Sunday, Closed

Monday, August 14th 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 Sept. 12th 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, money donations, etc...

During this time period: from August 14, 2017

* The Rummage Sale Poster (Flyer) is available in the vestibule of the Church. Please be sure to pick a few copies and drop them off to be posted in your local business: Post office, deli's, restaurants, doctor offices, retail stores, etc., anyplace that will post a "Public Service Announcements" PSA. "Just Ask" for permission to post the flyer. (Free advertising)

* Parishioners help in getting gift certificates/items for raffle donations. Money donations and lottery tickets are also accepted. 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 #.

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

- * Donations for the Basket of Cheer.
- * We need hangers, (no wire hangers) used to hang drapes, tablecloths etc.... ASAP
- * Borrow 8ft-10 feet tables for the sale, ASAP
- * Costume Jewelry can be donated ASAP
- * Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school gym (tickets will not be mailed to you)
- * Food information to be listed in the bulletin next week. MaryAnn Spryn is in charge of the food being sold during the Rummage Sale.

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 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 Matkosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe Smagula. month of August 2017 is Team #4: Tom

Sunday Collection for August 5 & 6, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 19 & 20, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Sczesniak	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Lord's Love of Sinners

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 goodness 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.

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. Maximos the Confessor

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