

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



*Icon of Samuel -- August 20th*

## **August 20, 2017: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9: 2-12

Gospel: Mt. 18: 23-35

**Mon., Aug. 21**

to

**No Divine Liturgies**

**Fri., Aug. 25**

**Sat., Aug. 26**

**No Morning Divine Liturgy**

**No Confessions Today**

4:00 pm + Simon Roman (Michael Shumek Family)

**Sun., Aug. 27**

9:00 + George & Sophia Danylak (Leo Danylak)

11:30 For Our Parishioners

### **In Case of Emergency**

Father Nestor will be away from the Parish from Monday, August 21 to Friday, August 25, 2017. In case of an

emergency, please contact Father Myron Myronyuk in Scranton at 570-342-7023.

### **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 fi-

nancial 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. Cyril's Choir Takes A Vacation In August**

For the entire month of August 2017 and through Labor Day Weekend, the 9:00 a.m, Sunday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in English, just as

the 4:00 p.m Saturday and the 11:30 Sunday Divine Liturgy. Come early for 9:00 a.m. and have more time on Sunday to enjoy the summer.

## **Our Thanks**

We wish to thank Billy Krenitsky of QUINN'S MARKET for donating three cases of delicious fruit, which we blessed on the Feast of the Transfigu-

ration of our Lord. Thank you for your continued generosity. We all enjoyed the tasty fruit.

## **Church Etiquette**

Please be on time for services; those arriving late should not approach the Chalice for Communion.

To receive Communion, one must be a baptized/christened Catholic Christian who has prepared by prayer, fasting, alms giving, and regular confession.

Men, women, and children: please dress modestly for services. The general rule for men and women is to dress appropriately, modestly and respectfully, because we stand before the

living God. The people of our church wear everything from casual pants to suits, long dresses to skirts, and shirts with or without ties. Some women wear head coverings, but this is not required. Men are asked not to wear head coverings (baseball caps, etc.) in the nave, the main part of the church.

Please wait for the completion of the service before leaving the Church. Spend some time in thanksgiving with God.

## **A Visitor to Church.**

One day, a man went to visit a church; He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside and found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, and

moved to another place.

Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for the Holy Spirit to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands

and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

## **I Have No Hands But Yours**

A soldier in World War II was given the task of gathering up the pieces and fragments of a statue of Christ that was destroyed when the cathedral that housed it was destroyed by bombs and mortar. He found every piece and fragment, and they were turned over to an artist, whose labor of love it was to reconstruct the icon. Even though it took him months, he accomplished the work, and the statue was returned to its pedestal. One part of the Christ was missing, however. The soldier could not find the hands of Christ. Both the

soldier and the artisan considered their work incomplete without the hands. However, one day as the craftsman was viewing the statue with the missing hands, he got a wonderful idea. Instead of Christ's hands being raised in blessing, as they originally were, the craftsman placed an ornate, but simple, sign at the base of the handless replica. These were the words of the sign: "I have no hands, but yours." Will you give your hands – your time and abilities – to your church.

## **Moleben and L.U.C. Meeting**

SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 706 North Warren Street, Berwick, PA extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Our Blessed Mother - on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 3:00pm to be followed by a meet-

ing and indoor picnic of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). This is a public event of SS. Cyril and Methodius parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

## **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 Pil-

grimage 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!***

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

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

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

August 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Closed

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

## **Sunday Collection for August 12 & 13, 2017: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 26 & 27, 2017**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Borowski	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky



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### *St. Stephen of Hungary -- August 20th*

While the year of his birth is uncertain, many details of Stephen's life suggest that he was born in or after 975 in Esztergom. He was a son of the Hungarian chief Géza and was baptized, together with his father, by Archbishop St. Adalbert of Prague in 985, on which occasion he changed his heathen name Vaik (Vojk) to Stephen (István in Hungarian). In 995 he married Gisela, a sister of Duke Henry of Bavaria, the future Emperor St. Henry II, and in 997 succeeded to the throne of Hungary. In order to make Hungary a Christian nation and to establish himself more firmly as ruler, he sent Abbot Astricus to Rome to petition Pope Sylvester II for the royal dignity and the power to establish episcopal sees. The pope acceded to his wishes and, in addition, presented him with a royal crown with which he was crowned at Gran on August 17, 1001. He founded a monastery in Jerusalem and hospices for pilgrims at Rome, Ravenna,

and Constantinople. He was a personal friend of St. Bruno of Querfurt and corresponded with Abbot St. Odilo of Cluny.

The last years of St. Stephen's life were embittered by sickness and family troubles. When on September 2, 1031, his only son, St. Emeric, lost his life on a bear hunt, his cherished hope of transferring the reins of government into the hands of a pious Christian prince were shattered. During his lifetime a quarrel arose among his various nephews concerning the right of succession, and some of them even took part in a conspiracy against his life. He was buried beside his son at Székesfehérvár, and both were canonized together in 1083. In Hungary, his chief festival is observed on 20 August, the day on which his relics were transferred to Buda. His incorrupt right hand, venerated in the Basilica of St. Stephen in Budapest, is treasured as the most sacred relic in Hungary.

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