

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist -- August 29th

August 27, 2017: 12th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11		Gospel: Mt. 19: 16-265
Mon., Aug. 28	8:00	+ Patrick Marcinko (Wife Glenda & Children)
Tues., Aug. 29		Beheading of John the Baptist (Simple Holy Day)
	9:00	+ Nicole Yeck Crimard (Parents)
Wed., Aug. 30	8:00	+ Florence Chomo (Ed & Celeste Gilmartin)
Thurs., Aug. 31	8:00	+ Dorothy Pompey (Howard Smith)
Fri., Sept. 1	8:00	+ John Cheplick (Evelyn Cheplick)
Sat., Sept. 2		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Edward Kanuik (Wife Marian)
Sun., Sept. 3	9:00	+ Helen Wartko (St. Cyril's Choir)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

Date of Episcopal Ordination of

Bishop-Elect Andriy Raby Announced

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that our newly nominated Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Raby will be ordained by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk during the Opening Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Synod of Bishops to take place on Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 in St. George Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine at 11 a.m. Co-consecrators will be Archbishop Stefan

Soroka, Metropolitan of Philadelphia and Bishop David Motiuk, Eparch of Edmonton Eparchy.

Our Patriarch generously responded to the suggestion to conduct the episcopal ordination in the city and country of the Bishop-Elect's native birth, where his parents, brother and family reside. It highlights his being rooted strongly in the cultures and traditions of both Ukraine and USA., a special gift for our Ukrainian Catholic Church. The newly ordained Bishop

Andriy will then participate in his first meeting of the Synod of Bishops.

The newly ordained Bishop Andriy Rabyi will be formally welcomed in the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolia of Philadelphia with his celebrating

a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at 3 p.m., followed by a Formal Reception in the Cathedral Hall.

QUESTION: *What were the occupations of the 12 Apostles?*

ANSWER: Peter, James (son of Zebedee), Andrew and John were all fishermen. Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector. The occupations of Philip, Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Thomas, Thaddaeus, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), and Judas Iscariot are not known. Some

think that Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Thomas and two others were fisherman as well, but the fact that they decided to go fishing with the sons of Zebedee doesn't confirm they were fishermen by trade (see John 20:1-3). Also, the occupation of Judas Iscariot is not known though some speculate he handled finances.

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 Needed Vacation

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.

Banns of Marriage

Jay Almodovar, the son of Vincent and Minerva nee Arce, will contract marriage with **Alyss Sestili**, the daughter of Richard and Cheryl nee

Kanuik Sestili, on Saturday, September 16, 2017. This is the first announcement of Banns for this marriage.

Kanz for Kids 2.0

Just a little reminder to all of us soda-drinking individuals: When you are finished with the soda can, or other aluminum can (such as V8), please rinse out the can, and put in into a plastic store bag. When you have accumulated a few cans, please bring them to Church. Sandra Berta has been very generous with her time and energy, and picks up these cans. In turn, they are sold, and all the proceeds go to

purchasing supplies for the children enrolled in our Religious Education Program. This is a wonderful project, and not exactly a walk in the park.

We truly appreciate Sandra's continuing efforts, not only with collecting the cans, but also being completely involved in our Religious Education Program. We thank you Sandra, and thank our Parish Family Members for helping fund our program!

Remembering Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Our Parish has been serving Ukrainian Greek Catholics and so many others for over one hundred years now. By including Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Olyphant as one of the beneficiaries in your Last Will and Testament, you will help our parish continue its sacred duty of serving the needs of present and future generations of its parishioners. There is no amount that is too small - it all helps! And re-

member, whatever your own financial situation may be, you should prepare a Last Will and Testament, to be sure that your estate and possessions will be handled according to your wishes. When making a bequest to our parish, please make sure you use the full name and address: Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435. Thank you, and may God bless and repay you!

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.

Annual Flea Market

Rev. Eduard Shestak and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Vine St., Old Forge, Pa. is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from

8 am - 4pm and on Sunday, September 17, 10 am - 2 pm. The event will be held rain or shine. A variety of ethnic food items, baked goods, and refreshments will also be available.

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!

- * 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...
- * 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)

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 19 & 20, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 2 & 3, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Passion of John the Baptist

Today while the virtue of John and the ferocity of Herod are related to us, our innards were shaken, our hearts trembled, our sight grew dim, our mind became dull, our hearing deserted us. For is there anything within human sensation that remains undisturbed when a large amount of vice destroys a large amount of virtue?

Herod, it says, apprehended John, and had him bound, and put in prison (Mt 14:3). John was the school of the virtues, the instructor of life, the model of sanctity, the pattern of morality, the mirror of virginity, the epitome of purity, the example of chastity, the way of penitence, the pardon of sins, the discipline of faith. John was greater than a human being, equal to the angels, the apex of the Law, the seed of the Gospel, the harbinger of the Apostles, the silence of the prophets, the lamp of the world, the herald of the Judge, the forerunner of Christ, the

preparer for the Lord, the witness of God, the mediator of the whole Trinity.

But Herod is the very one who desecrated the Temple, ruined the priesthood, disturbed its proper order, profaned the kingdom, corrupted anything that had to do with religion, the Law, life and morals, faith, and discipline. Herod was ever an assassin toward his fellow citizens, a brigand toward people of any distinction, a ravager toward his allies, a robber toward those of his own household, a killer of the common folk, a murderer of his children, a slayer of foreigners, a murderer towards his own, drenching the land with gore in his bloodthirstiness. And, so it is that he gulped down the hallowed blood of John from his enormous cup of cruelty.

St. Peter Chrysologus

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