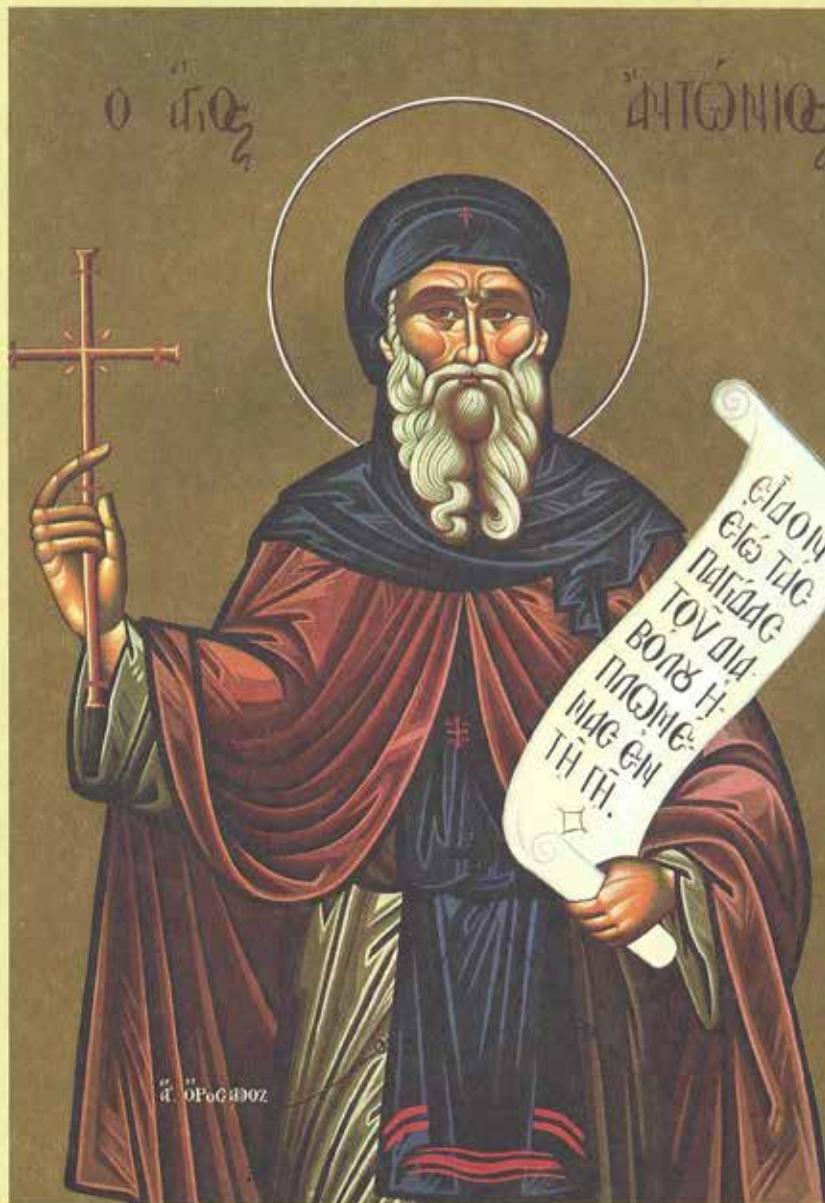


THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of Saint Anthony the Great -- January 17th

January 15, 2017: 35th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Eph. 4: 7-13

Gospel: Mk.4: 12-17

Mon., Jan. 16	8:00	+ Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Terry & Barbara Chmil)
Tues., Jan. 17	8:00	+ Florence Chomo (Genenieve Vesko)
Wed., Jan. 18	8:00	+ Rosalie Namiak (Family & Friends)
Thurs. Jan. 19	8:00	+ Olga Moskel (Nieces & Nephews)
Fri. Jan. 20	8:00	+ Kimberly Mellow (Parents)
Sat., Jan. 21	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son Joseph)
Sun., Jan. 22	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ William Stracka (Family)

What is the difference between a Disciple and an Apostle?

The word Disciple in Greek literally means “one who is being taught” or “one who is learning.” The word Apostle (*Apostolos*) on the other hand means “one who is sent.” Therefore, those who were once taught are now being sent into the world to teach others what they have learned. This is what is meant by the term “apostolic,” which is found within our Creed and is an important element to our theology, ethos, and stewardship. This is also why we celebrate with such en-

thusiasm the Feast of Pentecost, which reminds us of this all-sacred ministry: “Just as the Father sent Me, so I am going to send you.” (John 20:21) Each and every member of Christ’s Church has the exacting duty to be both a disciple and an apostle to the Word of God. We must continuously learn and be taught about our Faith so that we can rightly go forth and proclaim it with truth, wisdom and above all – conviction; drawing others to the Gospel by our own commitment and example.

The Parable of the Spoons

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer

than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one.

There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water.

The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other."

A Dying Old Priest

An old priest was dying.

He sent a message to the parish Banker and Lawyer, to come to his home.

When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the priest held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed.

The priest grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled, and stared

at the ceiling.

For a time, no one said anything.

Both the banker and lawyer were touched and flattered that the preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moments.

They were also puzzled; the priest had never given them any indication that he particularly liked either of them.

They both remembered his many

long, uncomfortable homilies about greed, covetousness, and avaricious behavior which made them squirm in their seats.

Finally, the banker said, “ Father,

why did you ask us to come?”

The old priest mustered up his strength and then said weakly, “Jesus died between two thieves, and that’s how I want to go.”

A Glass Of Milk

A poor student was walking along a road, carrying a bundle of books, to his school. He was from a very poor family and his parents could not provide him even regular food. As he was already late, he was almost running. He was hungry and very weak. Suddenly he felt exhausted and fell down, scattering his books on the roadside. Seeing his fall, a lady rushed to the spot from her house. She helped the boy to get up, collected his books and carried him to her house. The boy was very weak and hungry, but he did not ask for food. He asked for a little water to drink. The lady sensed his state and offered him a glass of milk. The boy accepted it with gratitude and continued his journey to the school. The incident remained fresh in his mind.

Several years rolled by. The lady became old, sick and weak. She was admitted to the local hospital. As her condition became worse, she was shifted to a large medical institute in a distant city. The senior doctor, who was also the director of the institute, examined her. He

diagnosed her disorder and performed an immediate surgery. She was carried to the best room in the hospital and provided expert medical care. The staff was always ready to offer all assistance and care. Within a month, she could regain her health fully. She was informed that she would be discharged the next day. She was worried about the bill as she was poor and could not afford to pay a large amount. She planned to sell her house to settle the bill. She enquired about the bill. The bill was presented to her. She examined it anxiously. On the top of the bill, there was a note signed by the director of the institute, “THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL BY A GLASS OF MILK.”

Slowly she recollected the incident when she gave a glass of milk to a poor, weak and hungry boy who fell down on the road near her residence. By this time, the director himself came to her room and she could recognize his face. He was the same boy whom she had helped with a glass of milk a long time ago. He had

recognized her earlier and gratefully made elaborate arrangements for her treatment and paid the expenses from his own pocket, all for a glass of milk and tender care received in a crucial moment of his life, during his hard times, long before he became a distinguished doctor by his hard work and earnest efforts.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes through our front. Let us behave like the Good Samaritan and be of help to any one in need.

“Give to the poor and you will never be in need” (Proverbs 28:27).

“Be generous and share your food

with the poor. You will be blessed for it” (Proverbs 22: 9).

“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!” (Matthew 5: 7).

“I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me” (Mt. 25:35, 36)

“I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of brothers of mine, you did it for me!” (Mt. 25:40)

Keep Greeting One Another

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40-day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional “*Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!* Christ is

Born! Glorify Him!” During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine through you!

Note: according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2nd.

A Note of Sympathy

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late + Gene Turko, who recently passed away in the Lord. + Gene was

laid to rest on Wednesday, January 11th. We pray that his soul may rest in the bosom of Abraham and that his memory be everlasting. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Holy Name Society Raffle

The Holy Name Society is once again having its annual raffle. Tickets have been mailed to parishioners. Please support this

raffle with a \$10. Donation. The proceeds of the raffle are used for expenses related to our parish.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few extra hours to spare?

Traditional Home Health and Hospice is currently seeking volunteers to be part of our team in providing quality care for our hospice patients. Volunteers are an integral part of the Hospice philosophy giving their time and presence to the patients and their families we serve. We offer one-on-

one patient time, in-office volunteer time & opportunities for student community service hours. No experience is necessary. The qualities we seek are a ready smile, a willingness to lend a hand and an open ear to listen and learn.

Please contact Kathleen Haikes today at 570-207-9286 or 570-955-7553.

Malanka 2017

Northeastern Pennsylvania's 13th Annual Ukrainian New Year Dinner Dance - MALANKA - will take place from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on Saturday evening, January 14, 2017 at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore, PA. Please note that we are moving from St. Vladimir parish center to a different venue, engaging a popular caterer who has an outstanding reputation and contracting with a different musical group. Basically, we have followed the same format for twelve years and many

agree it is time for some changes.

The menu will feature both Ukrainian and American fare catered by Kathy Gavin of Stirna's Catering. Music for dancing will be provided by the Ukrainian band "Fourth Wave Ensemble" of Philadelphia. Cash bar will be available. Wearing Ukrainian attire is encouraged.

Tickets are \$45.00. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Festival of Christmas Carols

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

Choir To Perform At St. Vladimir's Church

The Dzvin Ukrainian Folk Choir of Philadelphia will appear at Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00pm. The eighteen-member all male group will offer a program of Ukrainian and English Christmas carols.

The group is known for its rendering of traditional and contemporary Ukrai-

nian songs with a unique and lively interpretation. They have appeared extensively in Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland as well as in Canada.

The event is open to the public and no tickets are required. Attendees can make a free will offering if they so desire.

Fresh Pyrohy

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a midwinter potato and cheese pyrohy sale on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton. These are freshly made

that day and are not frozen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders should be placed no later than Monday, January 23 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of January 2017 is Team

#1: William Vervan, Roger Barren, and Jerry Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for January 7 & 8, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 21 & 22, 2017

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

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Wisdom from St. Anthony the Great

“A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, ‘You are mad; you are not like us.’”

“Our life and our death are with our neighbor. If we gain our brother we have gained God; but if we scandalize our brother, we have sinned against Christ.”

“I no longer fear God, I love Him.”

“Do not be afraid to hear about virtue and do not be a stranger to the term. For it is not distant from us nor is it external to us; its realization lies within us and the work is easy if only we want it. The Greeks leave home and cross the seas in order to gain an education, but there is no need for

us to go away on account of the Kingdom of God nor need we cross the sea in search of virtue. For the Lord has told us, ‘The Kingdom of God is within you.’ All that is needed for goodness is that which is within, the human heart.”

“I saw all the snares that the enemy spreads over the whole world and I said, groaning, ‘What can get through such snares?’ Then I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Humility.’”

St. Anthony the Great

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