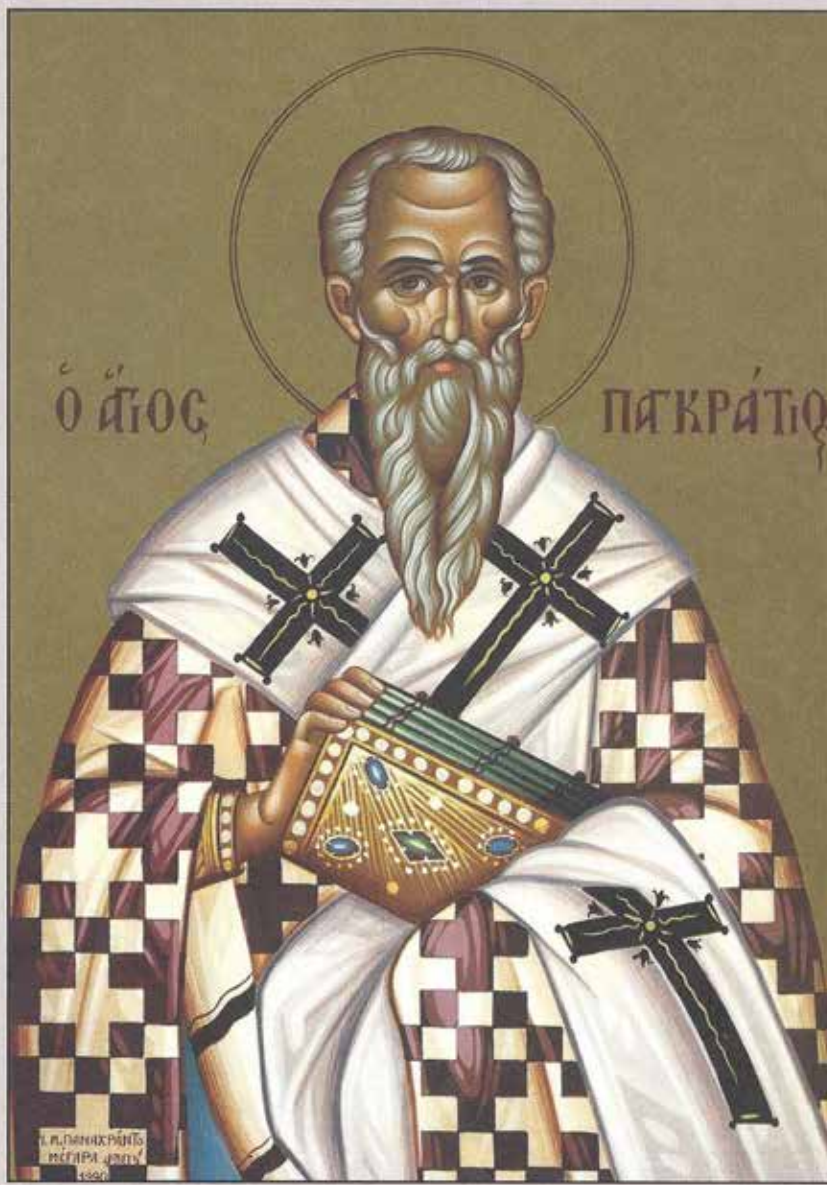


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



*Icon of Saint Pancratios -- July 9th*

## July 9, 2017: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Roms. 10: 1-10

Gospel: Mt. 8:28 - 9:3

<b>Mon., July 10</b>	8:00	Health & Recovery of Fr. David Clooney (Kushner Family)
<b>Tues., July 11</b>	8:00	+ Michael Spryn (Matt Beckage & Family)
<b>Wed., July 12</b>	8:00	+ Raymond Dench (Richard & Joyce Bowden)
<b>Thurs. July 13</b>	8:00	+ Gene Turko (Matt Beckage)
<b>Fri. July 14</b>	8:00	+ Julia Beckage (Daughter Deborah & Grandson Jason)
<b>Sat., July 15</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Andrea Turko Mitchell (Bob Mitchell)
<b>Sun., July 16</b>	9:00	+ Johanna Dutka (Dorothy Zinsky, Marlene Zelno, & Cheryl Matuszewski)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

### No Vacation From God

Remember that there is NO VACATION from God! Attend Liturgy every Sunday as a family. When out of the area, look for a church to attend. Also, when on vacation, please continue to use your Sunday offering envelopes by

sending them in to support your Parish. Our expenses take no vacation. Thank you very much for your donations and have a safe trip and a good time while on vacation. We wait for you to be back!

### Preserve And Promote Our Own Traditions

WHEN YOU ENTER CHURCH, it is customary to first go to the Tetrapod Table up front, in the middle of church — there we are to make the sign of the cross, bow, and kiss the icon and

cross displayed there. We then bow and make the sign of the cross again, and then go to light candles or take our place for Liturgy. In our Ukrainian Catholic Churches, we make the

Sign of the Cross (holding together the right thumb, index and middle fingers) starting with our forehead, then to our mid-chest, then to our right shoulder first, then the left shoulder. Also in our churches, we do not genuflect (brief bending of the right knee towards the altar) - instead, we make the sign of

the cross the Eastern way, and then bow towards the altar. And remember that church is a holy place so try to keep quiet (not to talk or laugh loudly) in the Church before, during, or after the church services. Let's preserve and promote our own and beautiful traditions.

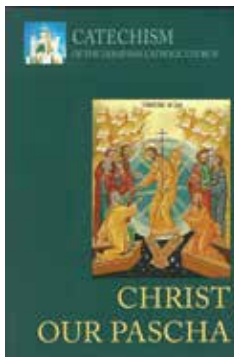
## Sense Of Humor Needed: Just A Tap On The Shoulder

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, 'I'm sorry,

but you scared the daylights out of me.' The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied, 'No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years.

## Excerps from “Christ Our Pascha” the Official Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church

1. The source of Christian life is faith in the risen Christ. This faith, formulated by the Church in the Nicene Creed, also known as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan *Symbol of Faith*, is expressed in her liturgical prayer. Through this liturgical prayer we become



partakers of Christ's Pass-over – partakers of *new life* in Christ. In this new life, we grow by means of spiritual work and moral effort. Therefore, a coupling of the Symbol of Faith with the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great forms the methodological key for

the text of the Catechism *Christ – Our Pascha*.

2. Concerning faith in the risen Christ as the very source of Christian life, the Apostle Peter preached the following: “Jesus of Nazareth... God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power... This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses” (Acts 2:22-24, 32). The significance of the Resurrection for our salvation is affirmed by the Apostle Paul: “If Christ has not been raised,

your faith is futile” (1 Cor. 15:17). Thus, for almost two thousand years, the Church has unceasingly witnessed and preached the Resurrection of Christ in order that people may believe and be saved: “How are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ... So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ” (Rom 10:14, 17).

## **“Recycling” Of Religious Articles**

Thank you for the new & gently used religious articles and secular materials, which were donated in the back of our Church. The variety of donations range from Religious Themed Materials: Books/Booklets; Printed Holy Cards, Prayer Cards, Medals/Medallions, Holy Rosaries/Divine Mercy Chaplets, from various Religious Orders; and, miscellaneous greeting cards, etc. Over the course of this past year, hundreds of these items have been sorted, and distributed to various Prayer Groups/Catholic & Christian Ministries. The

focus of these local groups are, but are not limited to: Religious Education Programs for Youth; converts to Catholicism; Elderly shut-ins; the sick; those who are hospitalized within local care facilities/hospice/VA; and, especially, for those who are imprisoned. May God Bless All of You who have given items and for your generosity. As this is an ongoing Ministry within our parish, please continue to consider donating these items so that they can be “recycled” for the Greater Honor and Glory of Almighty God!

## **Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day**

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania

will host the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in

Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 83 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

## A Note of Sympathy

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

laid to rest on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We pray that her soul may rest in the bosom of Abraham and that her memory be everlasting. Vichnaya Pamyat!

## Our Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Scarlett Sedlak**, along with her parents Jonathan and Kristal, on the occasion of her initiation into the flock of Jesus Christ. Scarlett received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation during the

11:30 Divine Liturgy. Scarlett, we welcome you into our Parish Family and pray that Our Lord God may grant you Many Happy and Blessed Years! Mnohaya Leeta!

## St. Michael's Flea Market & Zitti Dinner

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 North Main St., Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having their 21st Annual Flea Market & Ziti Dinner on August 5th & 6th, 2017. Flea Market hours are Sat. 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm. The Ziti Dinner will be Sat.

11:30pm to 4pm and Sun. 10am to 3pm. Take-outs are available. The cost of the Dinner is \$10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children. In conjunction with this event, we will have a Bake Sale, Ethnic Foods, Lunch Items & Refreshments. All are welcome!

## Calendar Update For The Rummage Sale 2017

**DONATIONS:** are NOW accepted accepted in JULY, AUGUST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 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 mat-

tresses). They do not sell and then we are responsible to take them to the dump or pay for their removal.

**CONTACT:** In order to “drop off” Donations, call: LAUREN TELEP at 570-383-0319 (H) or 646-241-9443 (C) or Rev. Nestor Iwasiw at 570-489-2271. We are available to accept items through out the week (call first to be sure the gym is open) and every Saturday from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:** Clean and sellable items: Furniture, new items, household items, kitchen items, bathroom, bedroom, living room, tools, outdoor, garden, craft items, religious, toys, games, sporting goods, books, holidays, ladies accessories: jewelry, purses, children’s books, music media-records, antiques, Ukrainian items, gifts never used, new products ETC.

\* **RAFFLE DONATIONS:** Parishioners are needed to help in getting Gift Certificates/items for Raffle Donations. (Flyers are in the back of the Church). All you have to do “JUST ASK” your favorite restaurant, retail store, pizza place, hardware store, employer, chiropractor, etc. You might be surprised who will donate gift certificates or merchandise. Hand them a “Pre-Rummage Sale” flyer and the Raffle information is listed on the bottom and follow up 2-3 weeks later for the donation. Now is the time to ask, because they have limited donation money.

\* Parishioners who have a Truck/SUV are needed to help with donations that need to be picked up. Call Father Nestor with your name and phone number.

\* Donations are needed for the Basket of Cheer. (non-open bottles) ASAP.

\* Give a “Pre-Rummage Sale” flyer to your neighbors, friends and family before they throw items to the curb or if they have a yard sale etc. ASAP.

\* We could use hangers, no wire hangers please, to hang drapes, tablecloths, etc.

\* **LADIES COSTUME JEWELRY** was a big seller last year. Now is the time to donate the jewelry you have not worn in years. Anna Mae K. marks the jewelry during the summer, the sooner we get it, and mark it, the less to do in September.

\* **We need to borrow 8 ft. - 10 ft. tables.** Many of our tables are over 35-40 years old and literally on their last leg.

\* **FURNITURE** does sell very well at the sale. Let us know if you need a “pick-

up” for the furniture.

\* We need your help at various times through out the weeks, when we get car and truck loads of merchandise to unload or pick up. Please call Lauren that we can add your name to the list and see if you’re available to help out at that particular time. (Paul M., Ken K., Bob K. are on the list of volunteer when they are available. Sometimes they go fishing, golfing, working, etc. but can help other times).

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:** We will begin the pre-rummage pricing! Volunteers, both men and women, are needed for setting up, etc. Stop by the gym to see all the merchandise that has been donated and collected. You will understand WHY we need you to help us to make this rummage sale successful. We need everyone who can help out at a variety of different jobs!

**September 22, 23, 24, 2017:** Volunteers are needed for the actual Rummage Sale: Staff for the kitchen, monitoring the doors, helping the customer with their purchases, on the floor and helping customers, the check-out desk, raffle desk, jewelry table, the Hold table, etc. All Ages are welcome and no experience needed. Just show up and help your Church Community. Purchase some Rummage Sale Raffle Basket Tickets which are in lieu of the Summer Raffle which was cancelled along with the Bingo tent this year. This is the financial life-line of our Church. If you need any additional information please contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 (H) or 646-241-9443 (C) or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy the month of July 2017 is Team #3: Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

## Sunday Collection for July 1 & 2, 2017: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 15 & 16, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Michael Roberts -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *The Holy Bishop Martyr Pancratius*

Sicily was home to many early Christian saints, and the arena of their martyrdom. One of the first saints of that ancient island is the Holy Martyr, Pancratius of Taormina.

St. Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ still walked upon the earth. The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Legend has it that hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher. The miracles astonished Pancratius, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, and during this time the young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

The legend continues that after the Ascension of Our Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with their entire household. When the parents of

Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made St Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

St Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian conversion of the people and the numbers of believers quickly grew with almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepting the Christian Faith. St Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. Non-believers, however, plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they stoned him. Thus, St Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

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