

SUNDAY OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

July 16, 2017: Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Roms. 12: 6-14

Gospel: Mt. 9: 1-8

Mon., July 17	8:00	Special Intention (Dorothy Zinsky)
Tues., July 18	8:00	+ William Stracka (Bill & Jane Granza)
Wed., July 19	8:00	+ Marge & Frank Evanitsky (Michaelene Davis)
Thurs. July 20	8:00	+ Ann Marie Chelak (M/M Barry Palfrey)
Fri. July 21	8:00	+ Helen Bonetsky (Mary Repchak)
Sat., July 22		No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Julie O'Connor (Nephews)
Sun., July 23	9:00	For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Gene & Joan Turko (Lenny Mitchko)

Vacation Time

Ah, summertime! Each of us looks forward to the time of year where we get a break from our daily work and school routine. In the United States, we call it vacation. Other countries call it holiday. Irrelevant of the name, it brings images of leisure time, travel, friends, family, and sometimes adventure. Whether it is a trip to the shore, a cabin in the mountains, a tent in a park, a luxury hotel, or a cruise on the open seas, we all need a break from our normal routine to recharge our personal batteries. We spend a great deal of our lives looking forward to a break

from the norm -- whether it's the typical long summer vacation from school or the ever-so-short week or two away from our jobs, it seems that planning for that getaway obsesses us for many weeks before the actual event. Time away...from what? We never seem to give much thought about our spiritual lives when we plan a vacation...it's just a Sunday or two missing church -- God will understand! There are 50 other Sundays and other holy days to visit with Him...and of course, since He loves us, we don't have to worry about Him! He'll be right there when

we get back...and if we need Him on our trip, He'll be there as well! Sometimes, we fail to plan for the most important part of our vacations -- the spiritual recharge.

Beloved, each of us has been given the opportunity to experience God's love and creation every day of our lives. Do not pass up the chance to see Him in everything around you -- trees, hills, water, birds, animals, clouds, rain, storms -- all are His creation! On your vacation, take a few minutes to thank Him for everything He has

given you: your health, family friends, and all good things come from Him. Visit the Catholic church where you find yourself, go in and look around, breathe in the smells, experience a slightly different view of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Recharge your batteries and save those memories for when the snow flies! May God grant you a safe journey, no matter where you roam, a safe return to home and your St. Cyril's Parish family, and His Love and Protection along the way!

Why Do We Touch Our Right Shoulders First, Before Our Left When We Make A Sign Of The Cross?

Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father. God separated the sheep from the goats, putting the faithful sheep on His right side and the goats on the left. Because of this precedence, the Church has always treated the right side as the preferred side.

Censing of the holy table, the iconostas, the congregation, and of the church itself always begins with the right side. The priest always gives communion with his right hand, even if he is left handed. We only cross ourselves with our right hand. The priest,

when blessing a person, first touches or points to their right side then their left. When parents makes the Sign of the Cross over their children, they cross from left to right, just as the priest blesses. When they make the Sign of the Cross over themselves, they do it the other way in order to touch their own right shoulders first.

Roman Catholics prayed the Sign of the Cross this way until the 15th or 16th century. Around that time, they started mimicking the priest's movement, following him first to the left,

apparently unaware that when he went to the left it was with the intention of first blessing on their right. The apostolic tradition of moving from the belly

to the right shoulder was never lost in the Christian East and we maintain that tradition to this day

What Are The Three Doors Inside Of Our Church?

Every Eastern Catholic or Orthodox church will have an iconostasis before its altar. "Iconostasis" means "icon-stand", and it can be as simple as a large image of Christ on the right and a corresponding image of the Virgin and Child on the left. In a more established church, the iconostasis may be a literal wall, adorned with icons. Some of versions shield the altar from view, except when the central doors stand open.

The basic set-up of two large icons creates, if you use your imagination, three doors. The central one, in front

of the altar itself, is called the "Holy Doors" or "Royal Doors," because there the King of Glory comes out to the congregation in the Eucharist. Only the priest and deacons, who bear the Eucharist, use the Holy Doors. The openings on the other sides of the icons, if there is a complete iconostasis, have doors with icons of angels (or Deacons); they are termed the "Deacon's Doors." Altar boys and others with business behind the altar use these, although no one is to go through any of the doors without an appropriate reason.

Empty Cans

Summer Time...don't forget to drop off your empty and clean soda and beer cans to be recycled for the benefit of

the Religious Education Students at the Handicapped Entrance to the Church.

Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 83rd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Min-

ersville, 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!

L.U.C. Meeting

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 70 Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville, PA extends a warm invitation to an Evening Prayer Service on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 5:00pm to be followed by a meeting of our North

Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). This is a public event of St. Vladimir parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

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.

12pm 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 12TH, 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 mattresses). 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 21st: 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.

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

Sunday Collection for July 8 & 9, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 22 & 23, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Brett Lowe	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Elijah's (Elias') Journey

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, he and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to Bethel." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The guild prophets who were in Bethel went out to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master from you?" He replied, "Yes, I know that. Be still."

Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please. The LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two went on together. Fifty of the guild prophets followed and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood next to the Jordan.

Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up and struck the water: it divided, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed over,

Elijah said to Elisha, "Request whatever I might do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "May I receive a double portion of your spirit." He replied, "You have asked something that is not easy. Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind, and Elisha saw it happen. He cried out, "My father! my father! Israel's chariot and steeds!" Then he saw him no longer. He gripped his own garment, tore it into two pieces, and picked up the mantle which had fallen from Elijah. Then he went back and stood at the bank of the Jordan. Wielding the mantle which had fallen from Elijah, he struck the water and said, "The LORD, the God of Elijah - where is he now?" He struck the water: it divided, and he crossed over. (2 Kings 2:1-15)

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