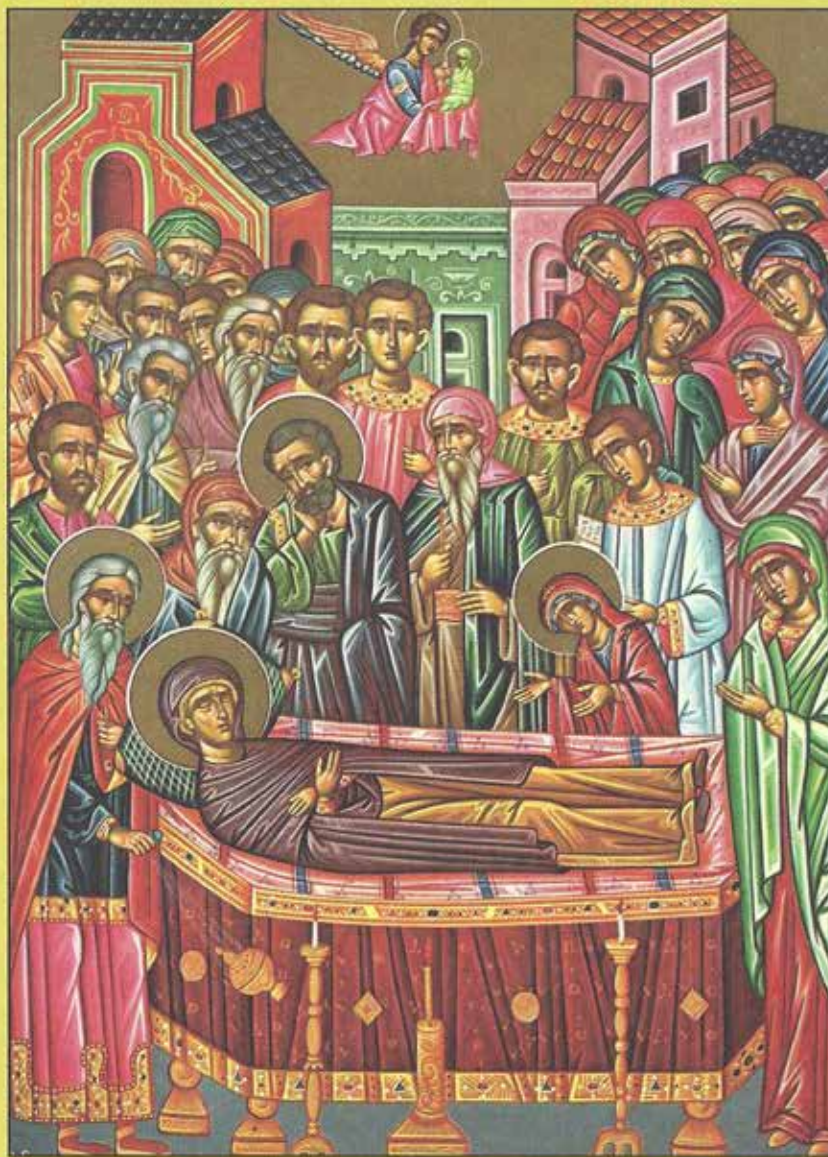


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Dormition of Saint Ann -- July 25th

July 23, 2017: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Roms. 15: 1-7

Gospel: Mt. 9: 27-35

Mon., July 24	8:00	+ Deceased of the Stecco Family (Joan & Ed Stecco)
Tues., July 25	8:00	+ Mary Repchak (Matt Beckage & Family)
Wed., July 26	8:00	+ Nadine Rudd (Edward & Joanne Ilnicki)
Thurs. July 27	8:00	+ Madelyn Zielinski (Matt & Jean Kunchik)
Fri. July 28	8:00	+ Zenia & Emmett Hooper (Family)
Sat., July 29		No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Mary Ann Cole (Frank)
Sun., July 30	9:00	+ Dorothy, Richard & Dianna Georgina (Peter Polinsky, Katheryn Supinski, and Christine Kingsley)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

Baba's Wisdom

When I asked Baba why she loved the Mother of God so much she would tell me this story. I never got tired of hearing it.

“One day, Our Lord was sitting at the gates of heaven on His Judgment Seat. He decided that he needed a day off, so He called St. Peter and asked him to cover for Him. Our Lord gave St. Peter a list of names of those He expected and after each name he had noted the eternal destination of the person coming. St. Peter said that he understood the directions and he took

over the job. When Our Lord returned at the gates later in the day, He asked St. Peter how things had gone. St. Peter assured Him that everything had gone very well. But when Our Lord took a look around, He noticed someone who was not destined for heaven on the list He had given St. Peter. He figured St. Peter had made a mistake. But as he looked further, He saw more and more people who were not supposed to be admitted to heaven. So Our Lord asked St. Peter for an explanation. St. Peter said: ‘Every so often when I told

someone that they could not be admitted, they would go to the side door and Your Mother would let them in.” Baba’s devotion to the Mother of God might seem naïve to many, but Baba knew that she needed help to get into

heaven as we all do. She would say: “When you want something important, you ask your friends to pray for and with you. Well, I figure the best person to pray with and for me would be Jesus’ Mother.”

The Tragedy Of Gossip

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

I am nobody’s friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleep-

less nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself:

Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn’t, don’t repeat it. People are indignant if they are denied the right of freedom of speech, but sometimes they overlook the duty to use this right responsibly. We need to be on our guard and practice restraint in our speech.

To The Parents Of Our Young Children

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what’s going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the back of others’ heads.

- Quietly explain the actions of the Liturgy (what the priests, deacon, altar boys are doing).

- Sing the hymns and responses. Children learn how to worship in church by copying you.

- Incidental noise and movement are not reasons to take your child out of church. If a child’s crying or movements become a distraction to others,

then it is time to leave until they are calm.

• If you have to leave the church with your child, do so but please come back. Our Lord said, “Let the children come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

• Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and one another. Let them know that they are at home in our house of worship.

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 finan-

cial 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.

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 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!

L.U.C. Meeting

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic

Church, 70 Zerby Avenue, Edwards-

ville, 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!

St. Mary's Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S PARISH DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. presents "Southern Hospitality" on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Seatings are at 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 by August 7th. The cost is only \$20.00 per person. The menu will start with a

Mississippi Summer Salad. The entrée will be S. Carolina Special Baked Buttermilk Fried Chicken with N. Carolina's Country Sweet Potatoes and Alabama Bean Medley. The dessert will be Georgia Peach Cobbler. Non-alcoholic beverages included and a Cash Bar is available.

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 avail-

able 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 mer-

chandise 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 15 & 16, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 29 & 30, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Szczesniak -- Nicholas Borowski	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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St. Anna (Ann)

St. Anna, the mother of the Theotokos, was the wife of St. Joachim and the daughter of Mattham, a Levi priest. Anna and Joachim were married and childless for about 50 years. This saddened them, and they vowed that should the Lord bless them with a child they would dedicate it to Him. Joachim went to the wilderness to pray, where the Archangel Gabriel told him that his prayers have been heard, and that Anna will give birth to a daughter who shall be called Mary.

The Archangel also reminded Joachim that, "according to your vow, she (Mary) shall be devoted to the Lord from her infancy, and she shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from her mother's womb. Mary shall not eat or drink anything unclean, nor shall her conversation or life be among the crowds of the people, but in the temple of the Lord, that it may not be possible to say, or so much as to suspect, any evil concerning her." St. Romanos chanted, "Joachim on the mountain prayed to receive fruit

from the womb of Anna; and the prayer of the holy man was received."

The same Archangel appeared to Anna and told her, "I am the angel who has presented your prayers and alms before God; and now I have been sent to you to announce that you shall bring forth a daughter, who shall be called Mary, and who shall be blessed above all women. She shall be full of the favor of the Lord, even from her birth. ... Gabriel then said, "arise, therefore, and go up to Jerusalem; and when you arrive at the gate that, because it is plated with gold, is called 'Golden,' there, for a sign, you shall meet your husband, for whose safety you have been anxious. When, therefore, you find these things accomplished, believe that all the rest which I have told you shall also undoubtedly be accomplished."

Based on the *Protoevangelium of James*

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