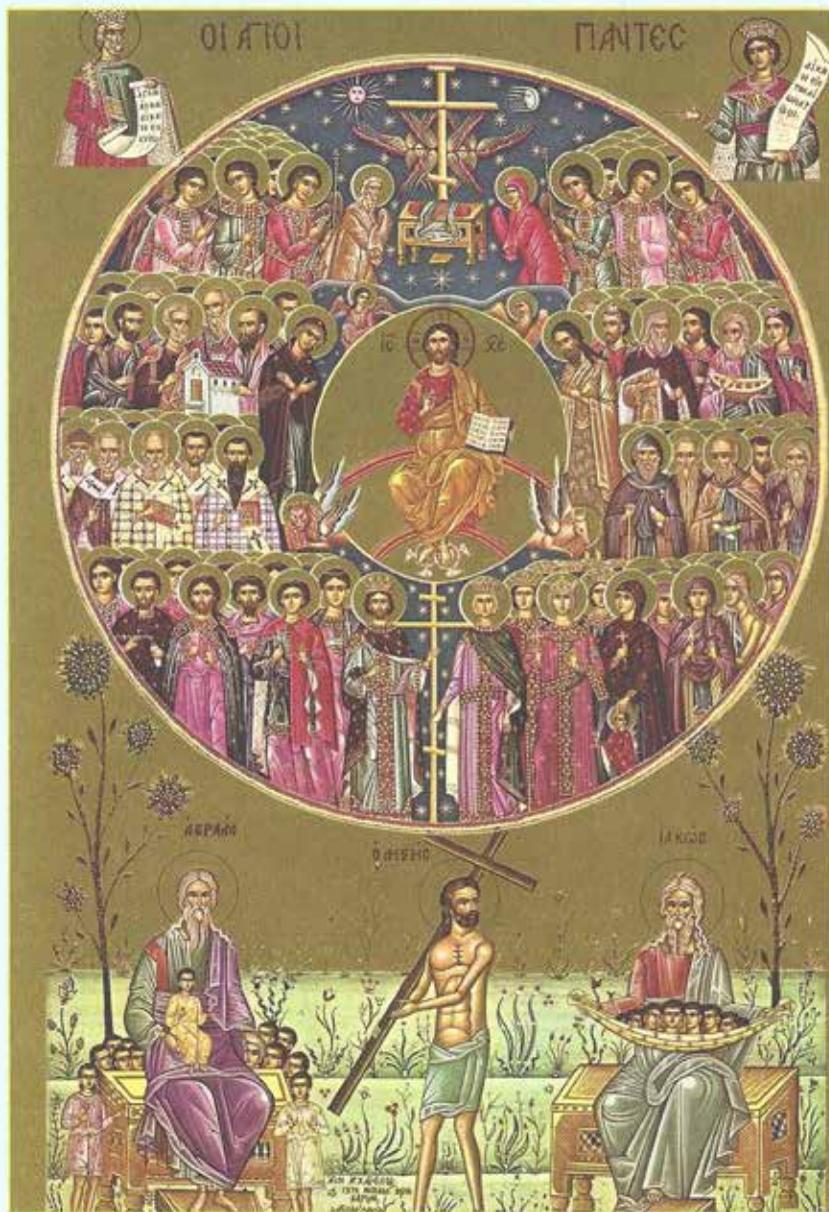


# SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*

## June 11, 2017: Sunday of All Saints

Epistle: Acts. 2: 1-11

Gospel: Jn. 7: 37-52 & 8:12

**Mon., June 12** 8:00 + Michael Spryn (Howard Smith)

**Tues., June 13** 8:00 + John & Helen Nasevich (Ruth Covalesky)

**Wed., June 14** **No Divine Liturgy Today**

**Thurs. June 15** 8:00 Health of Shirley Jacobs (A Friend)

**Fri. June 16** 8:00 + Ann Slaboda (Toni Beckage)  
6:30 pm Moleben to Jesus Christ

**Sat., June 17** **No Morning Divine Liturgy.**

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + Olga Smith (Son Howard)

**Sun., June 18** 9:00 For Our Parishioners

11:30 + Gene Turko (Joanne, Andy, Maria & Tressa)

## The Feast of All Saints Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Angli-

cans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74<sup>th</sup> homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

## Flag Day

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag.

Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14, Americans have

commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by celebrating June 14 as Flag Day. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into

law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Scholars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official versions of



the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers' preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the then-new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag,

also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

## Brief History of the Pledge of Allegiance

*By Robert Longley, About.com Guide*

The original Pledge of Allegiance, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands -- One nation indivisible -- with liberty and justice for all," was written in September of 1892 by Francis Bellamy for "The Youth's Companion" magazine in Boston. The phrase was printed on

leaflets and sent to schools throughout the United States.

The first organized use of the Pledge of Allegiance came on Oct. 12, 1892, when some 12 million American school children recited it to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

In 1923, the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C. voted to change the words “my flag” to “the Flag of the United States of America.”

Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942, but in 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students could not be forced to recite it.

The words “under God” were

added in 1954 by then President Eisenhower, who stated at the time, “In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America’s heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country’s most powerful resource in peace and war.”

## **Blood Drive**

Valley Blood Council of the American Red Cross will host a blood drive which will take place on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 at the Eagle Hose Co., 1 Eagle Lane in Dickson City.

Sponsors of the drive are: St. Mary’s Visitation Church, Dickson

City, NBT Bank of Dickson City and the VBC. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs. This drive will be in honor of all volunteer firemen.

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Please answer the call to donate.

## **St. Cyril’s at the Ball Park**

The Railriders vs. the Iron Pigs Baseball game at PNC Field is scheduled for Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 pm. We have reserved 20 tickets @ \$12.00 per ticket and available on a “first come first served basis. Plan on wearing

your St. Cyril’s logo t-shirt/polo shirt. We can “car pool” for parishioners to get to the game, otherwise everyone will drive there on their own. Contact Fr. Nestor ASAP 570-489-2271.

## **Request for League of Ukrainian Catholics Archives**

The LUC is gathering items of old for its national archives housed at St. Basil Seminary in Stamford Connecti-

cut and is asking current members and former members to search their homes for newspaper articles, publications,

photos, Convention memorabilia, prayer cards, etc.

Initially the LUC was known as the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League in which a significant number of Olyphant's SS. Cyril and Methodius parishioners held membership. Often when someone is downsizing and moving from their home to smaller liv-

ing quarters - apartment, assisted living, nursing home, etc. - old mementoes are trashed yet could very well be extremely valuable to one's history and heritage. If you know of someone in that situation or you yourself have such items and are willing to donate them to the LUC, please approach Sandra Berta. Thank you very much.

## **Update: Pre-Rummage Sale Information for Sept. 22, 23, 24, 2017**

**DONATIONS:** Being accepted NOW in JUNE, 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)

**CONTACT:** Call to "drop off" Donations: LAUREN TELEP at 570-383-0319/ cell 646-241-9443 or Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor at St. Cyril's 570-489-2271 or call for an "exception to pick up" the donations.

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:** Clean and sale-able 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:** Gift Certificates, products or items from Retail Stores, Restaurants, Grocery Stores, and Businesses etc...Donations will be raffled on 9/24/2017, The Raffle benefits St. Cyril's Church. (Donations will be accepted for the FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS being served at this event)

Volunteers are always needed for "pick-ups" (as an exception) with their SUV/trucks through out the next few months as individuals call to donate items to the Rummage Sale. Contact Father Nestor or Lauren to be on the list to help. We just need the vehicle to help with transportation, other parishioners will help

to load and unload the donations.

As last year, Hangers and 9ft-10ft tables (to borrow) will be needed for the sale, and we will have the “Baskets of Cheer” again in our Raffle. Raffle donations can include “Gifts you received and never used or new household items purchased and never used” and we will supply the baskets. “All you have to do is .....just ask” regarding gift certificates from restaurants and stores for the raffle and all your help is appreciated. We have the Pre-rummage sale flyer for our fund raiser ( in the back of the church) for you to use, when asking for a donation.

### **F.Y.I...**

We communicate with our Parishioners through the bulletin and additional information on flyers in the back of the church for (fund raisers): Bake Sales, Fish Dinner, The Rummage Sale etc. It has been brought to my attention, the flyers are purposely taken and hidden in the restroom or the side radiators over the past year. These fund-raisers are the financial life-line of our church and every parishioner should be grateful to

all the volunteers who donate their time and work to make them all successful. Also, please do not use “graffiti” or destroy photos displayed on Church property. This is sad that this has to be printed in our bulletin, but we do not need this animosity within our parish. Volunteers work too hard, to have someone deliberately remove information flyers that will only help the fund-raisers for our church.

### **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2017 is Team #2:

Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

### **Sunday Collection for June 3 & 4, 2017: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 17 & 18, 2017**

|          | <b>Altar Boys</b>                 | <b>Lectors</b>  |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4:00 pm  | Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas 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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### *Dwarfs on the Shoulders of Giants*

There is a crowd of wings fluttering in our hearts: the holiness of the Holy One, of God, and the holiness of Christians sanctified by mortification in their faith and their love.

We have the twenty centuries of the Church's life in our blood. We are its heirs. Not only in the sense that we possess an inheritance to administer, but in the sense that we are like we are, because our ancestors were like they were. Our faith has the stamp of their faith. Our hope has the strength of their hope. Our love has the intensity of their love. Our freedom is tinged with the color of their freedom, whatever it was like: more or less bright, more or less

somber, more or less filled with laughter. We ought to know them in order to know ourselves better. We ought, as they used to say in the Middle Ages, to climb on their shoulders so as to see further.

We are dwarfs; they are giants. For this very reason we need their shoulders

By living the Word, they have scanned the horizon of God's plan for salvation. They can help us to see what they have seen.

*Tomáš Cardinal Špidlík, S.J.*

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