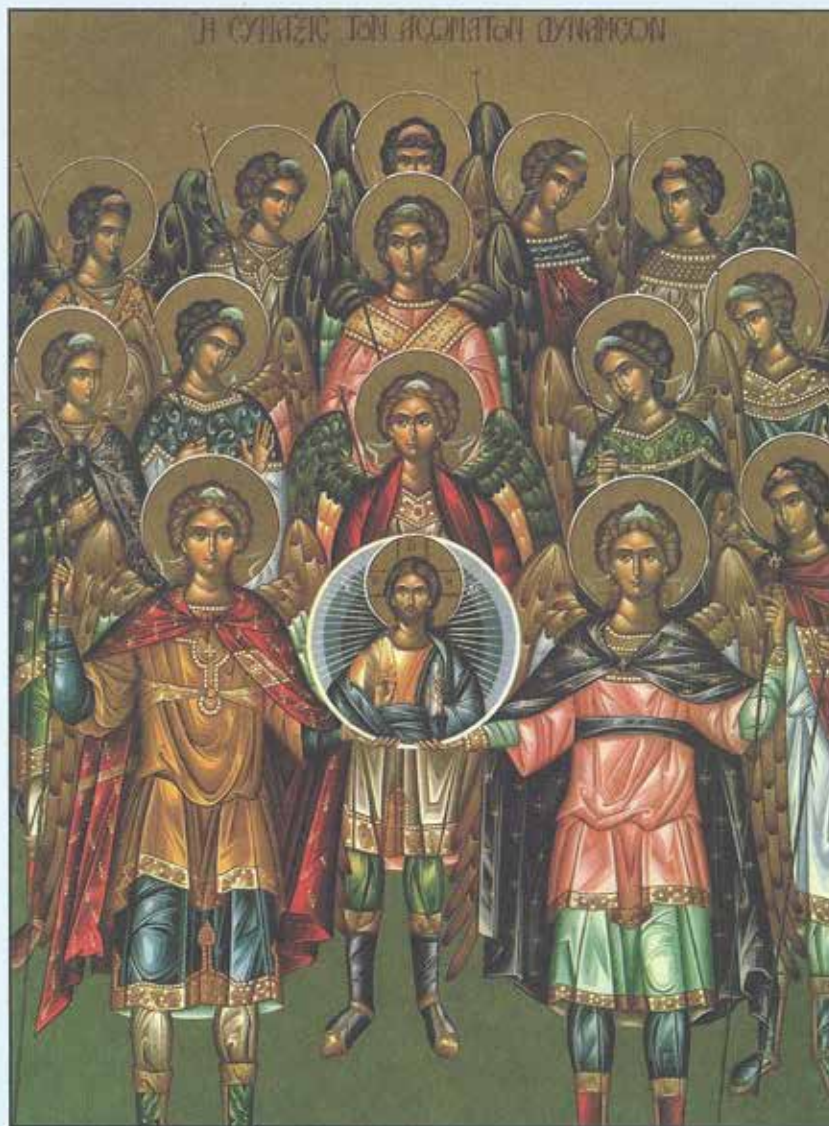


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Archangel Michael and All the Angels -- November 8th

Nov. 5, 2017: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18		Gospel: Lk. 8: 41-56
Mon., Nov. 6	8:00	God's Blessings on Sarah O'Halloran (Father Howard)
Tues., Nov. 7	8:00	+ Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter Elaine & Bob)
Wed., Nov. 8	Archangel Michael & All Angels (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Kimberly Mellow (Parents Fred & Shirley Jacobs)
Thurs., Nov. 9	8:00	+ Kay Wasnetsky (Nieces & Nephews)
Fri., Nov. 10	8:00	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband James)
Sat., Nov. 11	No Morning Divine Liturgy.	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 12	9:00	+ Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (John & Mary Ann Turko)
	11:30	+ John W., Tillie, Gene Turko Jr., & Parents (Children of Gene & Joan)

Pylypivka (Advent) Pastoral of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the U.S.A.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

“Pylypivka” or Philip’s Fast that begins on November 14th is upon us. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are once again called to embark on a journey to welcome Emmanuel among us! In a short forty days we will celebrate the Feast of Nativity of Our Lord. At the Matins of the Nativity we will sing:

“Christ is born, let us glorify Him.

Christ comes down from heaven; let us go out and meet Him. Christ lives on earth, let us exalt in joy. All you faithful sing to the Lord, for He has been glorified.” Hirmos 1, Canon Matins of the Nativity of Our Lord.

How can we prepare ourselves to welcome God among us? How will we glorify Him? Can this Christmas season be a profound and spiritual

experience for me?

In order to properly prepare to meet Christ on His feast of the Nativity, Mother Church is giving us forty days to challenge ourselves to live our Christian calling and vocation: to deepen knowledge of the Word of God, to live a life of community and personal prayer, and to perform acts of charity and mercy both in the church, and in the world. In these three points, we can describe our vocation as a Christian, as well as the vocation of the entire Church.

If every parish is called to be a place to encounter the living Christ, then Christ the Teacher must have a central place in our lives and our parish life. Now is the time to daily set aside time for reading the Sacred Scripture and to meditate upon it. We are also called to learning of Divine truth, the truths of the Christian faith and the foundations of Christian life.

Gathered together “at the breaking of the bread”, that is at the Eucharistic Sacrifice, we are mystically united among ourselves, and are also united with Christ’s sacrifice, offered to God the Father for us and by us. The Eucharist is the center of the Christian life. The parish – the community gathers for the “breaking of

the bread”, that is for the Eucharistic service. The Eucharist is at the same time the culmination of the parish life and also the source of all its spiritual blessings. Let us invite a friend or neighbor to join us for the liturgical services in our parish community.

During these days, we are called both personally, and as a member of the community to pray, for oneself, and for others, to offer one’s self as a sacrifice to God, to forgive others and to ask God for forgiveness, to bless God and to be a blessing for others.

What is most important: all of us together are called to strive for holiness, to be a truly holy people. What does this mean? In parish life, every liturgical service and all of our liturgical practices and prayer life is to promote the sanctification of the time and the place where we are, and we ourselves become sanctified as well, as a gift consecrated to God. That is why during the time of preparation for coming of our Lord we should guard oneself from sin, and strive to grow in the virtue of moderation, purity of body and soul, according to one’s state in life.

We are also called to look beyond ourselves and be of service to others, especially the less fortunate among

us. During the Philip Feast let us look at our community and find those who need our help and assistance. We can visit the sick, assist the poor, give food for the hungry, care for orphans, support those who suffer injustice, promote peace, and offer comfort for those grieving. We can perform

all of this in our community where we live and work, as the needy live among us.

Let us start this season together! Let us pray, meditate upon the Word of God, sacrifice for one another and trust in God. Then with joy we will be able to welcome God among us!

+Stefan Soroka

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Eparch of Stamford)

+Benedict Aleksiychuk (Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago)

+Bohdan J. Danylo (author; Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma)

+John Bura (Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia)

+Andriy Rabiw (Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia)

Why Do We Need to Go to Church?

Many people who rarely attend church have a kind of consumer's attitude towards church. They come to church, for instance, before a long trip – to light a candle just for the sake of it, so that nothing would happen on the road. They come for two or three minutes, hurriedly cross themselves and, having lit a candle, go on their way. Some, entering a church, say: "I want to pay money so that priest would pray for such-and-such" –

and pay money and leave. The priest needs to pray, but these people themselves do not participate in the prayer.

This is a wrong attitude. The Church is not a machine for buying "Snickers": drop your coin and candy falls out. The Church is a place to go to live and study. If you are experiencing certain difficulties or if one of your neighbors has fallen ill, do not limit yourself to going and putting up a candle. Come to church for the

divine service, immerse yourself in the elements of prayer, and lift up your prayer for your need along with the priest and the community. It is important that attendance at church be regular. It is good to attend church every Sunday. The Sunday Divine Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy on great Feast Days, is the time when we can, by giving up one or two hours of our earthly affairs, plunge ourselves into the elements of prayer.

It is good to come to church with one's entire family, in order to receive Confession and Communion. If one learns to live from Sunday to Sunday, in the rhythm of the church services, in the rhythm of the Divine Liturgy, then one's whole life will change dramatically. Above all, it will become disciplined. The believer knows that next Sunday he will have to give an answer to God, and he lives differently: he does not allow himself many

sins that he would otherwise allow himself if he did not go to church. Moreover, the Divine Liturgy itself is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, that is, to unite with God not only spiritually, but also physically.

Finally, the Divine Liturgy is a comprehensive service at which the entire church community and each of its members can pray for everyone that troubles or worries him or her. The faithful during the Liturgy can pray for themselves, and for their neighbors, and for their future, bringing repentance for their sins and asking God's blessing for their further ministry. It is very important to learn to participate fully in the Divine Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the center of church prayer, AND IT SHOULD BECOME THE CENTER OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

Homemade Pyrohy for Your November Supper

The parishioners of Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church are sponsoring a homemade pyrohy sale on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Av-

enue. These are freshly made that day and are not frozen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders must be placed no later than Monday, October 30 and are being taken by Leslie at 570 342-3749.

Annual Harvest Dinner

Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Sunday, November 12, 2017 - 12:30pm

St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages.

Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under.

Reservations close Monday, November 6 - no tickets sold at the door.

Take-outs available by advance order - must pick up promptly between 11:30 am and 12:00 noon.

Several door prizes will be awarded along with a Basket of Cheer raffle.

For reservations contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514.

L.U.C. Meeting

Father Myron Myronyuk, pastor of Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Blessed Martyr Mykola Charnetsky - on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2:00 pm to be followed by a meeting of our North

Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Review of the recent National Convention hosted by the Council will be the primary agenda item. This is a public event of St. Vladimir parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

Bus Trip

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a Christmas time bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 9, 2017. There will be three stops in Manhattan: the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side, Bryant Park's

Winter Village housing 125 vendors in midtown, and the Christmassy Fifth Avenue area. We'll have an opportunity to buy some tasty Ukrainian goodies, see many beautiful Christmas decorations as only New York City can do it including the fa-

mous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and more. Participants can follow the above three-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue will be at 8:00 am and departure from New York City for

home will be at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and to make reservations contact Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Checks should be made out to St. Vladimir Church and mailed to Paul at 55 Waterford Road, Dalton PA 18414.

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SAVE THE DATE ~ Sunday December 17, 2017

St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, and Wonderworker, is scheduled to arrive at our parish, on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.! In keeping with last year's visit, this will be a non-publicized, private Church Community event. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their friends, neighbors,

and, extended family members, to enjoy one of our most beloved Ukrainian Traditions. Children of all ages are welcome, and encouraged to attend. More details regarding this very special visit will be posted in upcoming weekly bulletins.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2017 is Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene

Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for October 28 & 29, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 11 & 12, 2017

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

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Messengers of God's Presence

Angels are a commercial enterprise. It is easy to find images of them in books, statuettes, lapel pins, and holy cards. They convey assurance and holiness to many people. Yet a moment's reflection upon the biblical witness to angels reminds us that they are about much more than the sweetness of a beautiful face with wings.

There is a long tradition in the Hebrew Bible that God reigns in the midst of a heavenly council of angels. The First Book of Kings 22:19 describes such a scene: "I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, with all the host of heaven standing beside him to the right and to the left of him." The biblical tradition, therefore, presents God's will as being mediated to humans through the activity of spiritual beings. The angels bear the news of God's good favor to earth.

Because angels are messengers of God's presence to us, their actions in the bible portray God's justice, love and protection. God is

just, and many times the bible presents angels executing God's justice. But God's love is also revealed as angels announce the great events of salvation.

There has been concern throughout Christian history that the respect we direct towards angels should not compete with the worship which we give to God alone. St. Augustine is credited with the most useful explanation of how to keep the proper perspective. He teaches that we venerate angels "out of charity, not out of servitude." Angels are messengers of God's presence. They are not intended to be an object of fascination in themselves but a reflection back to the love of the One who sends them. If angels do not lead us to a deeper commitment in our relationship with God, they have failed utterly in their mission.

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