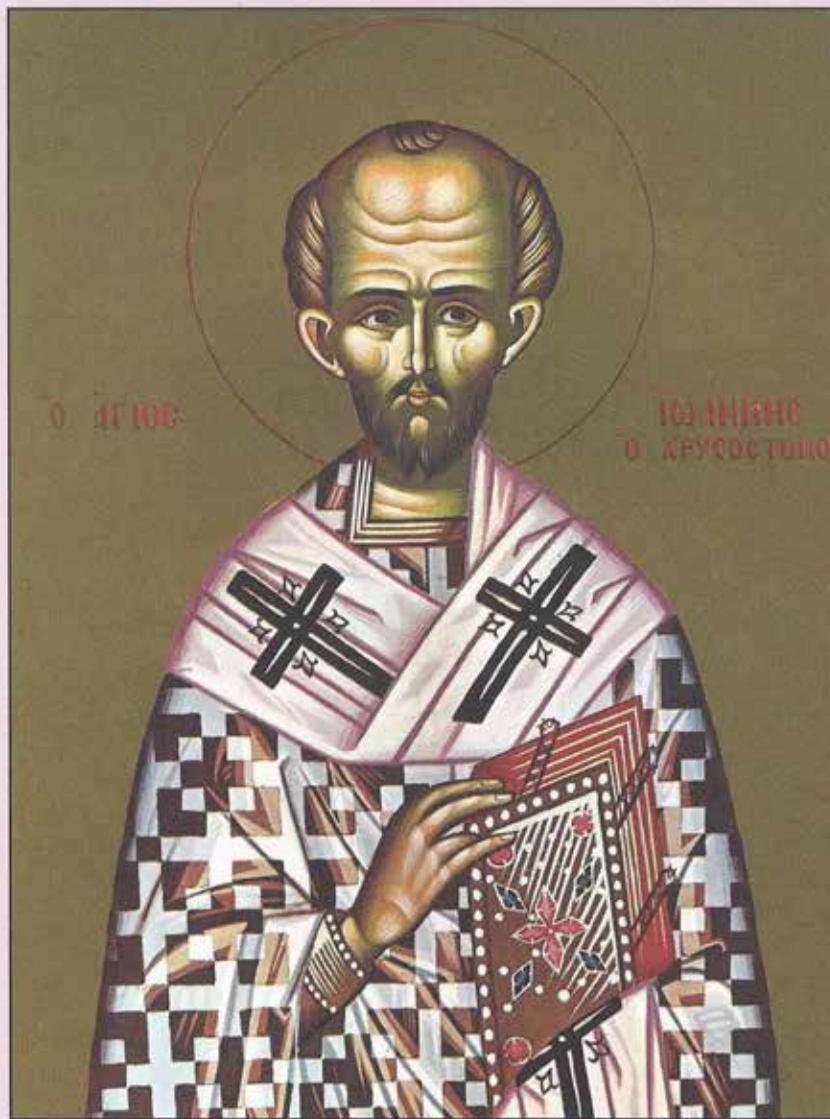


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of Saint John Chrysostom -- November 13th*

**Nov. 12, 2017: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

Epistle: Eph. 2: 4-10

Gospel: Lk. 10: 25-37

<b>Mon., Nov. 13</b>	8:00	+ Marge & Frank Evanitsky (Michaelene Davis)
<b>Tues., Nov. 14</b>	8:00	+ Andrew Mitchko (Lenny Mitchko)
<b>Wed., Nov. 15</b>	8:00	+ Paul Wasnetsky (Children & Grandchildren)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 16</b>	8:00	+ Susan & Andrew Horvath (Daughter Eileen & Roman Kushner)
<b>Fri., Nov. 17</b>	8:00	+ Rose Marie Kordish (Andrea Novak & Family)
<b>Sat., Nov. 18</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy.</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
<b>Sun., Nov. 19</b>	9:00	God's Blessings on Michael Joseph O'Halloran (Grandfather Howard) 11:30 + William Granza (Bill & Jane Granza)

**The Feast of St. Josaphat**

November 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Josaphat. St. Josaphat (1580 - 1623) is one of those figures in history caught in a web of controversy where even good people find it hard to keep their heads. He was caught in a battle between Catholic and Orthodox, Latin and Byzantine, and found himself criticized and opposed on every side: by the Orthodox for being Catholic and by the Latins for being Byzantine. He held firmly to Catholic unity against the Orthodox and just as

firmly to Byzantine rights against the Latins. At that period of history, it was a no-win situation, and he is the great martyr to the cause of unity.

St. Josaphat was born in Lithuania about 1580 into a Catholic family and early promoted Catholic unity in a country divided between Orthodox and Catholic. He entered the Byzantine monastery of Holy Trinity in Vilna in 1604 and was elected Catholic archbishop of Polotsk in 1614. While clinging firmly to unity with Rome,

he firmly opposed those Latins who saw unity only in Latin terms and would suppress Byzantine traditions in the name of Catholic unity. He firmly opposed the Latinization of his people and made enemies and severe critics among the Latin clergy of Poland.

Politically, the Catholic and Orthodox clergy were rivals in Lithuania, and the archbishopric of Polotsk was one of the contested sees. An Orthodox archbishop of Polotsk was appointed, and Josaphat was accused of taking office invalidly. Many of his Byzantine Catholics were won over to allegiance to Orthodoxy. Even the king of Poland wavered in his support of Josaphat, especially when Polish



bishops accused him of betraying his faith by not Latinizing his diocese.

One of the hotbeds of trouble in Josaphat's diocese was Witebsk, and in November of 1623 he went there to bring about peace in his flock, preaching in

the churches and trying to reconcile differences. On November 12, a mob broke into the house where he was staying, shouting hatred and violence. When he confronted them, he was struck in the head with a halberd and shot. His mangled body was dragged out and thrown into the river. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867.

St. Josaphat is the Patron Saint for our Seminary in Washington, D.C.

## Veterans Day



spend a moment in silence to pray for each of them, especially those wounded and ill warriors still suffering for our freedom.

Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by each and every member of the Armed Forces, who have served or who are serving now and who bear the wounds of war.

To these brave men and women we say: **Thank you for your service.** Please

*Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, please pray to your Son, Our Lord, for our warriors and veterans, for our Country and our continued freedom. Amen.*

## Our Condolences

In in Christian charity, please remember the soul of + **Thomas Matkosky** who recently fell asleep in the Lord. +

Thomas was buried from St. Cyril's on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## Help! I am Bored in church. A 7-Step Method to Fix That.

**1. Turn off the car radio on the way to the Divine Liturgy.**

One of the best ways to mentally prepare for The Divine Liturgy is to be-

gin before you arrive. Start clearing out your distractions in advance by spending your drive time to the parish in silence. Turn off the car radio, shut off

your phone, and quiet down the talking if you have others in the car with you. Leave any important conversations for after the Liturgy. Consciously start making your transition from secular to sacred. Let that silence sink in.

### **2. Get to Liturgy at least ten minutes early.**

By clearing out your mind on the way to Liturgy and making room for silence, you have already taken steps to prepare yourself for prayer. Use that preparation well by spending at least a few minutes in silent prayer before Liturgy begins. This will help to settle you down and keep you attentive. More time is better, but a few minutes is better than none at all. This may take practice, but over time you can develop the habit.

### **3. Pray Business Class.**

Why is it that everyone wants front row seats at a musical concert or at a game, but the last seats in church? Avoid looking for a place in the last pews of the church right at the back, especially when there is plenty of space up front. They say that the front pews receive more grace! Seriously, though, sitting up front will help you avoid distractions. If all that is in front of you is the altar, it is much easier to stay focused on what is happening there. You will

also be less distracted by what is happening in the pews around you.

### **4. Come on out, you bathroom singers.**

Divine Liturgy is not an event for spectators. Participate! Say all the prayers and sing all the songs. If it helps, follow along with each part of Liturgy using the liturgy book. If you are engaging in all of this, it is a rewarding occupation for the mind, and God will undoubtedly assist you to better grasp and understand His sacred truths.

### **5. Homilies are so boring!**

How often have I heard that? And true, sometimes a priest might meander a bit, but homilies are pretty interesting if you really listen to them, and the priest has probably put a lot of effort into preparing it. If you get bored during lectures in school or college or watching the evening news or scrolling through your Facebook feed, ask yourself if the problem is with you. Give yourself a challenge: Listen to the homily and try to capture the essence of it in 140 characters or less.

### **6. 167 to 1.**

Remember that the Eucharist is Thanksgiving, and if you are just a Sunday churchgoer, then you are giving God your full attention for just 1

hour or less. The rest of the 167 hours each week, God gives you as a gift and doesn't get in your way. Ask yourself how many good things you have received from the Lord. Isn't it right and just that we spend 1 hour each week worshipping the Creator with all our hearts?

### **7. A perfect 7 – Mary.**

The final word belongs to Mary, Queen of heaven and earth and our Mother. Ask Mary to intercede for you during the Divine Liturgy. Pray to her for

guidance and strength. She was always by Our Lord's side and she will remain by yours as well. No human being understands you better than Mary does.

Follow these 7 steps and you will slowly find the beauty of the Eucharist opening up before you. As with any other activity, this too will take time. Don't expect to be charged up on the first Sunday itself. All great tastes develop in time and with patience. You cannot make great music on the first day. Neither was Rome built in a day.

## **A Little Humor**

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do."

The mother exclaimed, "But that's

terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?"

The little girl replied, "My homework."

## **Baby Bottle Collection**

Pennsylvania Pro-Life is holding their "Baby Bottle Collection" at this time. There is a basket full of "Baby Bottles" in the vestibule of the Church. Please take a bottle home with you and fill it

up with your donations. These bottles can then be returned to the Church and forwarded to Pennsylvania Pro-Life. Thank you for your support.

## **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 famous Christmas tree at Rocke-

feller 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.

### **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 November 4 & 5, 2017: \$**

#### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 18 & 19, 2017**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Nicholas Muchisky	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Prayer is the Light of the Spirit*

Prayer and conversation with God is a supreme good. ... I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call Him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe.

The spirit... like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God

provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature. ... I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God ... a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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