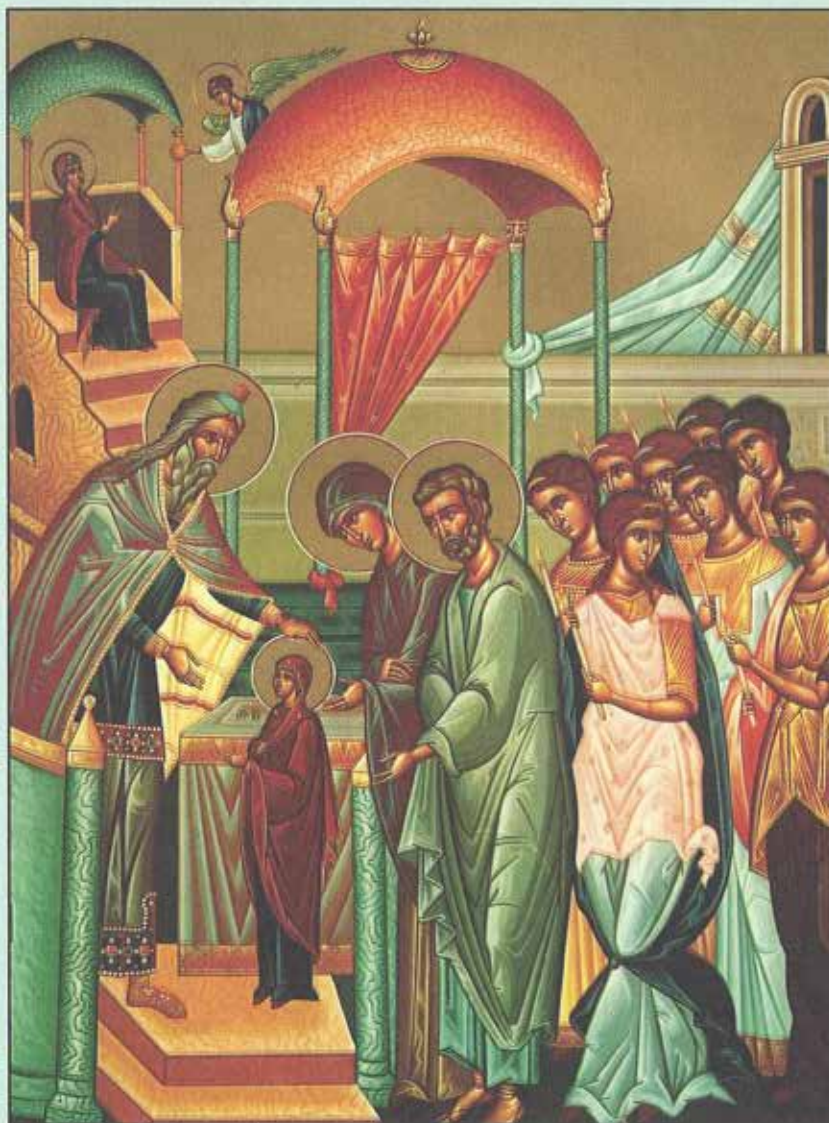


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple -- November 21st

Nov. 19, 2017: Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Thess. 1: 1-10

Gospel: Lk. 17: 20-25

Mon., Nov. 20 8:00 + Michael J. Korzempa (Legate)

For the Holy Day:

7:00 pm + Ann Marie Chelak (Paul & Barbara Halloran)

Tues., Nov. 21 **Entrance of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)**

9:00 + Deceased of the Stecco Family (Joan & Ed Stecco)

Wed., Nov. 22 8:00 + Harry Smetana Jr. (Legate)

Thurs., Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 Thanksgiving to God for Our Blessings

Fri., Nov. 24 8:00 + Agnes Uhrin (Legate)

Sat., Nov. 25 **No Morning Divine Liturgy.**

10:30 Confessions

2:00 Confessions

4:00 pm + Michael Augustine (Wife Martha & Sons)

Sun., Nov. 26 9:00 For Our Parishioners

11:30 + Larry Krisanda (Wife Anna Mae)



Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Commemorated November 21st



When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary, to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of

the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance.

Thanksgiving Greetings

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Someone once said that he feels sorry for atheists on Thanksgiving Day because they have no one to thank. The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 knew they had SOMEONE to thank, since one

of their motives in coming to the new world was their desire for religious freedom. Like the chosen people of the Bible, they came to a land full of promise and they soon recognized their debt to God by beginning our custom of Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day among us is traditionally a family day, a time for homecomings and the sharing of a sumptuous dinner. We will celebrate a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am this year so that as a Parish Family we can gather together to give thanks and then to return to our homes to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal. This year, let us begin this Thanksgiving Day properly by coming together as God's children in His Home - our Church. We should gather there to express thanks to God for all His many favors. As Americans, we should express our gratitude

for the blessings of living as we do in a free and prosperous land. As Christians we should gather to express our gratitude for our faith, a faith that gives us the joy of knowing that God is our Loving Father.

This coming Thanksgiving day reminds us that we, both as Catholic Christians and as Americans, have indeed much to be thankful for. Above all, it reminds us that we have SOMEONE to thank. As a "Parish family" let us gather in our "Family House of Worship" at the beginning of this Thanksgiving Day to express our sincere gratitude to God, Our Father!

Did You Know...

...that the first Thanksgiving took place in 1621, when the Pilgrims held a three day feast at Plymouth, Rock, MA to celebrate the bountiful harvest? During the first year, half of the 110 Pilgrims had left England in 1620 survived the cold winter. During their second year, however, failed Pilgrims flourished with plentiful food sources, thanks in large part to the friendship and guidance of an Abnaki Indian named Squanto. Therefore, by proclamation of the Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, the first Thanksgiving celebration was held in the fall

of 1621. He also invited the neighboring Native Americans to join with the colonists in the celebration.

...that Thanksgiving became a national holiday through the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln in October of 1863? Because the nation was struggling in the midst of the Civil War, Lincoln felt that Americans needed to set aside time to call to mind and acknowledge all the many gifts with which our nation was endowed – land, freedom, food – were gifts given to us by God. A day was needed when we could forget our differences and re-

member our many blessings. In the act of calling to mind our blessings, a sense of gratitude to the Giver of all the good gifts is an obvious consequence.

...that it was common in many ancient civilizations to have celebrations of gratitude for good gifts received? In justice, they believed that they owed Divine Providence their thanks for all the good gifts of creation.

...that our Jewish ancestors likewise celebrated an annual "Thanksgiving?" Actually it was two celebrations: Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. These were observed in the spring when the first crops were harvested and lambs were born. Gratitude extended beyond the gifts of creation to the recognition that God had delivered

them from the slavery.

...that it was at the Passover celebration that Jesus "took the cup, and after giving thanks... And when He had taken some Bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

...that the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving?" In the Eucharist we come together to give thanks and praise to God for all that Jesus did for us, His death and resurrection, and for all that God continues to do every day.

... that the Divine Liturgy is a supreme act of praise and thanksgiving to God?

Humor... White Hair

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Singing in Church

There are many who would say "I don't have a good voice" or "I'm not a

singer." To them I would say -- We are God's greatest creation -- and within

each of us is the voice God gave us. It is the only musical instrument created by God for all others are the invention of man. Who are we to judge, to de-

cide that the voice inside each of us if good or bad? Remember, God also created the birds -- and each, including the crow, SINGS!

From the Archbishop's Chancery

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our archieparchial website at: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>. You may also view our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/> and our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

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The Way can be emailed directly to you for FREE through the internet. To receive The Way, simply send your e-mail address to: theway@ukrcap.org. You may also share The Way with family and friends by sending their e-mail addresses to: theway@ukrcap.org. All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read The Way, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

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 Coun-

cil 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 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.

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 11 & 12, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 25 & 26, 2017

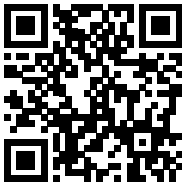
	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Chylak	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Szczesniak -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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Give Thanks to the Lord

We, all of us, ought always to give thanks to God for both the universal and the particular gifts of soul and body that He bestows on us. The universal gifts consist of the four elements and all that comes into being through them, as well as all the marvelous works of God mentioned in the Divine Scriptures. The particular gifts consist of all that God has given to each individual. These include wealth, so that one can perform acts of charity; poverty, so that one can endure it with patience and gratitude; authority, so that one can exercise right judgment and establish virtue; obedience and service, so that one can more readily attain salvation of soul; health, so that one can assist those in need and undertake work worthy of God; sickness, so that one may earn the crown of patience; spiritual knowledge

and strength, so that one may acquire virtue; weakness and ignorance, so that, turning one's back on worldly things, one may be under obedience in stillness and humility; unsought loss of goods and possessions, so that one may deliberately seek to be saved and may be helped when incapable of shedding all one's possessions or even of giving alms; ease and prosperity, so that one may voluntarily struggle and suffer to attain the virtues and thus become dispassionate and fit to save other souls; trials and hardship so that those who cannot eradicate their own will may be saved in spite of themselves, and those capable of joyful endurance may attain perfection.

St. Peter of Damascus

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