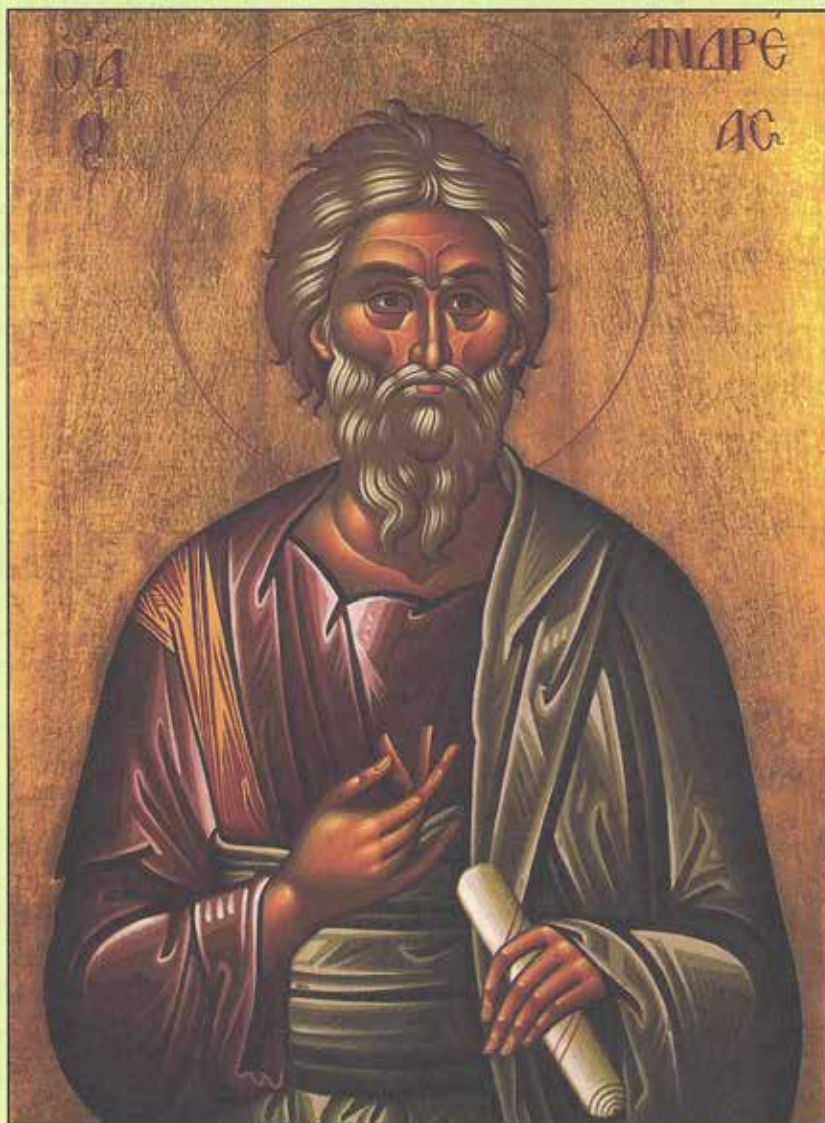


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Holy Apostle Saint Andrew -- November 30th

Nov. 26, 2017: Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Eph. 4: 1-6

Gospel: Lk. 13: 10-17

Mon., Nov. 27 8:00 + Gloria Smetana (Legate)

Tues., Nov. 28 8:00 + Stephen Chezik (Family)

Wed., Nov. 29 8:00 + Pearl Kostic (Family)

Thurs., Nov. 30 8:00 + Madelyn Zielinski (Frank & Eleanor Zielinski)

Fri., Dec. 1 8:00 + Andrew Chezik (Family)

Sat., Dec. 2 **No Morning Divine Liturgy.**

10:30 Confessions

2:00 Confessions

4:00 pm + Michael & Rose Rutsky (Carol)

Sun., Dec. 3 9:00 For Our Parishioners

11:30 + Gene & Joan Turko & Gene Jr. (Jo Ann, Andy,
Maria & Tressa)

Some Thanksgiving Humor

Thanksgiving Divorce!

A man in Chicago calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Dallas and tell

her." Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this," She calls Chicago immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says,

“they’re coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way.”

Taming A Cussing Parrot!

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird’s mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird’s attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to “clean up” the bird’s vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got even angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the

freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he had hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John’s outstretched arm and said, “I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior.” John was stunned at the change in the bird’s attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, “May I ask what the turkey did?”

P.U.S.H.

A man was sleeping at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. So, this the man did, day after day.

For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders

set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind: “You have been pushing against that rock

for a long time, and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man. Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough." That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. "Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown; your hands are callused from

constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. That you have done. Now, my friend, I will move the rock."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just a simple obedience and faith in Him. By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God who moves mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong ... just P.U.S.H.!

When the job gets you down ... just P.U.S.H.!

When people don't react the way you think they should ... just P.U.S.H.!

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due ... just P.U.S.H.!

When people just don't understand you ... just P.U.S.H.!

P= Pray

U= Until

S= Something

H= Happens

From the Archbishop's Chancery

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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 instru-

ment created by God for all others are the invention of man. Who are we to judge, to decide that the voice inside each of us is good or bad? Remember, God also created the birds -- and each, including the crow, SINGS!

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.

'Tis the Season

We will begin to decorate our Church for the Christmas season on Sunday,

December 3, 2017 beginning at 1 pm. This year we will have five new ar-

tificial Christmas Trees donated from the Rummage Sale. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to come and lend a

helping hand. We especially need the men of the Parish to handle the ladders and the Manger.

Rummage Sale 2018

With the success of our Rummage Sale 2017, we do plan on having a Rummage Sale in September 2018. At this time, we still own the school building. We have stored our racks, tables and books etc.... in the gym for 2018. It is early, but if anyone is planning on redecorating or having an estate sale, we will accept furniture through out the next 11 months. All other merchandise will be accepted in the summer/fall of 2018. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 concerning any furniture/merchandise donations. If the status of the school changes, we will have the rummage sale earlier than planned.

Andrew's Pence

The Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) has decided to hold a collection, called Andrew's Pence, to support faithful of UGCC abroad where there is no permanent ecclesiastical structure.

More than 100 years ago Ukrainians started to leave their native land in search of a better life, material welfare, and freedom. Many settled on another continent, where church buildings of the UGCC are not every-

where, so that the faithful could not attend services in their native Church. Wishing to provide all faithful of the UGCC with spiritual care, the bishops call upon all to support the faithful of the UGCC abroad in prayer and financially, collecting the so-called Andrew's Pence.

According to the Protocol of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, the "Andrew's Pence" collection is to be taken in all parishes each year in the month of December.

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 mid-

town, 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.

Christmas Carol Sing Along

YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Parish for their 24th Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in the church on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, Sunday, December 10, 2017 starting at 2 p.m. Join in the singing of some very sacred, joyful and inspiring

Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all prepare to welcome the Newborn Son of God into our hearts and homes.”

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 December 2 & 3, 2017

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
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| 4:00 pm | Nicholas Borowski -- Nicholas Muchisky | Bill Vervan |
| 9:00 am | Joseph Chylak -- John Nasevich | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle | Frank Lesnefsky |

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Hallowed Be Thy Name

How merciful the Lord is to us, how kind and richly compassionate! He wished us to repeat this prayer in God's sight, to call the Lord our Father and, as Christ is God's Son, be called in turn sons of God! None of us would ever have dared to utter this name unless He Himself had allowed us to pray in this way. And therefore, dear friends, we should bear in mind and realize that when we call God our Father we ought also to act like sons and daughters. If we are pleased to call him Father, let him in turn be pleased to call us sons and daughters.

We should live like the temples of God we are, so that it can be seen that God lives in us. No act of ours should be unworthy of the spirit. Now that we have begun to live in heaven and in spirit, all our thoughts and actions should be heavenly and spiritual; for, as the Lord God himself has said: Those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be de-

spised. And the blessed Apostle wrote in his letter: You are not your own; you were bought with a great price. So glorify and bear God in your body.

We go on to say, May your name be hallowed. It is not that we think to make God holy by our prayers; rather we are asking God that His name may be made holy in us. Indeed, how could God be made holy, He who is the source of holiness? Still, because He Himself said: Be holy, for I am holy, we pray and beseech Him that we who have been hallowed in baptism may persevere in what we have begun. And we pray for this every day, for we have need of daily sanctification; sinning every day, we cleanse our faults again and again by constant sanctification.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

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