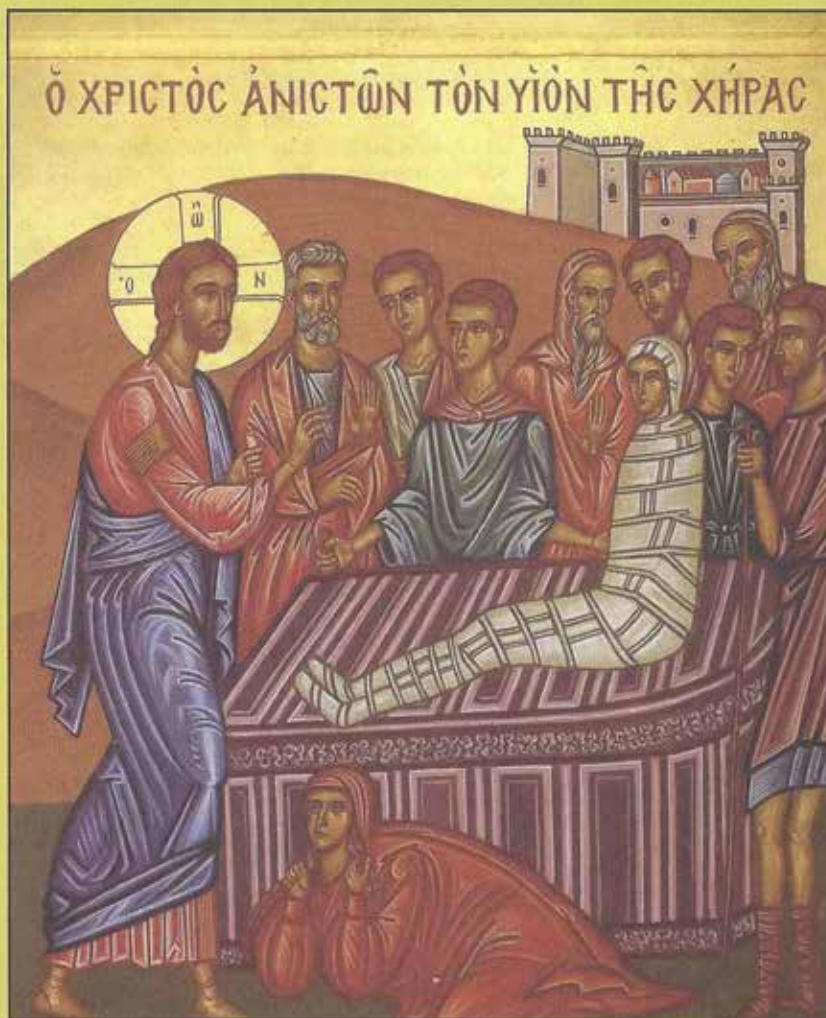


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Raising of the Son of the Widow of Naim

October 8, 2017: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost	
Epistle: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11	
Gospel: Lk. 7: 11-16	
Mon., Oct. 9	8:00 + Tamara Kowal (Dorothy Zinsky)
Tues., Oct. 10	8:00 +Michael Spryn (Jeffrey, Sherry, Olivia & Colin Chmil)
Wed., Oct. 11	8:00 + Helen & Joseph Beckage (Daughters)
Thurs., Oct. 12	8:00 + Jacob Jablonski (Daughter Gloria)
Fri., Oct. 13	8:00 + Bill Davis (Michaelene Davis)
Sat., Oct. 14	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Petra Sedlak (Family)
Sun., Oct. 15	9:00 + Nicholas Zinsky (Wife Dorothy) 11:30 For Our Parishioners

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka: Tragedy Confronts Our Thoughts As To The Value Of Life

The recent tragic loss of life and well-being in Las Vegas and from the terrorism act in Edmonton, Canada, preceded by the loss of life and major hardships experienced as a result of hurricanes in the Caribbean Islands, Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas have caused all of us to reflect on the preciousness of life. As we pray for the victims of these tragedies, we reflect on the gift of life each of us is given. One's thoughts during prayers are filled with thanksgiving for the gift of life. We renew our personal resolve to value and cherish this precious gift of life shared

with loved ones. Hopefully each of us will be motivated to give greater thought and commitment to efforts to value and protect life from the conception of life to natural death. Perhaps our best testimony to the innocent lives lost in the tragedies of recent weeks could be our own commitment to ensure respect for life from conception to natural death.

The gift of life is endangered by destructive forces of nature, and the manipulative and controlling hearts and minds of humanity. Innocent life is daily taken by those who advocate abortion and eutha-

nasia. Our efforts are needed to support people in every stage of life. Can we do more to advocate and assist those who are mentally and physically handicapped? The weak and elderly also require our love and attention for their special needs.

Let's cherish the gift of life given to us generously by God. Express our gratitude to Almighty God in our

prayers and with thankful hearts. Our expressions of gratitude ought to lead us to active commitment to love and serve in whatever ways are presented to us in the journey of life. Each October we renew our commitment for RESPECT FOR LIFE! Celebrate the giftedness of life given to us by God.

Our Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education program for the school year 2017/2018 will begin on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Classes for Grades 3 through 8 will be held in the New Hall from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Classes for Grades 1 and 2 will be held in the rectory basement. Grade 2 classes

will be conducted from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and grade 1 will begin at 10:15 am until 11:15 am. Any questions concerning our Religious Education Program can be directed to Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This year, on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 11:00AM in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. Metropolitan Stefan Soroka will be joining with our married faithful in celebrating the Divine Liturgy honoring Married Life.

We invite all of our married faithful wishing to celebrate their wedding anniversary in this very special way to come and join in the celebration! It will be a celebration of their love and commitment to each other in the holy state of Matrimony and a witness to the world of

their life-long commitment to the Holy Mystery of Crowning, the Sacred Sacrament of Matrimony.

During the Divine Liturgy, they will renew their wedding vows, as they gather with other jubilarians from throughout the Archeparchy to celebrate their love, faith, and commitment to each other in the presence of Almighty God and family and friends. After the Divine Liturgy, a dinner with the Archbishop will be an opportunity for all to break bread together.

League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

The primary purposes of the LUC are:

- To deepen love for God by personal sanctification and example through the practice of our Catholic faith in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.
- To support our hierarchy, clergy and religious both spiritually and materially.
- To aid in the education of seminarians and religious.
- To foster spiritual retreats for adults and for our youth.
- To support the training of the membership in the religious education of the youth in our parishes and in various programs on the parish level.
- To develop artistic and cultural pursuits consonant with our Ukrainian Catholic heritage.
- Founded in 1933, the work of the LUC has been to bring the faithful together in both spiritual and social activities throughout the parishes of

the Metropolia. It has encouraged membership from all parishes within the four Eparchies and it has been the forerunner of the “Vibrant Parish” program. The current focus of the League is to combine our purposes with those of the “Vibrant Parish - a place to encounter the living Christ” program as initiated by our Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, in his pastoral letter of December 2, 2011, looking towards the year 2020 and beyond, for a renewal of our church life, a transformation to a Vibrant Parish through: the Word of God, the Sacraments, Prayer, Serving One’s Neighbor, Leadership, Fostering Unity and a Missionary Spirit. It is through these components of the Pastoral letter that we can come to encounter the living Christ in our parishes and in our communities. Membership in the LUC is open to all Ukrainian Catholics.

Memorial Concert

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, whose members sacrificed their lives fighting for a sovereign, independent Ukrainian state during World War II. Equally important is the 70th Anniversary of Akcja “Wisła”, the forced deportation of over 150,000 Ukrainians

from their ancestral lands. These are momentous milestones in the history of Ukraine and the Ukrainian American diaspora. In this historic commemorative year, a National Committee has planned a cultural evening of solidarity and remembrance. On October 14th, 2017, at 5pm, a Memorial Concert will take place at the

Ukrainian American Cultural Center in Whippany, NJ. On October 15th, 2017, at 2pm, a Memorial Concert will take place at the Ukrainian Educational & Cultural Center in Philadelphia, PA. Among other

performances, the featured entertainers will be Taras Chubay and the Pikkdardiyska Tertsiya, all well-known artists from Lviv, Ukraine.

Book Sale

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish at St. Joseph Church will hold its 5th Annual Fund Raiser Book Sale. It will be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1625 North Main Ave, Scranton, PA (at Theodore Street, near Green Ridge Street in North Scranton) on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Church.

Over 1,000 books (soft and hard cover) for all ages: adults and kids.

Lunch and baked goods will be available for purchase. Free Parking at the corner of North Main and Ferdinand Street,

Scranton.

Book donations gratefully received by October 14th, prior to the sale. Call Paul Campbell or Rev. Eric Berman, Pastor 570-343-0634 to arrange to drop off of books. No text books and no encyclopedias, no Reader Digest condense books. Clean and salable. Large type prints are greatly appreciated, especially religious and children's books.

Books are being recycled, priced to sell cheap, and helps the environment by not being thrown in the trash or to the local dump.

Bus Trip

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a Christmastime 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 8:00am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30pm. 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 at 55 Waterford Road, Dalton PA 18414. St. Vladimir Church and mailed to Paul

Rummage Sale 2017 “Pay It Forward” And Clean Up!!!

“Pay it Forward” was accomplished by the Parishioners after its 7th Annual Fund Raiser Rummage Sale in September 2017. Items left over from the rummage sale were donated to various upcoming other Church rummages sales in the area, food pantry, and non-profit organizations. Over 50 boxes of household items, purses, holiday items, new t-shirts, etc.... were donated to The United Neighborhood of Scranton, off of Olive Street on October 4th.

We thank the Parishioner who delivered the goods to “the United Neighborhood”: Paul Mohila, Michelene Davis, Father Nestor, Ron Bartkowski and Lauren Telep. Marcella Gawron and Marla Beckage delivered items to other various other non-profit organizations.

Volunteers are still needed to “Clean up” the school gym. We still have a few more tables to “pack” and return to non-profit organizations. We plan to complete this on Monday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Once completed, the remaining goods will be delivered on Tuesday, October 10th. Volunteers with cars/vans/truck will be needed to transport these items starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

The remaining raffle baskets will be at the Rectory, and you must call Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 to coordinate a time to pick them up.

Information regarding the outcome of the Rummage Sale of 2017 will be printed in future bulletins.

We are very thankful to everyone who volunteers and helps in anyway possible. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443 for additional information.

Rummage Sale Report

The profit of the 2017 Rummage Sale Fund Raiser has increased 62.45% from the Rummage Sale in 2016 (\$19,026.79 net profit)

Thank you to all of our volunteers, especially Lauren Telep, our Chairwoman.

Raffle winners, volunteers and thanks etc.... information will be published in future bulletins.

The 2017 Rummage Sale Fund Raiser Net Profit: \$30,910.61

7 years (2010-2017) of the Rummage Sale Fund Raiser Net Profit: \$98, 910.61

Rummage Sale:	\$ 25,893.02
Jewelry:	1,150.50
Raffle:	1,485.75
Kitchen:	1,610.55
Style Encore Consignment:.....	27. 20
Donations:	1,297.56

GROSS Profit:	\$ 31,464.58
Expenses;	- 553.97

NET Profit:	\$ 30,910.61

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2017 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for October 14 & 15, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Nicholas Borowski	John Sakson
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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A Peaceful Ending of Our Lives

Surely the secret of true life is to accept each state as it comes. To die the death and to live the new life, not to cling to the past but to live with total integrity in the present. Now in all these cases out of dying there comes resurrection. Not loss but enrichment, not decay but growth. Something dies means something comes alive. May not the death that comes right at the end of our life, fit into that pattern? May not our bodily death be the final stage in our growth? The last and greatest in the long series of deaths and resurrections, that we have been experiencing ever since the day we were born. If the small deaths each lead beyond death to resurrection, may this not be true of the great death that awaits us when we finally leave this world? May

this not be the greatest passover? Then we should enlarge our vision, we should look beyond our own life stories to the Christ story. We should relate the death and resurrection pattern within our own life to the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Our story makes sense in the light of His story. Our small deaths and resurrections are joined across history through His definitive death and resurrection. What do we hear at Paschal midnight? "Let none fear death, for the death of the Savior has set us free. He has destroyed death by undergoing death. Christ is risen and death reigns in fear. Christ is risen and there is none dead in the tomb."

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