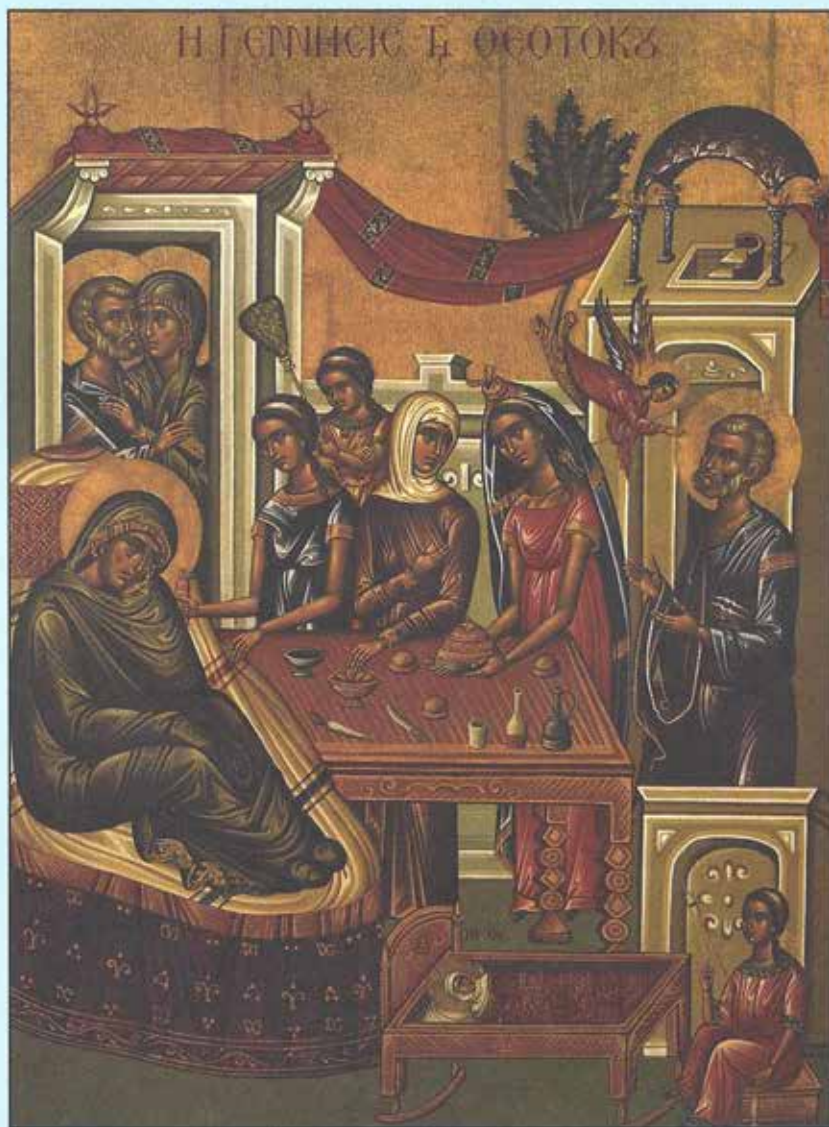


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Nativity of the Mother of God -- September 8th

September 3, 2017: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16: 13-24

Gospel: Mt. 21: 33-42

Mon., Sept. 4	9:00	For All Those Affected by Hurricane Harvey
Tues., Sept. 5	8:00	+ Howard & Olga Smith (Son Howard)
Wed., Sept. 6	8:00	+ Philip Duick (St. Cyril's Holy Name Society)
Thurs., Sept. 7	8:00	+ Special Intention (Marcella Gawron)
Fri., Sept. 8		Birth of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)
	9:00	+ Rose Rutsky (Carol)
Sat., Sept. 9		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Matthew Garofalo (Joyce Garofalo & Family)
Sun., Sept. 10	9:00	+ Deceased Holy Name Society Members (Legacy)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

Statement of Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka on the Suffering and Hardships as a Result of Hurricane Harvey and its Aftermath

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, together with Bishop John Bura and Bishop Andriy Rabi, clergy, religious and faithful, pray for those suffering as a result of the damage and flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey, especially in Texas and Louisiana. Let us remember in our prayers those who died and their grieving families and community. Let us also remember those who suffered loss of their homes

and earthly possessions as we ask Our Lord to give them His grace, wisdom and courage as they move forward with their lives and look forward to a new day filled with hope. Let us offer prayers of gratitude for the many first responders and the medical professionals who so quickly rendered life-saving help to rescue many of the victims, especially those from the flooded communities.

We pray that the victims may find comfort in the reassuring words of the Prophet Jeremiah: *“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you... plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.”* (Jer. 29:11).

Several years ago, a Domestic Disaster Recovery Fund was established by our Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy to aid victims recovering from such disasters as Hurricane Harvey. These disasters remind all of us of the fragile nature as we witness our neighbors suffering loss of life and material possessions. In times such as these, we are called to assist our neighbors in need. If you would like to make a donation for the humanitarian needs of the

victims of Hurricane Harvey, please send your gift to the attention of this fund:

Domestic Disaster Recovery Fund
c/o Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of
Philadelphia
810 N. Franklin Street
Philadelphia, Pa 19123

Income tax receipts will be issued. While such donations may be made at any time, they are especially needed following the occurrence of tragic events in the United States. We become instruments of His healing as we pray and assist others in their difficult times of need.

May God bless you for your prayers and financial generosity for the needs of our neighbors at this time.

Banns of Marriage

Jay Almodovar, the son of Vincent and Minerva nee Arce, will contract marriage with **Alyss Sestili**, the daughter of Richard and Cheryl nee Kanuik Sestili,

on Saturday, September 16, 2017. This is the second announcement of Banns for this marriage.

Church School

By not making church and religion a part of their children’s lives, some parents are not only sinning, actually hurting their children’s chances at reaching a happy and productive adulthood.

This may seem far-fetched to some, but a group of leading children’s doc-

tors, research scientists and youth-services professionals has essentially said as much in a study on children’s mental-health issues.

The study was compiled by the Commission in Children at Risk, which has no affiliation to any particular religion

and includes members of the Dartmouth, Harvard, UCLA and Yale medical schools and scientists from the National Institute of Mental Health. No pastors, bishops or rabbis were on the panel.

The researchers were looking to develop new strategies to reduce the high number of U.S. children suffering from emotional and behavioral problems such as depression, anxiety, attention deficit disorder, conduct disorders and thoughts of suicide.

Their findings suggest that strong nurturing environments within the family, school and church can help to reduce or eliminate aggression, anxiety, depression, or substance abuse in children.

They note that children raised with a spirituality and connection to church are less stressed and have more optimism and a greater commitment to helping others. In other words, religion, spiritu-

ality, church and church school are good for your kids and you, too.

They concluded that broad social changes are needed to turn the tide of the growth of mentalhealth difficulties the children are facing. Actually, the social change required is nothing new; it is a return to more traditional values that our country was founded on and our grandparents held, such as God, prayer and church.

In most parishes church schools start their sessions this month. A child will not get much value from it if they come late and have sporadic attendance. Children soon learn that this school and what they are taught is secondary to sports, visiting, watching something on TV whatever.

Our grandparents understood the need for religious education. The children were made to go no matter what.

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.

St. Mary's Parish Dinner Club

September 14: Italian Delectables: God-father's Caprese Salad - Tomatoes with

fresh Mozzarella, Brasi's Cappelletti in Brodo-Homemade chicken broth with

cheese Cappelletti, Tartaglia's Three Cheese Lasagna-served with Bolognese sauce, Dessert -Fredo's Sweet Strawberry Risotto. Non alcoholic beverages included.

Cash Bar. \$20 per person Seatings 5:30 & 6:30. 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, PA. Reservations by September 11. 570-343-5151 or events@stmcscranton.com.

Annual Flea Market

Rev. Eduard Shestak and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Vine St., Old Forge, Pa. is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 8 am - 4pm and on

Sunday, September 17, 10 am - 2 pm. The event will be held rain or shine. A variety of ethnic food items, baked goods, and refreshments will also be available.

St. Mary's Chicken Bar-B-Que

ST. MARY'S CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE - 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton, Pa. will have a Chicken Bar-B-Que on September 24th

from 12 to 5pm. Adults \$12.00 and Children under 10 \$6.00. Cash Bar! Eat in or Take out!

Rummage Sale Food

This year, there will be more variety of food offered at the Rummage Sale. The menu will include: breakfast sausage sandwiches, porketta sandwiches, meatball subs, kielbosi and kraut subs, sloppy joe's, grilled hotdogs (plain or with kraut or texas weiner sauce), halushki, and

home-baked desserts. Even if you are not a rummage sale shopper, you can support our Parish by making a food purchase. The "Refreshment Stand" will be located in the old kitchen at the rear of the gym. Thank you for your support!

Pre-Rummage Sale Update!

As of Sunday, September 3, 2017 only 19 days to the Rummage Sale!

An additional date has been added to our Rummage Sale (SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24, 2017). The Sale is also scheduled for Saturday, September 30th. (More info to follow regarding the 2nd week-end.

As of Monday, September 4th, Volunteers are needed everyday at the school gym. We will be working over 45+ hours a week, and hope you can help your Church for a few hours. There

is always a job to get done! Come in for a few hours in the morning or in the evening. We need your help and are always thankful to our parishioners and non-parishioners.

THE DOORS ARE OPEN AND THE LIGHTS ARE ON... WE ARE WORKING! Be sure to stop by and get a Raffle ticket!

6th week (Bring you lunch/snack) Monday-September 4th, Wednesday- September 6th and Friday-September 8th: Starting at 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m

Tuesday-September 5th and Thursday September 7th: Afternoon and evening hours:12:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

September 9th-Saturday, 12:00- 6:00 p.m.

September 10th-Sunday, Closed

Monday, September 4th onward (Check the times listed above for when the school gym is open)

* Volunteer for our biggest fund raiser. The financial life line of our Church.

* **Donations for the Rummage Sale are no longer accepted. WE ARE FULL! Unless you have Ukrainian Items. Call Lauren if you have any questions.**

During this time period: from August 28th, 2017

* The Rummage Sale Poster (Flyer) is available in the vestibule of the Church. Please be sure to pick a few copies and drop them off to be posted in your local business: Post office, deli's, restaurants, doctor offices, retail stores, etc., any place that will post a "Public Service Announcements" PSA. "Just Ask" for permission to post the flyer. Where ever you go, take a flyer to post!

* Parishioners help in getting gift certificates/items for raffle donations. Money donations and lottery tickets are also accepted.

* Donations for the Basket of Cheer.

* Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school gym before and after each Divine Liturgy. (tickets will not be mailed to you). 2 tickets for \$1.00 and 5 tickets for \$2.00 and 15 tickets for \$5.00 the top raffle prize is \$150.00 for 4 people at Fiorelli's in Peckville, PA. on Mother's Day 2018

* If you have the time to list some of our items (furniture, antiques etc..) on various web-sites before the sale, (Craiglist, E-bay, WNEP, Community yard sales) please contact Father Nestor ASAP.

* MaryAnn Spryn is in charge of the food being sold during the Rummage Sale.

We will be the largest Church Rummage Sale Fund Raiser in the Mid-Valley area. (Sacred Heart Church of Peckville and Holy Ghost Church in Jessup, will not be having a Rummage Sale this year, due to lack of a chairman and volunteers)

WE NEED YOUR HELP DURING THE ACTUAL RUMMAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 10th

BER 22, 23 24 and September 30. All 5 entrances need to have someone sit/stand at the door for security, the young teen-ages (altar-boys, high school students) and our men need to help with items to be carried or have furniture moved. Food will be served, check with Mary Ann Spryn, Raffle tickets will be sold, the jewelry tables needs attendance (Anna Mae Krisanda has priced over 1,000+ pieces of jewelry). We have extended our furniture area to the 2-door garage. Therefore, parishioners will be needed to attend to this area to make sure no one walks off with the merchandise from the garage area: the items for sale- gardening supplies, tools, air-compressor, shovels, furniture, children's big plastic toys, etc.

It is always good to have "Help" through out the sale, just walking around and helping out or answering customer questions. Friday and Saturday, help is needed all day long! We have listed the dates of the Rummage Sale for the past 5 months, so you could plan and be in attendance to help out... this is the financial life line of our Church! We understand there are some parishioner who cannot not help due to age or sickness, work and family. This is your invitation to help the Church, our biggest fund raiser NOW! WE have non-parishioners helping out at the sale, so we hope to see you too! After your doctor's appointments, beauty saloon appointment, lunch, dinner, and your favorite TV show, come for a few hours, especially on Saturday and even Sunday. A "rummage sale" may not be "your thing" but we need our parishioners to lend a helping hand for this fund raiser.

Wear your "St Cyrils" t-shirt or polo shirt for this event!!!

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 OR Father Nestor 570-489-2271 for additional information.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2017 is Team #1: William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren, and Jerry Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for August 26 & 27, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 9 & 10, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Brett Lowe	John Sakson
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Sczesniak -- Nicholas Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Old Has Passed Away: All Things Are Made New

The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished His work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in Himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from

our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for Him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator

St. Andrew of Crete

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