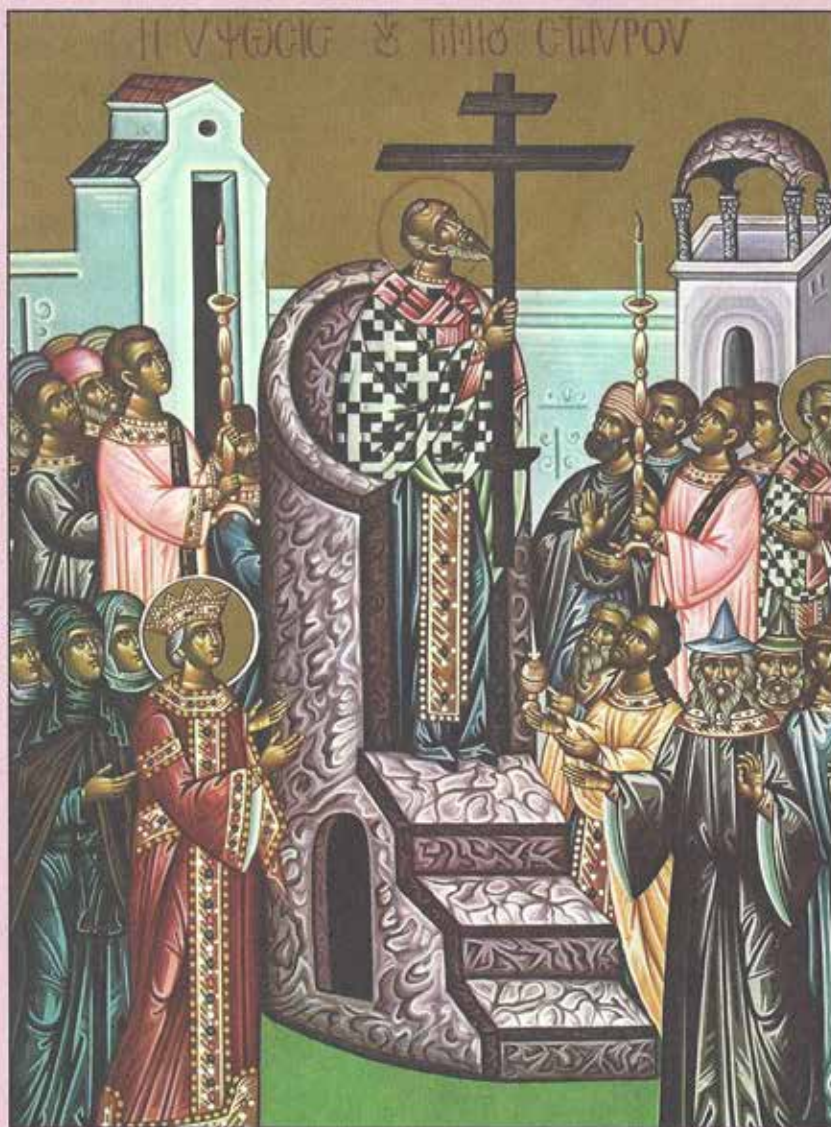


SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th

September 10, 2017: Sunday Before the Exaltation	
Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18	Gospel: Jn. 3: 13-17
Mon., Sept. 11	8:00 + Victims of Terrorism
Tues., Sept. 12	8:00 + Veronica Bious (Mary Zenzel)
Wed., Sept. 13	8:00 + Jill King (Jim & Sue Wallace) <i>For the Holy Day:</i> 7:00 pm Special Intention (Marcella Gawron)
Thurs., Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Michael Spryn (Flossie Chomo)
Fri., Sept. 15	8:00 Health of Fred & Shirley Jacobs (John & Joann Bistran)
Sat., Sept. 16	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Emmet & Zenia Hooper (Family)
Sun., Sept. 17	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Robert Harris (Wife Jule)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We are keeping the feast of the Holy Cross - that Cross which dispelled darkness and restored light. In celebrating this feast we are raised aloft with the Crucified, leaving earth and sin behind and taking possession of heaven. Possess the Cross and you possess a treasure, for surely the most precious object on earth is rightly called a treasure. If there had been no Cross, there would have been no crucified Christ, no Life nailed to the wood, no

Immortal fountain of blood and water flowing from a pierced side to purify the world, no declaration of our freedom, no paradise. If there had been no cross, death would not have been slain, hell would not have been robbed of its prey. How immeasurably great and priceless, then, is the cross — great because so much good was wrought through it; priceless because the Cross was the instrument of Christ's sacred trophy of victory. On it the devil was

fatally wounded, and death thereby was slain. The gates of hell were shattered as the Cross became the means of universal salvation. The Cross has also been called Christ's glory and exaltation. It was the cup he yearned to drink, the crown upon the torments he bore for us. Here is how He Himself spoke of it: "Now is the Son of Man

glorified! God is glorified in him and shall straightway glorify him again." His words were fulfilled on the Cross. Christ likewise viewed the Cross as his exaltation. "And I, when I am lifted up, shall draw everyone to myself." Clearly, then, we must regard the Cross as Christ's glory and exaltation.

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 third announcement of Banns for this marriage.

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: Godfather'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@stmcsScranton.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.

L.U.C. Meeting

Father Paul Wolensky, pastor of Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 3:00 pm to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of

Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). The primary agenda item will be the upcoming LUC Convention in Wilkes-Barre the weekend of October 6 to 8. For those who have mobility issues, the church is handicapped accessible and wheelchair friendly. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

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!

Annual Pilgrimage To The Mother Of God

Once again the annual pilgrimage to the Mother of God will be held on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, on Sunday October 1, 2017. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage is "Set Aside all Earthly Cares. Find Peace Through the Mother of God." The homilist will

be the Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop. The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) will be available throughout the day. Plan to attend. You will find the day beneficial both spiritually and socially. If you have any questions please call 215-663-9153.

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 10, 2017 only 12 days to the Rummage Sale!

Great News! On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, EYEWITNESS NEWS (Channel 22/28 WYOU/WBRE) with Lauren Hensley will be broadcasting LIVE from St. Cyrils School Gym for the morning show. The cameramen will be showing up at 4:30 a.m. and the live broadcast will be begin at 5:00 a.m. We will be feature 4 times during the morning news.

What great free publicity! We are asking parishioners and your family and friends to join us before the sun rises! Arriving by 4:30 a.m. The more the merrier for the LIVE TV Show! (Wear your St. Cyril's Shirt, if you have one) So, you have to get up early one day... we need a minimum of 6-10 people.

Give Lauren or Father Nestor a call ASAP. Let us know if you plan to attend. We really need you to show NEPA what a great group of Ukrainians we have at St. Cyril's. This will be an added plus to our largest fund raiser for our church. (You can decided last minute and show up Wednesday at 4:30 a.m.)

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 weekend.

As of Monday, September 11th, Volunteers are needed everyday at the school gym. We will be working over 40 + 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.

THE DOORS ARE OPEN AND THE LIGHTS ARE ON... WE ARE WORKING! Be sure to stop by and get a Raffle ticket! 2 tickets for \$1.00!

7th week (Bring your lunch/snack)

- * Monday-September 11th, (open, during the Parade honoring Home Town Heroes in Olyphant, and the 16th year since 9/11)
- * Wednesday- September 13th LIVE TV Broadcast from St. Cyri's Gym (a short day for the volunteers, only until 2:00 p.m. and *Friday-September 15th: Starting at 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- * Tuesday-September 12th and Thursday September 14th: Afternoon and evening hours:12:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- * Saturday, September 16th from 2:00- 6:00 p.m. BUY RAFFLE TICKETS and an opportunity to see what all the work has been done for the Rummage Sale and you can shop and buy before September 22nd. SUPPORT your church!
- * Sunday,September 17th, Open after the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy until 1:00 p.m. Buy Raffle Tickets and Shop and Buy!

Monday, September 11th onward

- * Donations for the Rummage Sale are no longer accepted WE ARE FULL! Unless you have Ukrainian Items. Call Lauren if you have any questions.
- * 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...anyplace that will post a "Public Service Announcements" PSA.
- "Just Ask" for permission to post the flyer. (Free advertising) Where ever you go, take a flyer to post! (Once again, Do not hide the poster in the bathroom or the side entrances to the choir loft. This is your church! and GOD is watching!)
- * Parishioners help in getting gift certificates/items for raffle donations.
- * 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, various local restaurants, small kitchen appliances, holiday wreaths, bottle of wines etc. over 60 baskets this years.

We will be the largest Church Rummage Sale Fund Raiser in the Mid-Valley/Scranton area.

WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP DURING THE ACTUAL RUMMMAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 22,23 24TH and September 30th. 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, empty boxes handed out to the customers.

We have extended our furniture etc 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. Items will be paid (from outside) in the school gym.

It is always good to have "Help" through out 2,332.00he sale, just walking around and helping out or answering customer questions. Friday and Saturday and Sunday, 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.

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 Friday, 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. You can come for 2-3 hours and stay as long as you want and leave when you want. We have Parishioners who are in their mid 80's volunteering, so if you are in your teens to age 85+, come and help.

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 William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren, and month of September 2017 is Team #1: Jerry Sereditch.

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

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 16 & 17, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Holy Cross

For it was not a mere man who died for us, as I said before, but the Son of God, God made man. Further; if the lamb under Moses drove the destroyer far away, did not much rather the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, deliver us from our sins? If any disbelieve the power of the Crucified, let him ask the devils; if any believe not words, let him believe what he sees. Many have been crucified throughout the world, but by none of these are the devils scared; but when they see even the Sign of the Cross of Christ, who was crucified for us, they shudder. For those men died for their own sins, but Christ for the sins of others; for He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Take for a witness Pilate himself, who gave sentence upon Him, saying, I find no fault in this Man: and when he gave Him up, and had washed his hands, he said, I am innocent of the blood of this just person.

Jesus then really suffered for all men; for the Cross was no illusion, otherwise our redemption is an illusion also. His death was not a mere show, for then is our salvation also a fable. If His death was but a show, they were true who said, We remember what that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I rise again. His Passion then was real: for He was really crucified, and we are not ashamed of it. He was crucified, and we deny it not, nay, I rather glory to speak of it. I confess the Cross, because I know of the Resurrection. For if, after being crucified, He had remained as He was, I had not perchance confessed it, but now that the Resurrection has followed the Cross, I am not ashamed to declare it. Amen.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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