

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of the Mother of God and Saint Thecla -- September 24th*

## September 24, 2017: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6: 1-10

Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11

**Mon., Sept. 25** 8:00 + Ann Jablonski (Amy & Jim Barke)

**Tues., Sept. 26** 8:00 + John & Anna Rusyn (Family)

**Wed., Sept. 27** 8:00 + John & Helen Nasevich (Family)

**Thurs., Sept. 28** 8:00 + God's Blessings on Andrew Smith (Father Howard)

**Fri., Sept. 29** 8:00 + Anna Mayer (Bill & Jane Granza)  
6:30 pm Moleben to Blessed Mykola Charnetsky

**Sat., Sept. 30** **No Morning Divine Liturgy**  
10:30 Confessions  
2:00 Confessions  
4:00 pm + Robert Westington (Wife Ilona & Family)

**Sun., Oct. 1** 9:00 For Our Parishioners  
11:30 + John Yeck Family & Nicole (Son Bob & Family)

### Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

All the Faithful are invited to the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Reception honoring Bishop Andriy Rabi, Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia. Our newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop, the Most Reverend Andriy Rabi will be formally welcomed in the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia during the celebration

of a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at 3 p.m. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Formal Reception honoring Bishop Rabi will be held in the Cathedral Social Hall. All the faithful are joyfully invited to attend both the Divine Liturgy and the Reception.

### Set Your DVR's

On Sunday, September 24 at 3 PM, EWTN will telecast the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop An-

driy Rabi from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Responses will be

sung by the choir of the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C. Watch on your EWTN TV Channel or livestreaming on our website

at <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/> or [http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live\\_player.asp?sat=dome](http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live_player.asp?sat=dome)

## Welcome to Fr. Uriy Markewych

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Uriy Markewych who will substitute for me at the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Fr. Uriy is a retired priest of our Archeparchy. We

are thankful to him for his willingness to celebrate this Divine Liturgy in our Parish.

## Traveling Icon of Blessed Mykola Charnetsky

The Traveling Icon of Blessed Mykola Charnetsky has traveled to our Parish here in Olyphant. This icon will be visiting all the Parishes of our Archeparchy and it is our turn now. A Moleben Service in honor of the Blessed Mykola Charnetsky will be celebrated at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and on Fri-



day, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop and Martyr Mykola Charnetsky was born on December 14, 1884, in Ukraine. After he completed his studies at the local Seminary and in Rome, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1909. He became a Spiritual Director and a Professor in the Seminary. In 1919 he en-

tered the novitiate of the Redemptorist Fathers in Lviv, and in 1926 he was appointed apostolic visitor for Ukrainian Catholics in Volyn, Polissia, Kholm and Pidliashia. A model religious leader and missionary, he zealously worked for the union of the Holy Church. He was ordained to the episcopacy by Bishop Hryhorii Khomyshyn in Rome on February 2, 1931. He was arrested by the NKVD on April 11, 1945, and sentenced to six years of hard labor in Siberia. According to official data, he underwent 600 hours of interrogation and torture and spent time in 30 different prisons and camps. Terminally ill, in 1956 he was permitted

to return to western Ukraine, where he secretly continued to fulfill his episcopal obligations. In the midst of the cruelty and oppression which he suffered in imprisonment and exile, he was distinguished for his evangelical patience, gentleness and limitless goodness. Already during his life he was considered a holy man. As a consequence of his sufferings, he died a martyr for the faith on April 2, 1959 in Lviv.

Bishop Mykala Charnetsky was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II on June 27, 2001. The day of his commemoration is June 27.

## **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.

## **Domestic Disaster Recovery Fund**

Several years ago, a Domestic Disaster Recovery Fund was established by our Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy to aid victims recovering from such disasters as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. 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 Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, please send your gift to the atten-

tion 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.

## **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 Septem-

ber 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.

## **St John Vianney Harvest Festival**

The annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road (Route 438), Montdale, on Sunday, October 1st from noon to 5:00p.m. The festival will feature a full turkey dinner with take outs available. Hug Bountiful Baskets Stand, Wreath Stand, Bake Stand, a variety of raffles and

hayrides for the kids. Handicap accessible. \$12 adults \$6 children. Directions: 81, exit 199 (Scott), east on Hill Road, at stop sign left onto Kraky Road, next stop sign right onto Montdale Road, 1+- mile on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

## **Pastie Sale**

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking

orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 7th, 2017. Our Pasties are made



with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$6.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570)829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without

onions.) Pick-up from 1:30 to 3:30pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!

## 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.

## Get Ready to Rummage!!!

This is the week-end of the Rummage Sale!!! The first donation was in May and June 15th was the beginning of the pre-rummage sale preparation (3+ months of work has finally concluded). We have been in the newspaper and on TV. Now it is here, and you can stop by on Saturday 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are over 115 Baskets to be raffle off on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. You are less than 50 feet from the School Gym, and after the Divine Liturgy, we look forward to seeing you at the Rummage Sale. Raffle tickets will be available. Volunteers are still needed for Saturday and Sunday.

### Update on the 2nd Rummage Sale for September 30th.

On Monday, September 25, our gym will be closed to give our volunteers a day to recover from the week-end Sale. Volunteers, especially the men of the parish, are need to condense tables and the garage and return any empty tables to the Rectory, Parish Hall etc. The other volunteers will be setting up for the “One-Day Special Event Sale” for Saturday, September 30, 2017.

The School Gym will be open to prepare for Saturday, Sept. 30th. On Tuesday (26th), Thursday (28th) and Friday(29) from 9:30 a.m. to Noon or later as needed. Please call Lauren at 646-241-9443 for additional information. (Closed Monday, September 25th and Wednesday, September 27th).

The Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 30th will begin at 9:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. WE do need volunteers to help during the “One Day Special Event” Sale.

Then the real clean up after the Rummage Sale will begin Monday, October 2, 2017. If you know of any organization or groups, or church rummage sales, or people who may need help and that can use any of our items that are left over, please contact Father Nestor or Lauren. We plan to donate to non-profit organizations, as we did the past 6 years. Volunteers are needed! Trucks/van will be needed to transport items to “United Neighborhood” in Scranton on Olive Street starting at 10:a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017.

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

### Collection Processing Team...

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

### Sunday Collection for September 16 & 17, 2017: \$

#### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Samuel Sczesniak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *The Holy Martyr Thecla*

According to a popular second century tale, the Acts of Paul and Thecla, St. Thecla was a native of Iconium. She was so impressed by the preaching of St. Paul on virginity that she broke off her engagement to marry Thamyris to live a life of virginity. When Paul was ordered to be scourged and banished from the city for his teaching, Thecla was ordered burned to death. When a storm providentially extinguished the flames, she escaped with Paul and went with him to Antioch. There she was condemned to wild beasts in the arena when she violently resisted the attempt of Syriarch Alexander to kidnap her, but again escaped when the beasts did no harm to her.

She rejoined Paul at Myra in Lycia, dressed as a boy, and was commissioned by him to preach the Gospel. She did for a time in Iconium and then became a recluse in a cave at Meriamlik near Seleucia. She lived as a hermit there for the next seventy-two years and died there (or in Rome, where she was miraculously transported when she found that Paul had died, and was later buried near his tomb). The tale had tremendous popularity in the early Church but is undoubtedly a pious fiction and was labeled apocryphal by St. Jerome. It is possible that St. Paul had a disciple named Thecla who was martyred. Some scholars are of the opinion that this is in fact the case.

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