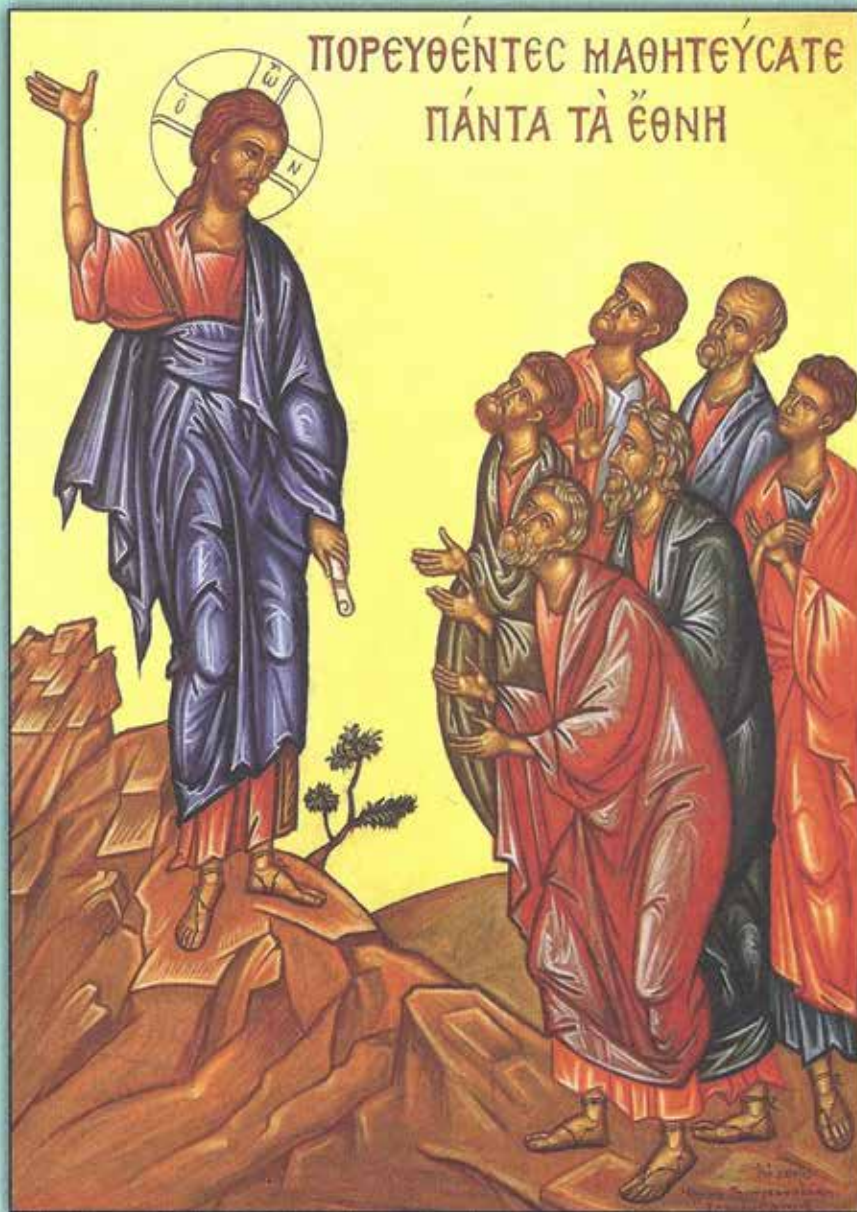


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Teaching on the Mount*

## June 10, 2018: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Rom 5: 1-10

Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34

<b>Mon., June 11</b>	10:00	Funeral: + Jeff Marcinko
<b>Tues., June 12</b>	8:00	+ Pearl Kostic (Genevieve Vesko)
<b>Wed., June 13</b>	8:00	+ Theresa Bobersky (Jezorwski Family)
<b>Thurs., June 14</b>	8:00	+ Agnes Uhrin (Legate)
<b>Fri., June 15</b>	8:00 6:30	+ Theresa Krenitsky (Helen Brojack) Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Sat., June 16</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Health of Jack Kapur (A Friend)
<b>Sun., June 17</b>	9:00 11:30	+ George & Sophia Danylak (Leo Danylak) For Our Fathers

### The Sanctuary

The sanctuary is the most sacred part of the church. It occupies the place of honor. It is on the eastern side of the building and it faces east where the sun rises and light floods over the earth. The east symbolizes Christ who is “the Light of the world” and the “Sun of justice”. It is in the east where God is thought to be residing. The east is the place where the angels, and the saints of heaven, and the just assemble, and where Christ awaits us, whence he comes to sanctify and

sustain us in his grace and salvation. Right in the middle of the sanctuary stands the holy table, altar, the throne, where the God of our prayer and adoration reposes. To conduct our prayers we face the east, and we look up to God who resides there. On the holy table, as on the throne of glory, is the Holy Gospel book. The Gospel book is for us Christians the living Christ, the Word of God himself present in the word of man. Finally, it is on this same altar that the Son of God offers

himself and the universe in the most awesome and most mysterious sacrifice of the Divine Liturgy. The Altar is generally covered by three cloths. The first stands for the swaddling clothes at Christ's Nativity; the second symbolizes the linen that wrapped the body of the Lord taken from the cross and laid in the grave; the third represents the robe of glory of the risen Lord.

On the altar is the tabernacle which contains the Body and Blood of our Lord in the consecrated Bread. In front of the tabernacle, whatever shape it might be, there is always a lamp, flickering and alive, to indicate this special presence of Christ.

### **The Doors**

Along the length of the icon screen there are three openings, or doors: the one in the middle is called the Royal Doors (Tsarski Vorota) and one on each side called Deacons Doors. The Royal Doors open in two directions, one wing to the left and one wing to the right. The Royal Doors are the passageway from the earth to heaven, from this world to the world of the Kingdom of God; and in return movement, from God to earth.

Through the Royal Doors we have access to divine realities, to the Body

and Blood of the Lord, whence divine realities come to nourish and save us. The Royal Doors are the sign of the Incarnation through which the Son of God came down to the earth to dwell among us. It is a symbol of the invitation of God to the Kingdom.

Only the Bishop, and priest in full liturgical vestments, are allowed to pass through the Royal Doors. The upper half of the Royal Doors are, usually, painted with the Icon of the Annunciation, and the bottom half with the four Evangelists.

So, in front of our eyes, it is significant to notify the triple real presence of God in a physical form. The first in the miracle of the Incarnation of the Son of God in the womb of Mary, the Mother of God. Often over the Royal Doors there is the scene of communion, this constitutes the second real presence of God in a physical form, when at the Last Supper, Christ gives his Apostles the Bread of His Body and the Chalice of His Blood. The third real presence of the Lord is in the scene where the Word of God becomes word of man, a Book - the Gospel Book. Each of the three, is no less than another, is a real presence, no less precious reality or God among us.

## Liturgical Q & A

**QUESTION:** *Why is incense used during Liturgy?*

**ANSWER:** We may wonder why the priest or deacon incenses the congregation as well as the icons. The best icon of Christ God is men and women who are made in His image. This is why the priest or deacon, during the liturgy, turns and incenses the living icons of God in the congregation (the worshippers) after having incensed the icons on the icon screen/ikonostas and

walls. The usage of incense also adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Liturgy. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Liturgy which links heaven with earth, and allow us to enter into the presence of God.

**Note:** It is proper to simply bow from the waist when being incensed. The sign of the cross is not necessary since a blessing is not being imparted.

## Flag Day



On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag.

Since 1916, when President

Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by celebrating June 14 as Flag Day. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

According to legend, in 1776, George Washington commissioned Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross to create a flag for the new nation. Schol-

ars debate this legend, but agree that Mrs. Ross most likely knew Washington and sewed flags. To date, there have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag, but the arrangement of the stars varied according to the flag-makers' preferences until 1912 when President Taft standardized the

then-new flag's forty-eight stars into six rows of eight. The forty-nine-star flag (1959-60), as well as the fifty-star flag, also have standardized star patterns. The current version of the flag dates to July 4, 1960, after Hawaii became the fiftieth state on August 21, 1959.

## **Brief History of the Pledge of Allegiance**

*By Robert Longley, About.com Guide*

The original Pledge of Allegiance, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands -- One nation indivisible -- with liberty and justice for all," was written in September of 1892 by Francis Bellamy for "The Youth's Companion" magazine in Boston. The phrase was printed on leaflets and sent to schools throughout the United States.

The first organized use of the Pledge of Allegiance came on Oct. 12, 1892, when some 12 million American school children recited it to commemorate the 400-year anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

In 1923, the first National Flag Conference in Washington D.C. voted

to change the words "my flag" to "the Flag of the United States of America."

Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942, but in 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that public school students could not be forced to recite it.

The words "under God" were added in 1954 by then President Eisenhower, who stated at the time, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

## **Holy Name Society Meeting**

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet today (June 10) following the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy. All members are

invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.



## Are You Available On June 13, 2018?



Volunteers are needed to pick-up boxes from a local church. St. Mary's of Dickson City had their rummage sale in June and had low attendance. Therefore, they are donating over 100 boxes of merchandise to our sale. Volunteers are needed with vehicles (trucks/suv's) and we need the men of the church to lend a helping hand. You may have a vehicle available, but

cannot not lift boxes, or you can lift boxes and don't have a truck or suv's. The more help we get, the faster the job will be accomplished.

Whatever the circumstances, meet us at St. Cyril's Parking Lot (The Parish Hall- 207 River Street), on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We do understand all health issues, doctor appointments, watching the grandkids, etc... but your help is always appreciated. This cannot be left only to the Women of the Church to move the boxes. Call Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Cell at 646-241-9443 to let her know you will be helping out. We receive over 85% of merchandise from the community for our rummage sale. Thank you for your time!

## St. Cyril's at the Ball Park

The Railriders vs. the Iron Pigs Baseball game at PNC Field is scheduled for Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:05 pm. We have reserved 25 tickets @ \$11.00 per ticket and available on



a "first come first served basis. Plan on 570-489-2271.

wearing your St. Cyril's logo t-shirt/polo shirt. We can "car pool" for parishioners to get to the game, otherwise everyone will drive there on their own. Contact Fr. Nestor ASAP

## 25 Year Celebration

A buffet luncheon to honor Fr. Nestor Iwasiw on his 25 years in the Priesthood will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at St. George Family Restaurant, 304 Church St., Jessup.

Tickets are \$20



and are available to purchase after each Divine Liturgy, until June 17<sup>th</sup> Unless Sold Out.

We regret that due to limited space only 100 tickets are available. Hope to see you there!

## Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will

go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 84 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of June 2018 is Team #2:

Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

## Sunday Collection for June 2 & 3, 2018: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 16 & 17, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Prove Your Faith by Your Trust*

'Look at the birds of the air,' says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God's providence bestows an unailing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people's supply running short is human greed. The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. 'Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was

arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!' Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from Providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

*St. Ambrose of Milan*