

# SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*

## May 27, 2018: Pentecost Sunday

Epistle: Heb. 11:32 - 12:2

Gospel: Mt. 10: 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30

<b>Mon., May 28</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b> 9:00 + For All Those Who Died in the Service of Our Country
<b>Tues., May 29</b>	8:00 + Joseph Muchisky (Francis Klotz)
<b>Wed., May 30</b>	8:00 + Gene Turko (Marcella & Family)
<b>Thurs., May 31</b>	8:00 + Joan Turko (Ron & Marlene Roberts)
<b>Fri., June 1</b>	8:00 + William Davis (Anna Mae Krisanda & Joyce Garofalo) 6:30 Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Sat., June 2</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Joseph & Helen Sembrat (Sharon, Joseph & Jeanne)
<b>Sun., June 3</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + John, Anastasia, Paul & Marie Maslar (Family)

## The Feast of All Saints Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of

the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of

the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also men-

tion of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74<sup>th</sup> homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

## **A Brief History of Memorial Day**

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because

it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorat-

## REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

ing their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

*The 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is*

*prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.*

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo - which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 - because the town had made

Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of

America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)



## **No Parking**

Just a reminder that no one should be parking in front of the garage which is next to the school. This past Tuesday, I had errands to run and appointments to keep. I had to use Fr. John's car because I was blocked in by two cars and nobody was around to move them.. An emergency sick call may come in from a Hospital at any time, and so the garage should not be blocked and at least one driveway should be clear at all times!

## **Humor... Wrong E-mail Address:**

A couple was going on vacation but the wife was on a business trip so the husband went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he

decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.



When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the

screen:

*Dearest Wife,  
Just got checked in. Everything  
prepared for your arrival tomorrow.  
P.S. Sure is hot down here.*

## **From the Chancery**

On Sunday, June 10, at 3 pm, in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, clergy, religious and faithful will gather together for a Moleben service in praise, gratitude and thanksgiving to God for blessing the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

with The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Archbishop-emeritus and his dedicated years of service in the vineyard of the Lord. After the prayer service, everyone is invited to enjoy a social and reception in honor of Archbishop Stefan in the Cathedral Social Hall.

## **Queen City Days**

The Annual “Queen City Days” Carnival, sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No. 4, 717 E. Grant St., Olyphant, will be held Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fern Hill Park. Several adult and children’s rides will be featured. Local food ven-

dors will offer food and refreshments. Music will be provided each evening. Firemen’s Parade on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and a giant Fireworks Display on Saturday. Any questions or to secure a spot on the midway, contact Mayor John Sedlak, Jr. at 570-383-1406.

## **L.U.C. Meeting**

Father Walter Pasicznyk, pastor of Plymouth’s SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to Christ, Lover of Mankind (Чоловіколюбець) - on

Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 3:00 pm to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Plans for fund raising, the annual summer picnic and the October

National Convention in Buffalo/Amherst, New York will be the primary agenda items. This is a public event of

SS. Peter and Paul parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

## 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 wearing

your St. Cyrils 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 570-489-2271.

## 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!

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2018 is Team #1:

Roger Barren, Jerry Sereditch and John Sereditch.

## Sunday Collection for May 19 & 20, 2018: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 2 & 3, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Sczesniak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Nicholas Chylak -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Cole Marcinko -- Nicholas Borowski	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Their Death is More like Dreaming*

We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful ser-

vants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

*St. John of Damascus*