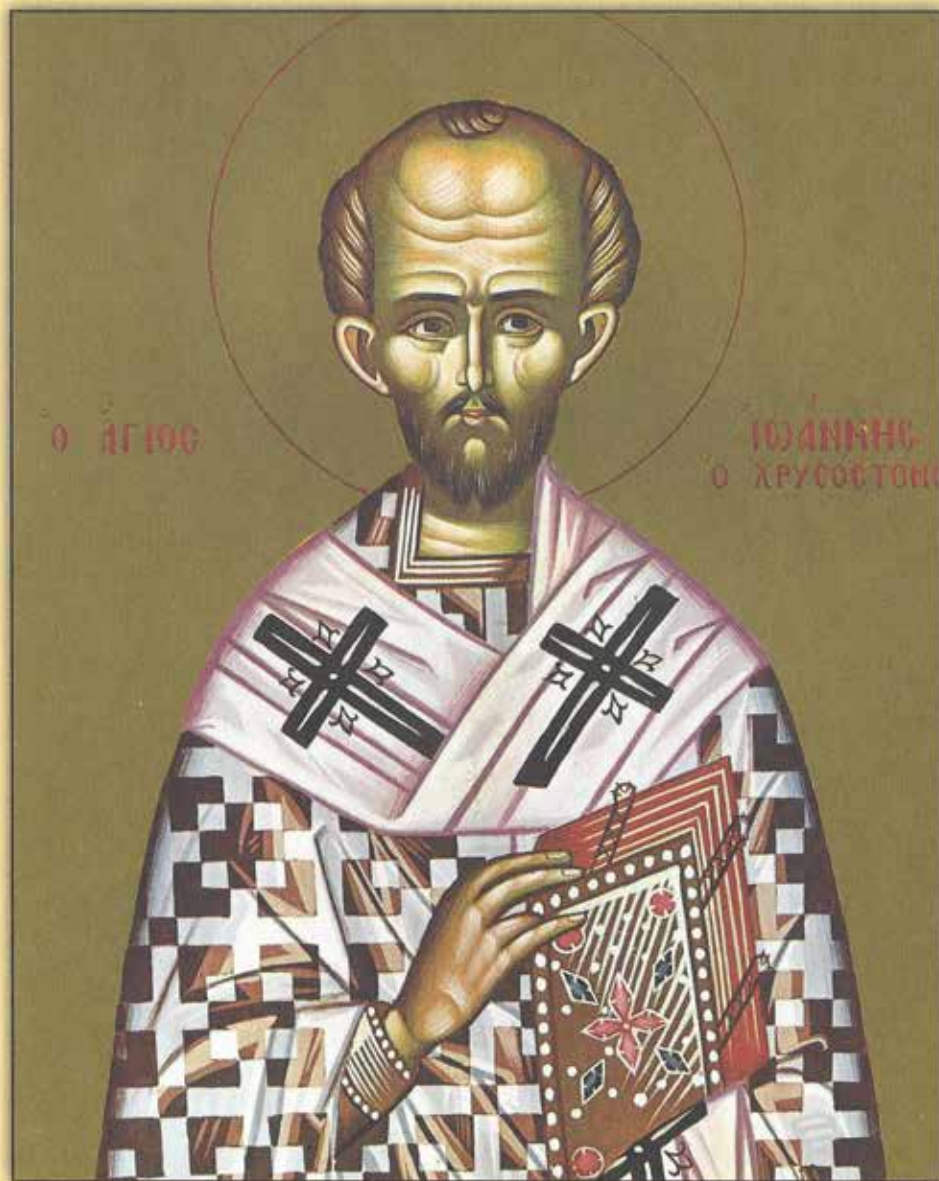


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint John Chrysostom -- November 13th*

**November 11, 2018: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Epistle: Eph. 4: 1-6

Gospel: Lk. 10: 25-37

<b>Mon., Nov. 12</b>	8:00	+ George Kohut (Family)
<b>Tues., Nov. 13</b>	8:00	+ Patrick Marcinko Jr. (Dorothy Zinsky)
<b>Wed., Nov. 14</b>	8:00	+ Andrew Mitchko (Lenny Mitchko)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 15</b>	8:00	+ Health of Bob Kindron (Kushner Family)
<b>Fri., Nov. 16</b>	8:00	+ John & Anna Rusyn (Children)
<b>Sat., Nov. 17</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
<b>Sun., Nov. 18</b>	9:00	+ Thomas Sydnor (Terry & Barbara Chmil)
	11:30	+ John W., Tillie, Joan, Gene & Gene Jr. Turko (JoAnn, Maria, Andy & Tressa)

**Veterans Day**



*Thank You for Serving!*

Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by each and every member of the Armed Forces, who have served or who are serving now and who bear the wounds of war.

To these brave men and women we say: **Thank you for your service.** Please spend a moment in silence to

pray for each of them, especially those wounded and ill warriors still suffering for our freedom.

*Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, please pray to your Son, Our Lord, for our warriors and veterans, for our Country and our continued freedom. Amen.*

## The Feast of St. Josaphat

November 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Josaphat. St. Josaphat (1580 - 1623) is one of those figures in history caught in a web of controversy where even good people find it hard to keep their heads. He was caught in a battle between Catholic and Orthodox, Latin and Byzantine, and found himself criticized and opposed on every side: by the Orthodox for being Catholic and by the Latins for being Byzantine. He held firmly to Catholic unity against the Orthodox and just as firmly to Byzantine rights against the Latins. At that period of history, it was a no-win situation, and he is the great martyr to the cause of unity.

St. Josaphat was born in Lithuania about 1580 into a Catholic family and early promoted Catholic unity in a country divided between Orthodox and Catholic. He entered the Byzan-

tine monastery of Holy Trinity in Vilna in 1604 and was elected Catholic archbishop of Polotsk in 1614. While clinging firmly to unity with Rome, he firmly opposed those Latins who saw unity only in Latin terms and would suppress Byzantine traditions in the name of Catholic unity. He firmly opposed the Latinization of his people and made enemies and severe critics among the Latin clergy of Poland.

Politically, the Catholic and Orthodox clergy were rivals in Lithuania, and the archbishopric of Polotsk was one of the contested sees. An Orthodox archbishop of Polotsk was appointed, and Josaphat was accused of taking office invalidly. Many of his Byzantine Catholics were won over to allegiance to Orthodoxy. Even the king of Poland wavered in his support of Josaphat, especially when Polish bishops accused

him of betraying his faith by not Latinizing his diocese.

One of the hotbeds of trouble in Josaphat's diocese was Witebsk, and in November of 1623 he went there to bring about peace in his flock, preaching in the churches and trying to reconcile differences. On November 12, a mob broke into the house where he was stay-

ing, shouting hatred and violence. When he confronted them, he was struck in the head with a halberd and shot. His mangled body was dragged out and thrown into the river. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867.

St. Josaphat is the Patron Saint for our Seminary in Washington, D.C.

## **Help! I am Bored in church. A 7-Step Method to Fix That.**

### **1. Turn off the car radio on the way to the Divine Liturgy.**

One of the best ways to mentally prepare for The Divine Liturgy is to begin before you arrive. Start clearing out your distractions in advance by spending your drive time to the parish in silence. Turn off the car radio, shut off your phone, and quiet down the talking if you have others in the car with you. Leave any important conversations for after the Liturgy. Consciously start making your transition from secular to sacred. Let that silence sink in.

### **2. Get to Liturgy at least ten minutes early.**

By clearing out your mind on the way to Liturgy and making room for silence, you have already taken steps to prepare yourself for prayer. Use that preparation

well by spending at least a few minutes in silent prayer before Liturgy begins. This will help to settle you down and keep you attentive. More time is better, but a few minutes is better than none at all. This may take practice, but over time you can develop the habit.

### **3. Pray Business Class.**

Why is it that everyone wants front row seats at a musical concert or at a game, but the last seats in church? Avoid looking for a place in the last pews of the church right at the back, especially when there is plenty of space up front. They say that the front pews receive more grace! Seriously, though, sitting up front will help you avoid distractions. If all that is in front of you is the altar, it is much easier to stay focused on what is happening there. You will also

be less distracted by what is happening in the pews around you.

#### **4. Come on out, you bathroom singers.**

Divine Liturgy is not an event for spectators. Participate! Say all the prayers and sing all the songs. If it helps, follow along with each part of Liturgy using the liturgy book. If you are engaging in all of this, it is a rewarding occupation for the mind, and God will undoubtedly assist you to better grasp and understand His sacred truths.

#### **5. Homilies are so boring!**

How often have I heard that? And true, sometimes a priest might meander a bit, but homilies are pretty interesting if you really listen to them, and the priest has probably put a lot of effort into preparing it. If you get bored during lectures in school or college or watching the evening news or scrolling through your Facebook feed, ask yourself if the problem is with you. Give yourself a challenge: Listen to the homily and try to capture the essence of it in 140 characters or less.

#### **6. 167 to 1.**

Remember that the Eucharist is Thanks-

giving, and if you are just a Sunday churchgoer, then you are giving God your full attention for just 1 hour or less. The rest of the 167 hours each week, God gives you as a gift and doesn't get in your way. Ask yourself how many good things you have received from the Lord. Isn't it right and just that we spend 1 hour each week worshiping the Creator with all our hearts?

#### **7. A perfect 7 – Mary.**

The final word belongs to Mary, Queen of heaven and earth and our Mother. Ask Mary to intercede for you during the Divine Liturgy. Pray to her for guidance and strength. She was always by Our Lord's side and she will remain by yours as well. No human being understands you better than Mary does.

Follow these 7 steps and you will slowly find the beauty of the Eucharist opening up before you. As with any other activity, this too will take time. Don't expect to be charged up on the first Sunday itself. All great tastes develop in time and with patience. You cannot make great music on the first day. Neither was Rome built in a day.

## **Time Capsule**

Before the Brass Plaque is replaced on the Millennium Monument, we have the opportunity to place a "Time Capsule" into

the structure. We have the Book from our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1988) and the DVD and Booklet from our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the

Church to be placed in the box. We are looking for additional mementos of the Church from our Parish Family. The “time capsule” will be placed into the Monument on November 24, 2018 after the 4:00 Divine Liturgy (weather conditions permitting). Items can be

dropped off at the rectory: label all items with dates, activity, and names etc... There is limited amount of space. Deadline for items is November 11, 2018. Don't be left out. For additional info, contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren at 570-383-0319.

## **Holy Name Society Meeting**

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet today, November 11<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. All members

are invited and encourage to attend this meeting.

## **Do You Have Time To Help Others?**

VNA Hospice and Home Health is seeking volunteers to be part of our care team. Our volunteer program provides a unique opportunity to serve others and at the same time learn new skills and make new friends. If you like to listen to treasured stories or just

lend a helping hand, VNA is the place for you.

If you would like more information on joining our team, please contact Marina Pambianco, Volunteer Coordinator, at 570-383-bobo 51804 or [mpambianco@vnahospice.org](mailto:mpambianco@vnahospice.org)

## **Turkey Bingo in Taylor**

Saint Mary Church 700 Oak Street, Taylor, is sponsoring a Turkey Bingo to be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1:00PM. Cost of admission is \$3 per person, extra cards at \$2 each.

Door prizes will be awarded as well as a 50/50 money raffle (3 prizes). Doors will open at 12 Noon and food/refreshments will be available.

## **Annual Harvest Dinner**

Sponsored by Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 12:30pm St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North

Seventh Avenue, Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and other beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students 6

to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under. Reservations close Monday, November 12 - no tickets sold at the door. Take-outs available by advance order - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00

noon. Several door prizes will be awarded along with a Basket of Cheer raffle. For reservations contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514. Welcome to our table!

### **Connor's Christmas Miracle**

An "Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar will take place on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1 to 5 pm at Jon Pierres American Bistro, 590 Burke Bypass in Olyphant.

All proceeds benefit Connor Edward Abda, who was born on June 1, 2018 with Immunodeficiency Disease (Boy in the Bubble Disease).

Donations will help Connor with ongoing medical expenses as he

continues with treatment at Hershey Medical Center.

Donations of \$5.00 per Family at the Door gets you a Door Prize ticket for a LIVE Christmas Tree, Photos with Santa, gift bags for the kids, juice, hot chocolate, Homemade cookies, and the Gift of Giving Connor a Miracle! For more info call Kim at (H) 570-383-9552, (C) 570-892-0378 or Diane at 845-542-9233.

### **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2018 is Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno,

Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

### **Sunday Collection for November 3 & 4, 2018: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 17 & 18, 2018**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Nicholas Muchisky	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Brennin Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Reflection on the Good Samaritan*

First, we must pity the ill fortune of the man who fell unarmed and helpless among robbers, and who was so rash and unwise as to choose the road in which he could not escape the attack of robbers. For the unarmed can never escape the armed, the heedless the villain, the unwary the malicious. Since malice is ever armed with guile, fenced round with cruelty, fortified with deceit, and ready for fierce attack...

He poured in wine, that is, the blood of His passion, and oil, that is, the anointing of the chrism, that pardon might be granted by His blood, sanctification be conferred by the chrism...

The wounded parts are bound up by the heavenly Physician, and containing a salve within themselves, are by the working of the remedy restored to their former soundness. Having

poured in wine and oil, he placed him upon His beast...

For the Inn is the Church, which receives travelers, who are tired with their journey through the world, and oppressed with the load of their sins; where the wearied traveler casting down the burden of his sins is relieved, and after being refreshed is restored with wholesome food. And this is what is here said, and took care of him. For outside is everything that is conflicting, hurtful and evil, while within the Inn is contained all rest and health...

He said, if you see any one oppressed, say not surely he is wicked; but be he Gentile or Jew and need help, dispute not, he has a claim to your assistance, into whatever evil he has fallen.

*St. John Chrysostom*