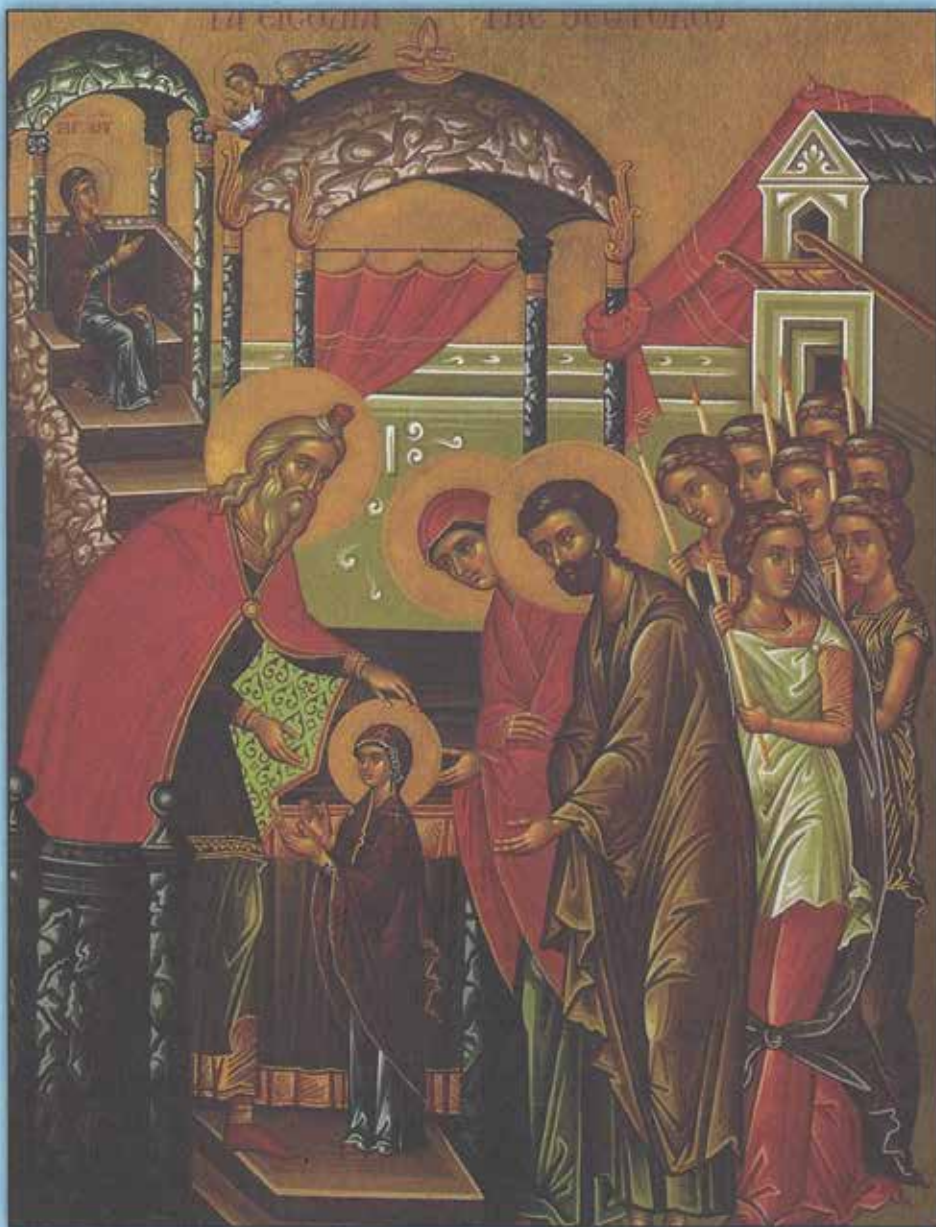
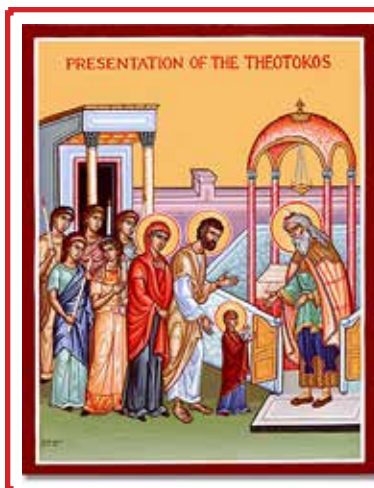


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos -- November 21st*

<b>November 18, 2018: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>	
Epistle: Eph. 5: 9-19 <span style="float: right;">Gospel: Lk. 12: 16-21</span>	
<b>Mon., Nov. 19</b>	8:00 + Amelia & Marcia Plesko (Kushner Family)
<b>Tues., Nov. 20</b>	8:00 Health of Bob Kindron (Kushner Family) <b><i>For the Holy Day:</i></b> 7:00 pm Health of Andre Marcinko (Andrea Novak)
<b>Wed., Nov. 21</b>	<b>Entrance of the Theotokos (Solemn Holy Day)</b> 9:00 + Fred Jacobs (Marcella & Family)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 22</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 9:00 Thanksgiving to God for All Our Blessings
<b>Fri., Nov. 23</b>	8:00 + John & Anna Rusyn (Children)
<b>Sat., Nov. 24</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Richard & Mary Sue Harrigan (Mildred Harrigan)
<b>Sun., Nov. 25</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Lawrence Krisanda (Wife Anna Mae)



## Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

*Commemorated November 21<sup>st</sup>*

When Mary took their daughter, Mary, to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of

the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Al-

mighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance.

## Thanksgiving Greetings



This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Someone once said that he feels sorry for atheists on Thanksgiving Day because they have no one to thank. The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 knew they had SOMEONE to thank, since one of their motives in coming to the new world was their desire for religious freedom. Like the chosen people of the Bible, they came to a land full of promise and they

soon recognized their debt to God by beginning our custom of Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day among us is traditionally a family day, a time for homecomings and the sharing of a sumptuous dinner. We will celebrate a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am this year so that as a Parish Family we can gather together to give thanks and then to return

to our homes to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal. This year, let us begin this Thanksgiving Day properly by coming together as God's children in His Home - our Church. We should gather there to express thanks to God for all His many favors. As Americans, we should express our gratitude for the blessings of living as we do in a free and prosperous land. As Christians we should gather to express our gratitude for our faith, a faith that gives us the

joy of knowing that God is our Loving Father.

This coming Thanksgiving day reminds us that we, both as Catholic Christians and as Americans, have indeed much to be thankful for. Above all, it reminds us that we have SOMEONE to thank. As a "Parish family" let us gather in our "Family House of Worship" at the beginning of this Thanksgiving Day to express our sincere gratitude to God, Our Father!

### From the Chancery...



Our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, as a charitable organization, has enrolled with Amazon Smile. As a result, through the Amazon Smile program, most purchases made on Amazon will result in our Philadelphia Archeparchy as a charitable institution receiving a financial contribution. Amazon will make a charitable contribution of 0.5% of the cost of qualify-

ing purchases to the Archeparchy and it costs you nothing.

We encourage you, your parish, and all parishioners and friends to partici-

pate in this program for the financial benefit of our Archeparchy. To participate, enter the following link in your browser: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1986964>. This will take you directly to our Amazon Smile charitable organization link to the Archeparchy. Just shop and complete your purchase as you normally would and a donation will automatically be made to our

Archeparchy.

Google Chrome is the preferred search engine. If you use other search engines you may need to search for

our charity listing manually by typing in “Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Archdiocese”.

## More From the Chancery...

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our archieparchial website at: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>. You may also view our “Archeparchy of Philadelphia” Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/> and our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

The Way, our archieparchial newspaper is published twice a month in both an English language version and

a Ukrainian language version. The website for The Way is: <https://ukrcap.wordpress.com/>.

The Way can be emailed directly to you for FREE through the internet. To receive The Way, simply send your e-mail address to: [theway@ukrcap.org](mailto:theway@ukrcap.org). You may also share The Way with family and friends by sending their e-mail addresses to: [theway@ukrcap.org](mailto:theway@ukrcap.org). All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read The Way, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

## 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 momentos 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 18, 2018. Don't be left out. For additional info, contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren at 570-383-0319.



## **Singing in Church**

There are many who would say “I don’t have a good voice” or “I’m not a singer.” To them I would say -- We are God’s greatest creation -- and within each of us is the voice God gave us. It is the only musical instrument created by God

for all others are the invention of man. Who are we to judge, to decide that the voice inside each of us is good or bad? Remember, God also created the birds -- and each, including the crow, SINGS!

## **Our Condolences**

In your Christian Charity, please pray for the blessed repose of the soul of + **Dolores Spryn**, who fell asleep in the

Lord last Monday, November 12, 2018. May her memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## **What Is Our Rule About Fasting Before Communion?**

We all have a strict obligation to fast for one hour before receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. This means no eating or drinking at all for one hour before. Those who have medical conditions (diabetes, etc.) and must take medica-

tion or eat at certain times are certainly exempted from this fasting rule. While a very beneficial spiritual practice, fasting and abstinence should never be practiced to the detriment of one’s physical health and well-being.

## **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

## **Annual Harvest Dinner**

Sponsored by Scranton’s St. Vladimir

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Sun-

day, 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 Mon-

day, 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 contin-

ues 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 10 & 11, 2018: \$**

#### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 24 & 25, 2018**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Samuel Sczesniak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Continually Before the Face of God*

Be mindful of God, so that in every moment He may be mindful of you. If He is mindful of you, He will give you salvation.

Do not forget Him, letting yourselves be seduced by vain distractions. Do you want Him to forget you in your times of temptation?

Stay near Him and obey Him in the days of your prosperity. You will be able to rely on His word in difficult days, because prayer will keep you safe in His continual presence.

Remain constantly before His face, think of Him, remember Him in your heart. Oth-

erwise, if you only meet Him from time to time, you risk losing your close friendship with Him.

Familiarity between people comes about through physical presence. Familiarity with God, by contrast, is built on meditation and self-abandonment to Him during prayer.

Those who would see the Lord should purify their hearts with the continual remembrance of God. They will reach the contemplation of God in every moment, and within Him all will be light.

*St. Isaac of Nineveh*