

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Stephen and Irenarchus -- November 28th

<b>November 25, 2018: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>	
Epistle: Eph. 6: 10-17 <span style="float: right;">Gospel: Lk. 13: 10-17</span>	
<b>Mon., Nov. 26</b>	8:00 + Mildred Gazella (Sandra DeMattio & Children)
<b>Tues., Nov. 27</b>	8:00 + Ann Marie Chelak (Howard Smith)
<b>Wed., Nov. 28</b>	8:00 + Stephen & Andrew Chezik (Family)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 29</b>	8:00 + Florence Chomo (Jeffrey & Sherry Chmil)
<b>Fri., Nov. 30</b>	8:00 + Jill King (Judy & Paul Parette)
<b>Sat., Dec. 1</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Harry & Olga Pish; + Mildred Polacek (Jean Howarth)
<b>Sun., Dec. 2</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 +Bill Trently (Evelyn Trently & Family)

## **Something to Think About**

The following was written by Ben Stein and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary. The article is quite long but certainly is worth reading.

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled tress, Christmas trees... I don't feel threatened... I don't feel discriminated against... That's what they are, Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, "Merry Christmas" to me. I don't think that they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu... If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away. I

don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her: "How could God let something like this happen?" (regarding Hurricane Katrina). Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said: "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've

been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events... terrorist attacks, school shootings, etc... I think that it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK.

Then some of you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem. (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves. Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it

out. I think it has a great deal to do with “WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.”

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world’s going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Are you laugh-

ing yet? Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us that what God thinks of us.

But, if you discard this thought process, don’t sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in. My Best Regards, Honestly and respectfully.

### **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 qualifying purchases to the Archeparchy and it costs you nothing.

We encourage you, your parish,

and all parishioners and friends to participate 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: <https://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](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.

## **Andrew's Pence**

The Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) has decided to hold a collection, called Andrew's Pence, to support faithful of UGCC abroad where there is no permanent ecclesiastical structure.

More than 100 years ago Ukrainians started to leave their native land in search of a better life, material welfare, and freedom. Many settled on another continent, where church buildings of the UGCC are not everywhere, so that the faithful

could not attend services in their native Church. Wishing to provide all faithful of the UGCC with spiritual care, the bishops call upon all to support the faithful of the UGCC abroad in prayer and financially, collecting the so-called Andrew's Pence.

According to the Protocol of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, the "Andrew's Pence" collection is to be taken in all parishes each year in the month of December.

## **Time Capsule**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the "Time Capsule." Due to the expected bad weather tomorrow afternoon/evening, the placing of the "time

capsule" has been RESCHEDULED from today (November 24th) to next Saturday, December 2nd.

## **'Tis the Season**

We will begin to decorate our Church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 2, 2018 beginning at 1 pm. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to come and lend

a helping hand. We especially need the men of the Parish to handle the ladders and the Manger.

## Welcome St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas arrives on Saturday, December 8th at approximately 5:15 pm. Please arrive no later than 5:00 pm to ensure a good seat! St. Nicholas will visit with each child, and there will be treats for children of all ages. Our Religious Education children will welcome St. Nicholas by singing, "O, KTO, KTO," and, everyone can sing along

with other favorite carols. This is a Parish event limited to members of the Parish and closest friends. REMINDER to all: There is to be no eating of candy or oranges inside the Church. Please be mindful and pick up any wrappers, etc., before leaving. Thank you. Looking forward to seeing you!

## 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 if good or bad? Remember, God also created the birds -- and each, including the crow, SINGS!

## 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 medication 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 570-383-51804 or [mpambianco@vnahospice.org](mailto:mpambianco@vnahospice.org)

## 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 17 & 18, 2018: \$2,317.17

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for December 1 & 2, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Nicholas Borowski	John Sakson
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Brennin Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Tyler Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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### *Preaching the Good News*

The Church of the Lord is built upon the rock of the apostles among so many dangers in the world; it therefore remains unmoved. The Church's foundation is unshakable and firm against the assaults of the raging sea. Waves lash at the Church but do not shatter it. Although the elements of this world constantly beat upon the Church with crashing sounds, the Church possesses the safest harbor of salvation for all in distress. Although the Church is tossed about on the sea, it rides easily on rivers, especially those rivers that Scripture speaks of: The rivers have lifted up their voice. These are the rivers flowing from the heart of the man who is given drink by Christ and who receives from the Spirit of God. When these rivers overflow with the grace of the Spirit, they lift up their voice.

There is also a stream which flows down on God's saints like a torrent. There is also a

rushing river giving joy to the heart that is at peace and makes for peace. Whoever has received from the fullness of this river, like John the Evangelist, like Peter and Paul, lifts up his voice. Just as the apostles lifted up their voices and preached the Gospel throughout the world, so those who drink these waters begin to preach the good news of the Lord Jesus.

Drink, then, from Christ, so that your voice may also be heard. Store up in your mind the water that is Christ, the water that praises the Lord. Store up water from many sources, the water that rains down from the clouds of prophecy.

*St. Ambrose of Milan*

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