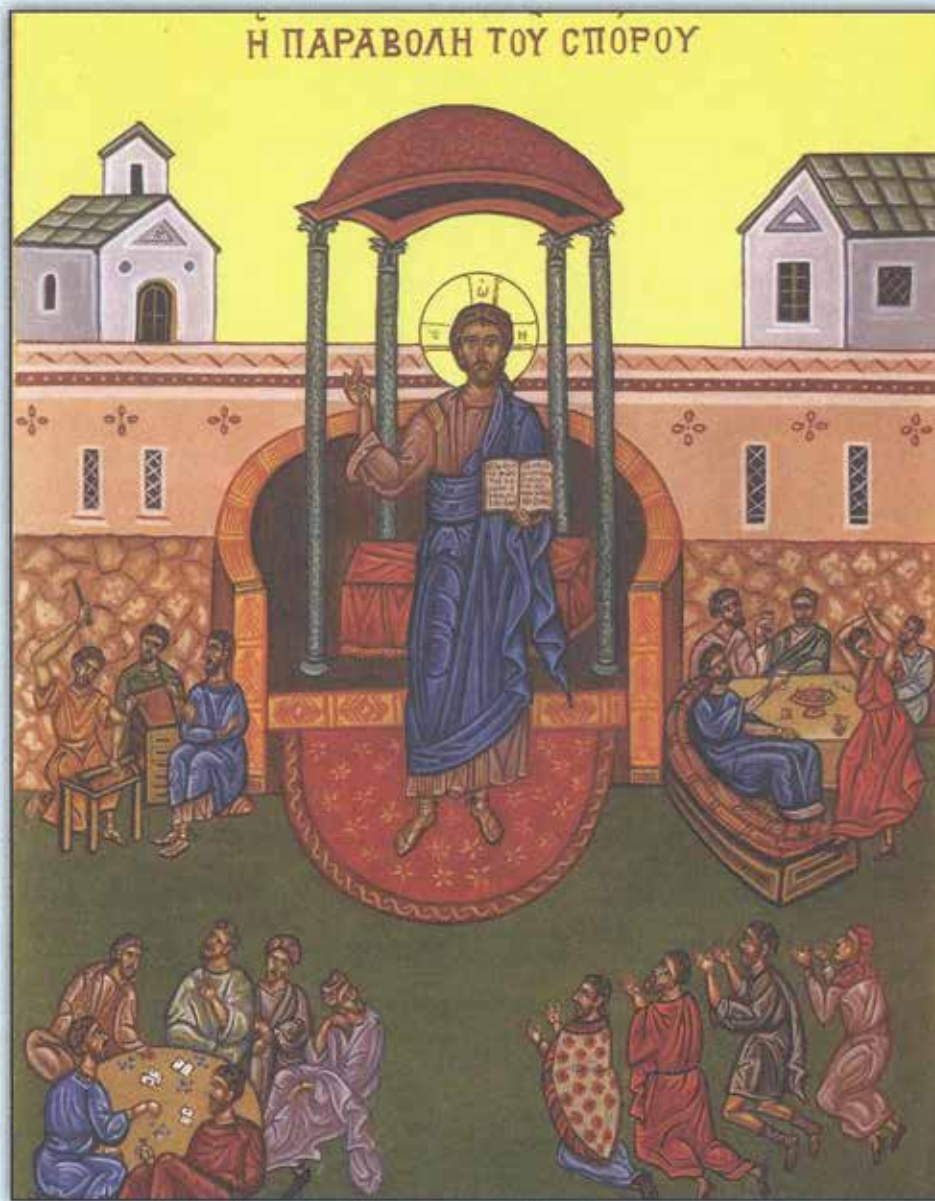


SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:5-15)*

<b>Oct. 14, 2018: Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</b>		
Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20		Gospel: Lk. 8: 5-15
<b>Mon., Oct. 15</b>	8:00	+ Rosalie Namiak (Family & Friends)
<b>Tues., Oct. 16</b>	8:00	God's Blessings on Father Nestor (Morning Liturgy Ladies)
<b>Wed., Oct. 17</b>	8:00	+ Timothy McGoff (Lauren Telep)
<b>Thurs., Oct. 18</b>	8:00	+ Ann Marie Chelak (Nancy Kohut & Family)
<b>Fri., Oct. 19</b>	8:00	+ Debra Altier (Parents)
<b>Sat., Oct. 20</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Petra Sedlak (Family)	
<b>Sun., Oct. 21</b>	9:00	+ Michael & Mary Stanko (Daughter Elaine & Bob)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners; Baptism of Tucker Polachek

## **Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Council**

Today is a commemoration of an historical event — which, to allay all critics — is not found “in the Bible” — because it observes the fact which happened after the written part of our Tradition was closed to further addition. The living Tradition of the Church is that experienced by those people who follow the norms of Scripture and are thus sanctified by these writings, and give witness to ways of interpreting them for their lives — and a proof of the invaluable

worth of the Scripture. Such is the case of celebrating the Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. During the early development of the codification of the Christian Doctrine and clarification of the elements of the Truth to be found — sometimes hidden — in the Sacred scripture, there were at times people who would profess ideas which were not in conformity with what was and is written. The Fathers of the Seventh Council who battled the hereti-

cal thought are honored in the Liturgy in the Tropar while the Kondak of the feast proclaims the Truth over which

they so valiantly — even physically — fought.

## Ten Spiritual Reminders

1) Time is a special gift from God. Use your time wisely and it can bring you eternal rewards. Time wasted is gone forever.

2) Be sincere, be humble in all that you do for the greater glory of God, the good of the Church, the salvation of souls, for “What a person is in the eyes of God -- that he/she is, and no more.”

3) Always do your work neatly, accurately, honestly and to the best of your ability.

4) Avoid the near occasions of sin, i.e., certain persons, places, or things that can easily lead you into sin. But, if a temptation suddenly comes your way, don't let it stay; get rid of it right away! Instantly, keep giving the temptation the 1-2 to punch: saying a little prayer, turning your attention elsewhere! Then, God's actual grace will come quickly to help you win-and not commit a sin!

5) Each day try to be kind, helpful, patient. Furthermore, never hold a grudge or seek revenge against a person, always remembering what we say

to God the Father in the Lord's Prayer: “and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

6) In word and deed, always give good example. Personal good example is the prime requisite for being a good teacher.

7) “Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you” (Mt. 11:28). Accept this perennial invitation of the Lord.

8) Receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist worthily, fervently, and frequently.

9) Knowledge always comes before love. The more you know about the Catholic Faith, the more you will love and appreciate it; the more you will benefit from it; the better prepared you will be to defend it and to teach it to your children/students.

10) “Life is God's gift to you. What you do with your life – is your gift to God.” Meditate well on this often quoted passage, and end up with a good resolution.

*By Msgr. John Squiller, STL*

## Doctor's Service!

A doctor quickly entered the hospital after being called in for an urgent surgery. He changed his clothes and went directly to the surgery block. He saw the boy's father walking back and forth in the hall waiting for the doctor.

Once seeing the doctor, the dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have the sense of responsibility?"

The doctor smiled and said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital and I came the fastest I could... now, I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work."

"Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what will you do?" said the father angrily.

The doctor smiled again and replied: "I will say what is said in the Holy Bible 'From dust we came and

to dust we return, blessed be the name of God.' Doctors cannot prolong lives. Go and intercede for your son, we will do our best by God's grace."

"Giving advice when we're not concerned is so easy" murmured the father.

The surgery took some hours after which the doctor went out happy, "Thank God! Your son is saved!"

And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any question, ask the nurse."

"Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state?" commented the father when seeing the nurse minutes after the doctor left.

The nurse answered: "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was in the burial when we called him for your son's surgery."

## Time Capsule

Our thanks goes out to Harry Zinsky for all his time and efforts in repairing our Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine Monument on River Street. Before the Brass Plaque is replaced, 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 in late November 2018 (depending on the weather) 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. For additional info, contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren at 570-383-0319.

## **St. Cyril’s 2018 Rummage Sale Raffle Basket Winners**

Congratulations to all the winners! The 113 raffle baskets were raffled off on Sunday, September 23, 2018. We thank all the parishioners, family and friends who donated their time as they dropped off the “letter requesting a contribution to our raffle” or donated items themselves. The net income for the raffle was \$1581.00. Special thanks to Doroty Zinsky and Marcella Gawron for their dedication and help. It was very successful as we received a variety of gifts including “wine and spirits”, gift certificates/gift cards from restaurants, retail establishments, holiday decorations, homemade items, lottery tickets, \$59.00 in postage stamps, \$100 gift certificate from Toyota of Scranton, \$180 gift certificate for Mother’s Day from Fiorelli Catering, Coleman Propane Grill from Fidelity Bank of Peckville. etc.. (Note: The asterisk \* denotes 12 winners received from “Bill Mountain Through Clean” Gift Card (via Giant Carpet Co.) a \$50.00 gift card each\* and in the listing “G.C.” denotes a gift card/gift certificate).

*A full listing of the Raffle Basket Winners and the prizes can be found in the Vestibule of the Church.*

## **St. Cyril’s Holy Name Society Meeting**

St. Cyril’s Holy Name Society will meet today (Sunday) after the 9:00 Di-

vine Liturgy. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

## **Basket and Gift Auction**

Annual Basket & Gift Auction! Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall,

131 N. Beech St, Mount Carmel. Doors open at 11:30 AM, Auction begins at 2 PM. Browse & Bid on Saturday, Oc-

tober 13, 2018 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Need not be present to win. Great Food to Eat In or Take Out! Great Prizes!

Check the event on our FB page (#Ss-PeterAndPaulMC) for updates on our prizes! Hope to see you there!

## **Fresh Pyrohy/Pierogy for Your Autumn Dinner**

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring an autumn potato and cheese pierogy sale on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm in the parish center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton. These are

freshly made that day and are not frozen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders should be placed no later than Monday, October 15 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

## **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

This year, on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. Bishop Andriy Rabyi will join with our married faithful in celebrating the Divine Liturgy honoring Married Life.

We invite all of our married faithful wishing to celebrate their wedding anniversary in this very special way to come and join in the celebration! It will be a celebration of their love and commitment to each other in the holy state of Matrimony and a witness to the

world of their life-long commitment to the Holy Mystery of Crowning, the Sacred Sacrament of Matrimony.

During the Divine Liturgy, they will renew their wedding vows, as they gather with other jubilarians from throughout the Archeparchy to celebrate their love, faith, and commitment to each other in the presence of Almighty God and family and friends.

After the Divine Liturgy, a dinner with Bishop Andriy will be an opportunity for all to break bread together.

## **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.

## Bus Trip

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a Christmastime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 8, 2018. There will be several stops in Manhattan: the Ground Zero area for part of our group who have already made advance 911 Museum reservations; Little Italy; the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side; Bryant Park's Winter Village housing 125+ holiday vendors in midtown; and, the Christmassy Fifth Avenue area. We'll have an opportunity to enjoy an Italian lunch, buy some Ukrainian goodies and chachkas, see many beautiful Christmas decorations as only New York City can do it including the famous Christmas tree at

Rockefeller Center and more. Participants can follow the above itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. The 55 passenger Martz bus will leave from St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue at 8:00am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:45pm. A portion of the proceeds will be given again this Christmas to the orphans of St. Nicholas Orphanage in Kolomyia, Ukraine. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and reservations contact Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Check should be made out to St. Vladimir Church and mailed to Paul at 55 Waterford Road, Dalton PA 18414.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2018 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko and Michael Shumek.

## Sunday Collection for October 6 & 7, 2018: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for October 20 & 21, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Szczesniak -- Nicholas Borowski	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky



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### *Not the Seed at Fault, but Ourselves*

The parable of the sower and the seed could also be called the parable of the fate of the word of God in human hearts. It is very simple, clear and easy to understand. There is no mistaking its meaning.

There is also no mistaking Jesus' love and concern for His people. It must have been very frustrating and disappointing for Him to go from village to village and bring them grace and salvation only to find that His words were falling on deaf ears and cold hearts.

It is with this pain and concern for souls that He tells this beautiful parable. This is also why He cried out many times at the end of His parables, "He who has ears to hear, let him

hear." Yet He continued on, patiently teaching, sowing the seed of truth and praying that it will take root and bring forth fruit.

When hearing this parable, do not these thoughts strike us: "How has the seed, the word of God, taken root in our souls? What is the fate of Christ's teaching in our hearts? What type of soil have we cultivated for God's word? Are our hearts cold, stony, filled with weeds and thorns?"

We cannot blame anyone but ourselves if the teachings of Jesus are not reflected in our lives. It is not the seed which is at fault, only ourselves.