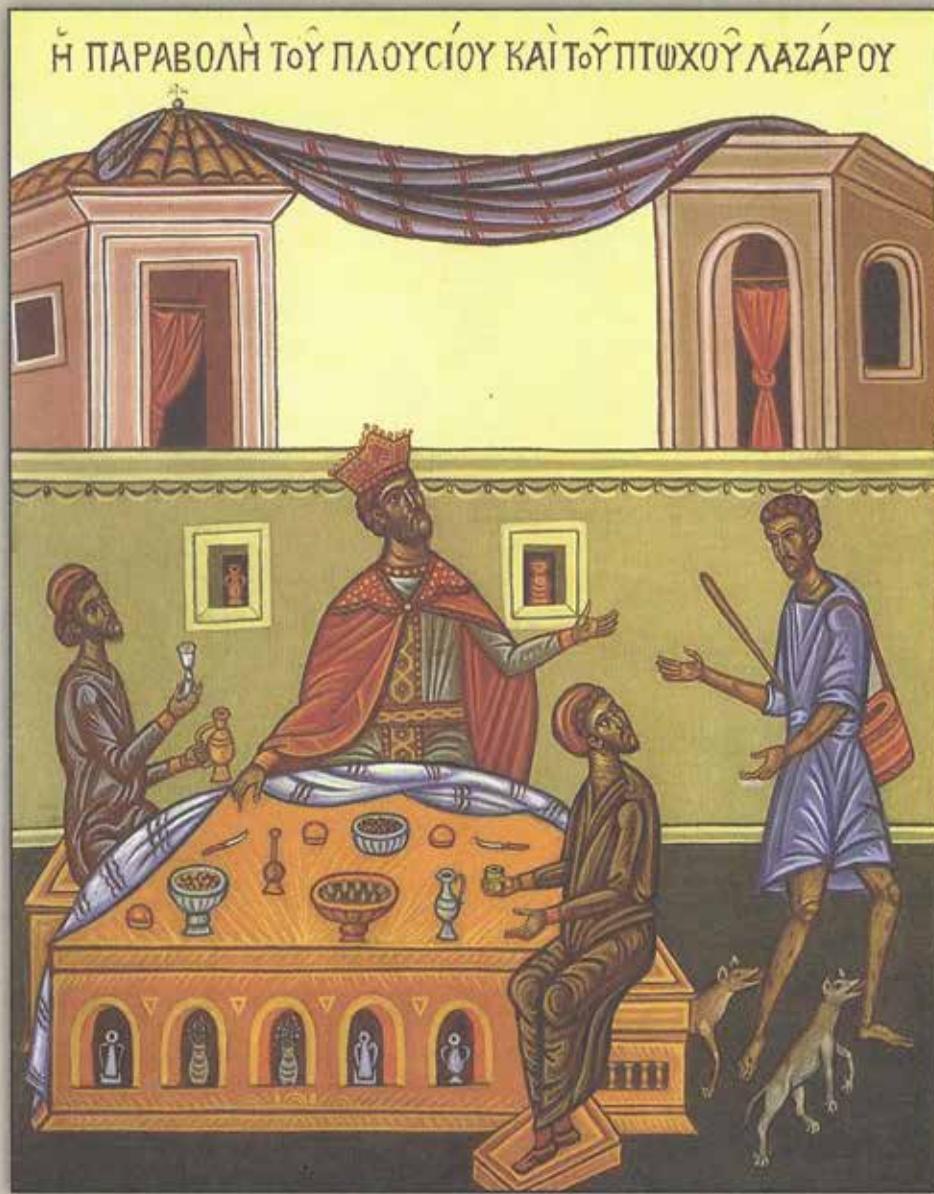


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

Oct. 21, 2018: Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18

Gospel: Lk. 16: 19-31

Mon., Oct. 22	8:00	+ Howard & Olga Smith (Son Howard)
Tues., Oct. 23	8:00	+ Claire Cipriani (Leo Danylak)
Wed., Oct. 24	8:00	+ John Marushock (Fred & Shirley Jacobs)
Thurs., Oct. 25	8:00	+ Tom Matkosky (Wife Ann & Children)
Fri., Oct. 26	8:00	+ Philip Thompson (Ann Matkosky)
Sat., Oct. 27	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., Oct. 28	9:00	+ Anthony Pesarchik (Joe & Ann Nasevich)
	11:30	+ Jimmy Maslar (Family)

Reverence for God's House

Modern-day individual piety lacks a reverence for the house of God. It is reflected in our behavior within the church nave before services. When Jesus expelled the money changers from the temple in Matthew 21:13, He quoted Isaiah 56:7: "*My house shall be called the house of prayer...*". Do we treat God's house with respect?

Because of our busy lives, we just do not make quality time for prayer. If you use the time before church chattering needlessly, you are wast-

ing a valuable and precious opportunity that could be spent speaking with God. We then become bad examples for our children and those who visit our churches.

In the past, there was even a deep reverence for the whole church building. Men passing a church on the road would remove their hats momentarily and others would make the sign of the cross over themselves. This is the piety that our ancestors in the faith taught us. So, why are our attitudes different than theirs?

Let me offer some constructive ways to help combat this bad habit of chatter:

PRAYER – Always use the time before church to pray. Show reverence for the Holy Eucharist reserved on the altar in the tabernacle. He is in our midst and the listener of every conversation. “*He who planted the ear does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?* (Psalm 12:31).”

PREPARE – We should not receive the Sacraments in a haphazard way. Preparation is not optional; it is vital. “*Earnestly desire the higher gifts* (1 Corinthians 12:31).”

REVIEW – Review the scripture lessons of the day. “*I will run in the way of Your commandments when You enlarge my understanding* (Psalm 119:32).”

MEDITATION – Meditate on events of the day and offer supplication for the world and its sins. “*Pray at all times in the spirit, with all prayer and supplication.* (Ephesians 6:18).”

INTERCESSION – Instead of observing what each person is wearing that day, offer a short prayer for them. Light a candle to remember the living and departed. “*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all.* (Timo-

thy 2:1).”

SILENCE – You cannot hear God unless you are willing to be silent. “*For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.* (Psalm 62:1).”

OBSERVE – Look at the icons in the church; they teach us about our faith. Let them aid you in prayer. “*Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.* (Psalm 96:6).”

RESPECT – Always be respectful of others who desire to pray. “*Whatever you wish that someone would do to you, do so to them.* (Matthew 7:12).”

If you should need to speak, try not to bring attention to yourself. A smile and a nod is a good greeting for someone sitting next to you. The social hall or outside the church nave are more appropriate places to engage in friendly conversation.

All Christians should dedicate themselves to a life of prayer and devotion to God. When you take time to pray before each service, you are preparing to participate in an intimate encounter with the living God. “*Aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others.* (2 Corinthians 8:21).”

[RJM-OH]

What is the Jesus Prayer?

The Jesus Prayer is a short mental prayer or chant used repetitively to help one “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), to focus one’s thoughts on Jesus, to tap into divine power, or (in Hesychasm) to attain union with God. The Jesus Prayer - “*O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner,*” is particularly popular in Eastern Orthodoxy, although Catholics use it, too. It is believed that this prayer was first used by the ascetic or hermit monks of the Egyptian desert in the fifth century A.D. Saint Paul urges us to “pray without ceasing,” and this prayer is one of the best ways

to start doing so. It takes only a few minutes to memorize, after which you can recite it whenever you remember to do so. According to Christian belief, if you fill the empty moments of your day with the holy name of Jesus, you will keep your thoughts focused on God and grow in His grace. The “Jesus Prayer” is mirrored in a prayer offered by a tax collector in the temple in a parable that Jesus tells about the Publican (tax collector) and the Pharisee (religious scholar) in Luke 18:9-14: The tax collector said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” This sounds resoundingly close to the “Jesus Prayer.”

Bishop Andriy’s Letter to the People of God in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Bishop Andriy Rabyi, the Apostolic Administrator for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, has released a letter to the People of God, Clergy and Religious of the Archepa-

rchy of Philadelphia concerning the recent scandal in the Catholic Church. Copies of this letter are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Our Congratulations

Our congratulations and best wishes go out to **Tucker Raymond Polachek**, along with his parents Michael and Jenna, on the occasion of his initiation into the flock of Jesus Christ. Tucker received the Holy Mysteries of Initia-

tion during the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. We welcome Tucker into our Parish Family and pray that God may grant him many happy and blessed years! Na mnohaya i blahaya leeta!

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 100th anniversary (1988) and the DVD and Booklet from our 125th 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.

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!

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.

Annual Turkey-Fest

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest on Saturday, November 3rd from 2 to 7 pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets in Wilkes-Barre. This event features a traditional turkey dinner, festival games, raffle and a basket auction. Dinners will

be \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Eat-In or Take-out. Walk-Ins are welcome, but reservations are encouraged. Call (570) 829-3051 to make a reservation. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry. Receive a ticket for each item donated for our special food drive raffle.”

LUC Meeting

Father Myron Myronyuk, pastor of Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:30 pm to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Agenda items will focus on the

2018 National Convention held in Buffalo/Amherst, NY and plans for fund raising including the May 2019 bus trip to New York City’s St. George Ukrainian Street Festival and Brooklyn’s Brighton Beach. A bountiful reception will follow immediately after the business session. All Parishioners and friends are welcome to attend this LUC Meeting.

St. Mary’s Monthly Dinner

St. Mary’s Center, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton. November 8 – “A Taste of Autumn” - 6PM Seating -\$20 per person. Menu: Patti’s very special Cheddary Beer Soup; Braised Brisket of Beef (slowly roasted served w/ mushrooms and onions in wine sauce);

Roasted Garlic Potatoes; A Cornucopia of Tender Autumn Vegetables; Chef Dave’s Luscious Pumpkin Lush. Non Alcoholic Beverages Included. Cash bar Available. Reserve by November 5. 570-343-5151 or events@stmcsScranton.com

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 27 & 28, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Samuel Sczesniak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- Tyler Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Rich Man and Lazarus

[F]rom the parable, it is quite certain that souls when they leave the body do not still linger here, but are forthwith led away. And hear how it is shown: 'It came to pass,' it is said, 'that he died, and was carried away by the angels.' Not the souls of the just only, but also those of sinners are led away. This also is clear from the case of another rich man. For when his land brought forth abundantly, he said within himself, 'What shall I do? I will pull down my barns and build greater,' (Luke xii. 18.) Than this state of mind nothing could be more wretched. He did in truth pull down his barns; for secure storehouses are not built with walls of stone; they are 'the mouths of the poor.' But this man neglecting these, was busy about stone walls. What, however, did God say to him? 'Thou fool, this night shall they require thy soul of thee.' Mark also: in one passage it is said that the soul is carried away by angels; in the other, that 'they require it;

and in the latter case they lead it away as a prisoner; in the former, they guard and conduct it as a crowned victor. And like as in the arena a combatant, having received many wounds, is drenched with blood; his head being then encircled with a crown, those who stand ready by the spot take him up, and with great applause and praise they bear him home amid shouting and admiration. In this way the angels on that occasion led Lazarus also away. But in the other instance dreadful powers, probably sent for that purpose, required the soul. For it is not of its own accord that the soul departs this life; indeed, it is not able. For if when we travel from one city to another we need guides, much more does the soul stand in want of those who can conduct it, when it is separated from the flesh, and is entering upon the future state of existence.

+ *St. John Chrysostom, Discourse 2.1-2*