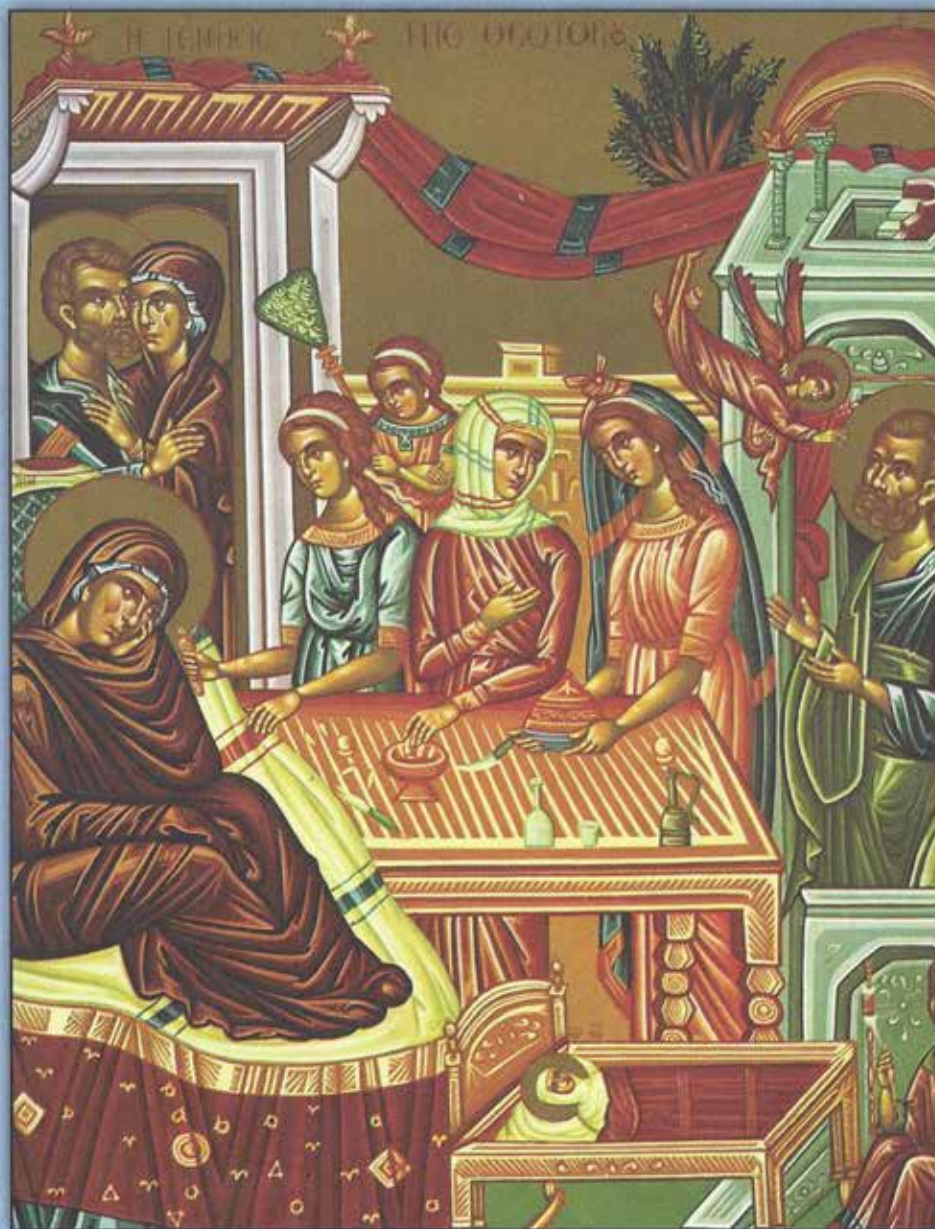


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos -- September 8th*

<b>September 2, 2018: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	
Epistle: 2 Cor. 4: 6-15 <span style="float: right;">Gospel: Mt. 22: 35-46</span>	
<b>Mon., Sept. 3</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> 9:00 + Tom Matkosky (Matt Beckage)
<b>Tues., Sept. 4</b>	8:00 + Ann & Bernard Inshiewicz (Marlene Nestrick)
<b>Wed., Sept. 5</b>	8:00 + Joseph Muchisky (Leo Danylak)
<b>Thurs., Sept. 6</b>	8:00 + Joan Turko (Anne & Laurie Ganiban)
<b>Fri., Sept. 7</b>	8:00 + Pearl Kostic (Lucy Ziman)
<b>Sat., Sept. 8</b>	<b>Birth of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)</b> 9:00 + Tom Matkosky (Pam Healy) 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Robert Harris (Wife Jule)
<b>Sun., Sept. 9</b>	9:00 For Our Parishioners gnes Uhrin (Leo Danylak) 11:30 + Rose (Carol)

## **The Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

### **Background**

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many

years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

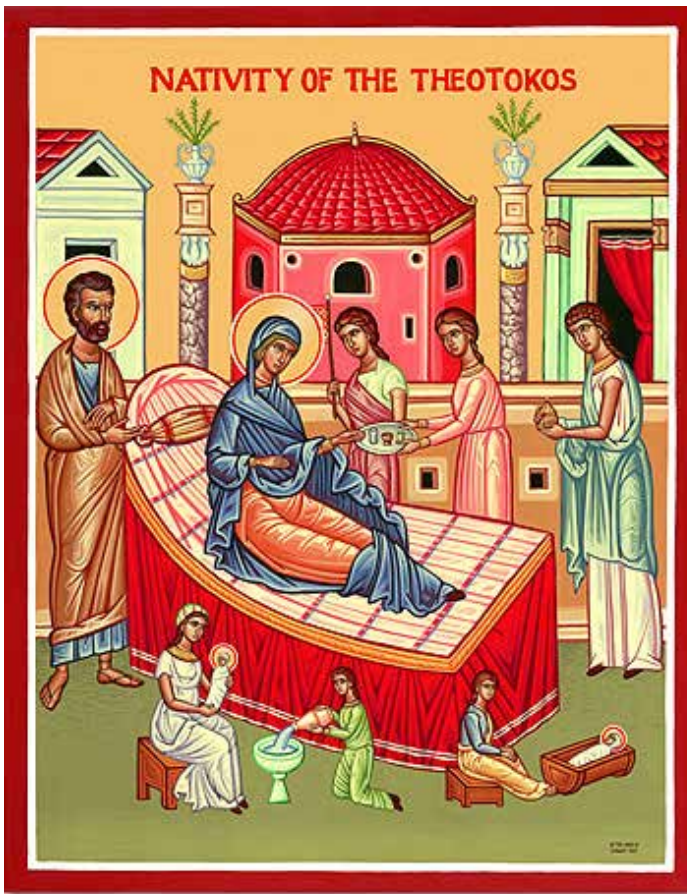
As Joachim was praying, his

wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her

child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

### **Icon of the Feast**

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's



parents. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new

parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the

world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another fore-

shadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal.

## **Update for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale (September 21, 22, & 23, 2018)**

1. Updates for times and dates for this week: September 3<sup>rd</sup> - September 8<sup>th</sup> (Times may change every week to accommodate our volunteers). We closed early last week, due to the excessive heat. 2 weeks to the Sale. For additional information: contact Lauren at cell # (646)-241-9443, Michaelene (570) 209-2026 or Father Nestor (570) 291-4451.

The bulletin announcement is your invitation to volunteer!

The School gym will be open:

Monday(3), Wednesday (5), Friday(7) 10:00 a.m- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday(4), Thursday (6) Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday (8) 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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2. Now is the time to drop off your Raffle donations from the “Contribution letter” to businesses and bottles of “Wine and Spirits” or any new items.

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3. All Parishioner, friends and neighbors: You were all notified the week of April 29, 2018 (5 months ago) the Rummage Sale would be held September 21, 22, & 23,2018. Those who are ABLE you could still come a few hours a week. We are open in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and 2 days a week, open until 7:00 p.m. and open on Saturday. This “fundraiser” is for your church and helps in paying the bills. We need the men of the parish to help with the furniture that is set up in Father’s Nestor garage and eventually moved to the driveway the week of September 17, 2018

Volunteers, Men, woman and teen-ages are needed on the 21 and 22 and 23rd during the sale: no experience needed: hand out boxes, give help to the customers, security at the doors, helping wrap and bags the items as they are sold, selling raffle tickets, selling jewelry, etc., now is the time to get yourself down to the school gym and help this

fundraiser.

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4. Pre-Rummage Sale set-up: come for a few hours! Stay and help as long as you wish! Give a few hours, sitting at the table, the items are separated by price and all you have to do is put a sticker on the items! Share time with your fellow parishioners, you don't have to move boxes. There is always an excuse, but it is time now, we need your help.

Talk with Michaelene, Sonia, Melanie, Michael, Glenda, John, Paul, Carol, Bob, Rosemary, Julie, Jackie, Ann Elaine, Marie, Joyce, Jan, Jeanne, etc., your fellow parishioners who have volunteered over the past 6 weeks and they will tell you about their experience at the pre-rummage set up! They also enjoy the opportunity to "shop and buy" early as they work. The most common question, we have to answer "Where are the other parishioners?"

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5. Now is the time to get publicity for the Rummage Sale. The "yellow flyers" for the sale are available in the vestibule of the Church. Everyone can take as many as you need! Where ever you go, ask permission to have the flyer posted! If they don't have a public bulletin board, perhaps they can post it for their employees in their lunch room. Your "local watering-hole", VFW, American Legions, post office, bakery, school, pharmacy, local gas stations, deli, fire company house, yardsales, pass to friends and neighbors etc. Give to everyone you may come in contact with, even the employees of your doctor's office (we all have those doctor appointments every week). Let's see those "yellow flyers" EVERYWHERE!

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6. We are welcoming any student that has community service hours for their high school, to come to our pre-rummage sale set-up. We welcome all students from the area. Check the times that the school gym is open or call Lauren Telep CELL 646-241-9443.

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7. Save your newspaper! We need the "black and white" print newspaper. The color catalogs and flyers size are not conducive to wrapping items at the rummage sale. Drop the newspaper at the school gym.

## Rise and Shine!

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, we are happy to announce that PA-HOMEPAGE (channel 28 and 22) will be broadcasting live from St. Cyril's School gym for our Rummage Sale. We must arrive by 4:30 a.m.-

4:45 a.m. for the morning show with Lauren Hensley. We had the pleasure of PA HOMEPAGE be at the School gym for our 7<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale, (we all know how successful that was!) and what great publicity for our Church and fundraiser. We know it's early,

but it's your chance to be on TV and promote our Rummage Sale. If you plan to attend, and have the St. Cyrils t-shirt or polo shirt, it would be nice of you to wear them. Any questions, Contact Lauren. Bring your family and friends!

## **It's Vacation Time... (But Not for Church Bills)**

It's that time of year again...Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and fi-

nancial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE during summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, don't forget about YOUR CHURCH! You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

## **EWTN Alert: Call to Prayer Pilgrimage**

On Friday, September 7 at 3:30 PM ET, EWTN will telecast the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Andriy Raby, Bishop John Bura and Bishop Kurt Burnette, which was recorded during the Call to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage in Centralia, Pa.

Responses were sung by the choir of Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C. Watch on your EWTN TV Channel or at the following website: [http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live\\_player.asp?sat=dome](http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live_player.asp?sat=dome)

## **Rummage, Food & Bake Sale**

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North River & West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre will hold a Rummage, Homemade Food

and Bake Sale, Saturday, September 8th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Sunday, September 9th, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come out and

browse an auditorium full of Clothing, Furniture, Tools, Toys, Games, Kitchenware, Linens, Sporting Goods, Crafts, Jewelry, Hand Bags, Shoes, Books, Videos, Electronics,

Seasonal Decorations and More. Find a bargain and enjoy some good food from Baba's Kitchen. Chances will be sold for our Variety Basket Auction drawing in November.

## Holy Name Society Meeting

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet on Sunday, September 9, 2018, following the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy.

All members are invited and encourage this meeting.

## L.U.C. Meeting

Father Roman Petryshak, pastor of Berwick's SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 2:30pm to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of our North Anthracite Coun-

cil of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). Schedule of autumn meetings, fund raising plans and the October National Convention in Buffalo/Amherst, New York will be the primary agenda items. This is a public event of SS. Cyril and Methodius parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2018 is Team

#1: Roger Barren & Jerry Sereditch

**Sunday Collection for August 25 & 26, 2018: \$2,490.17**

## Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 8 & 9, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Nicholas Muchisky	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Brennin Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

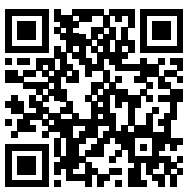
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### *Hail Theotokos!*

We shall never cease to hymn to you as one should, O Theotokos, and say: Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!  
Hail, O you, through whom the curse will disappear!

Hail, O Restoration of the Fallen Adam!  
Hail, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve!

Hail, O Peak above the reach of human thought!  
Hail, O Depth even beyond the sight of angels!

Hail, O you who have become a Kingly Throne!  
Hail, O you who carry Him Who Carries All!

Hail, O Star who manifest the Sun!  
Hail, O Womb of the Divine Incarnation!

Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed!  
Hail, O you through whom the Creator becomes a Babe!

Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

And why do we cry, "Alleluia?"

Hail, O hidden Sense of the Ineffable Plan!  
Hail, O Belief in Silence That Must Be!  
Hail, O Forecast of the Marvels of Christ!  
Hail, O Fountainhead of truths concerning Him!

Hail, Celestial Ladder, by whom God came down!

Hail, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!  
Hail, O Wonder, ever-thrilling to the angels!

Hail, O Wound, ever-hurting to the demons!  
Hail, O you who gave birth to Light ineffably!

Hail, O you who told no one how it was done!  
Hail, O you who surpass the wisdom of the wise!

Hail, O you who enlighten faithful minds!  
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

*From the Akathist to the Theotokos*