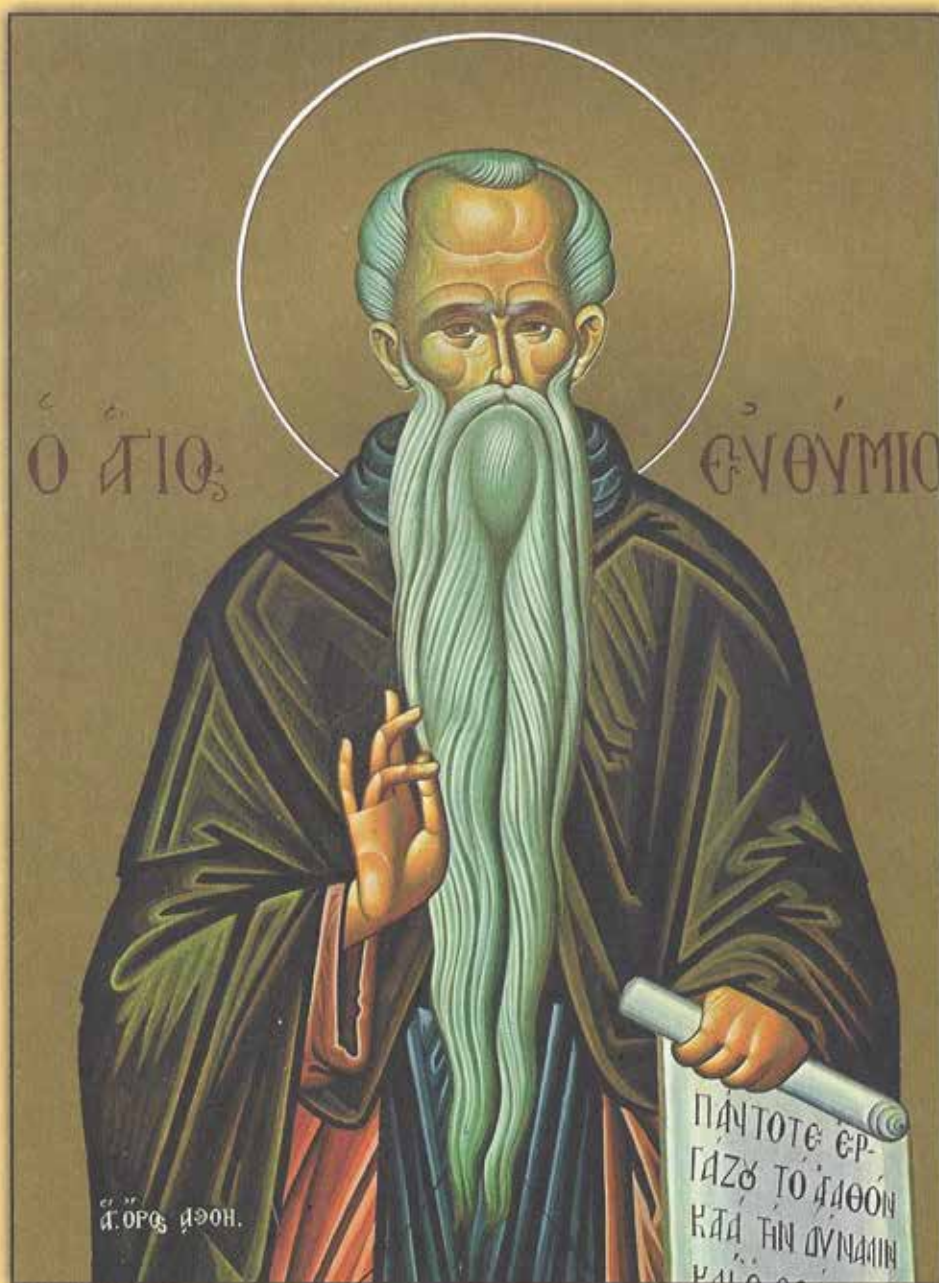


THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Euthymius -- January 20th

January 20, 2019:	35th Sunday After Pentecost
Epistle: Col. 3: 12-16	Gospel: Lk. 18: 18-27
Mon., Jan. 21	8:00 + Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son Joseph Smagula)
Tues., Jan. 22	8:00 + Victims of Abortion
Wed., Jan. 23	8:00 + Andrew & Julia Evanina & Family (Howard Smith)
Thurs., Jan. 24	8:00 + Halyna Iwasiw (Father Nestor)
Fri., Jan. 25	8:00 + Robert Harris (Wife Jule)
Sat., Jan. 26	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm + Howard & Olga Smith (Son Howard)
Sun., Jan. 27	9:00 + Olga, Louie, Steve & Deceased of the Moskel Family (Nieces & Nephews) 11:30 For Our Parishioners

From the Archbishop's Chancery...

Just a reminder for the year 2019 concerning the celebration of holy days and feasts in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

1. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

- a) ALL SUNDAYS of the year
- b) Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (January 6th)
- c) Annunciation of the Mother of God (March 25th)
- d) Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (May 30th)
- e) The Apostles, SS. Peter & Paul (June 29th)
- f) Dormition of the Mother of God (August 15th)
- g) Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (December 25th)

On all feast days and holy days, anointing/myrovannya should be celebrated with the faithful.

2. GREAT FAST

On Wednesday and Friday of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

3. FASTS

The following are Days of Fast and Abstinence (abstaining from meat, eggs, and dairy products) in the Ukrainian Catholic Church:

- a) Monday of the First Day of the Great Fast (March 4th)
- b) Good Friday (April 19th)

The following are Days of Fast (abstaining from meat):

- a) Eve of Theophany (January 5th)
- b) Holy Saturday (April 20th)
- c) Beheading of St. John the Baptist (August 29th)
- d) Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th)
- e) Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (December 24th)
- f) Every Friday during the year except for February 15th, April 26th, June 14th, December 27th, February 22nd, May 3rd, June 21st, January 10th (2020)

This is obligatory for all Ukrainian Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59

When Should We Receive Holy Communion?

Reception of the Holy Eucharist is for all baptized Catholics when they are in attendance at the Eucharistic Service (Divine Liturgy). In order to worthily receive the Divine, one must fast from foods and liquids (except wa-

ter) for at least one hour prior to the reception of the Holy Mystery. This is the minimum requirement. A longer fast is not to be ruled out the question, and is commendable. In addition, in order for one to receive the Holy Eucharist worthily, one must not be conscious of any grave (mortal) sin. If one is, the Holy Mystery of Penance (Confession) is necessary before a worthy reception of the Eucharist is permitted. In addition, spiritual preparation via suitable prayers should be said. This Is the Church's present ruling on the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It really has not changed save for the fact that since the Liturgical Directives issued by the Holy See on January 6, 1996, all baptized Catholics are now permitted to receive the Eucharist, with the exception of those with a canonical impediment, or in the state of serious sin. Baptized infants and children below the "age of reason" are permitted

to receive the Holy Eucharist in our Tradition provided they are brought to the cup by a parent or guardian. When the child reaches the first and second grade, they will be instructed in the understanding of sin, sorrow, contrition, and the proper way to approach the priest for the reception of Holy Confession. They will also be taught about the Eucharist. Parents should not keep any baptized child away from our Lord by not bringing them up for communion. It is difficult not to judge others, but you must ask yourself are you prepared? Have you missed any holy days of obligation or Sunday Liturgies without a good reason? Do you hold any hatred toward anyone when you come to receive? Have you committed any grave sin? It betrays a spiritual laxness on the part of many today if you do not examine your conscience. We are not to judge someone else, but look at ourselves.

Keep Greeting One Another

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40 day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet

one another with our traditional

Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the

bright light of Christ burning brightly!
Let Christ shine through you!

Note: according to tradition, we con-

tinue to sing Christmas carols up un-
til the Feast of the Presentation of Our
Lord on February 2nd.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting fol-
lowing the 11:30 Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, January 27, 2019. All Parish
Council and Finance Council mem-
bers are requested to attend. Anyone

else that is interested is invited to at-
tend. We need to discuss several main-
tenance issues and plan our calendar
for the upcoming year.

Divine Liturgy Attendance on Snowy Days

It is very rare that the
Divine Liturgy is can-
celed, especially on a
Sunday. I want to en-
courage those of you
who must walk further
or more importantly,
who drive to church, to
**PLEASE USE COM-
MON SENSE**, when
making a determina-
tion about attending
the Divine Liturgy on



the snowy, icy, inclement
weekend or even more
so on the weekday. If at-
tendance means putting
yourself and others at
risk, I am sure the Lord
understands if you should
decide to pray at home.
Please use common sense
and a well-informed con-
science when making
such a decision.

Humor... They Died In The Service

One Sunday morning the pastor
noticed little Johnny was staring up
at the large plaque that hung in the
foyer of the church. The young man of
seven had been staring at the plaque
for some time, so the pastor walked up
and stood beside him and gazing up

at the plaque he said quietly, "Good
morning son."

"Good morning pastor," replied
the young man not taking his eyes off
the plaque. "Sir, what is this?" Johnny
asked.

"Well son, these are all the people

who have died in the service,” replied the pastor. Soberly, they stood together staring up at the large plaque.

Little Johnny’s voice barely broke

the silence when he asked quietly, “Which service, the 10:30 AM or the 6:30 PM?”

Jesus at the Window

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods but he could never hit the target. Discouraged, he headed back to dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma’s pet duck. Just on an impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile only to see his sister watching.

Sally had seen it all but she said nothing. After lunch that day Grandma said, “Sally, let’s wash the dishes.” But Sally said, “Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen.” Then she whispered to him, “Remember the duck?” So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if

the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, “I’m sorry but I need Sally to help make supper.” But Sally just smiled and said, “Well, that’s all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help.” She whispered again, “Remember the duck?”

So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally’s he finally couldn’t stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, “Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But, because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you.”

St. Cyril’s Holy Name Society Raffle

Once again St. Cyril’s Holy Name Society mailed raffle tickets to our Parishioners. Please support the work of St. Cyril’s Holy Name Society by

dropping your returns into the Sunday Collection Basket as soon as possible. Additional tickets may be obtained from any Holy Name Society member.

Time to Take Down the Decorations



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 26, 2019. This is the day the Christmas decorations (inside and out) will be taken down and stored for Christmas 2019. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and should only take a few hours if enough of parishioners show up to lend a helping hand. It always seems easier to take down than put up. The men, woman, teen-agers and altar boys of the parish, please plan on showing up at the Church the morning on Saturday, January 26th. We are organized and mark every item so we all know where everything goes for Christmas 2019. You have over 2 weeks to plan ahead and help out, on the 26th of January.

Pyrohy/Pierogy Sale

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church popular hand-made potato and cheese pierogy sale will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the

parish center, 428 North Seventh Avenue. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Advance orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, January 22 at 570 342-3749.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of January 2019 is Team

#1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for January 12 & 13, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 26 & 27, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Brett Lowe	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

'Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Most of the wealthy, religious people who asked Jesus public questions were trying to trick him into some imprudent statement -- "Should we pay taxes to Caesar?" (Luke 20:22). "Why do your disciples pluck grain on the Sabbath?" (Luke 6:2). "This lady was caught in the very act of adultery. Shouldn't we stone her as Moses directed?" (John 8:4). But this man's question was no trick. It was a sincere question to which he needed to know the answer -- how to inherit eternal life.

The word translated "inherit" is Greek *kleronomeo*, "acquire, obtain, come into possession of something, 'inherit.'" [5]

The question tells us several things about the young man:

- He must be feeling inadequate in his spiritual preparation somehow or he probably wouldn't ask the question.

- He sides with the Pharisees rather than the Sadducees (another religious party in First Century Judaism) because the Sadducees didn't believe in life after death, and this question clearly implies that he does.
- He believes that eternal life is something that one earns or merits by what he does.

Ask the common man or woman in your community and you'll probably come up with a similar belief. You go to heaven if you do good. You go to hell if you do bad things. Well, only VERY bad things. Eternal life is a reward for what you do on earth. That's what people tell you.

The young man's question betrays both his superficial understanding of inheriting eternal life, and his superficial understanding of a person's ability to do good deeds that are pure, unmixed by ulterior motives.