

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Michael and all the Angels — November 8th*

## November 3, 2019: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Lk. 8: 41-56

<b>Mon., Nov. 4</b>	8:00	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)
<b>Tues., Nov. 5</b>	8:00	+ Martha Myshrall (Father Nestor)
<b>Wed., Nov. 6</b>	8:00	Health & God's Blessings on Sarah O'Hallaran (Father, Howard)
<b>Thurs., Nov. 7</b>	8:00	+ Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter, Elaine & Bob)
<b>Fri., Nov. 8</b>		<b>Feast of the Archangel Michael (Solemn Holy Day)</b>
	9:00	+ Eugenia Barkofsky (M/M Alan Krenitsky)
<b>Sat., Nov. 9</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (John & Janet Melnick)
<b>Sun., Nov. 10</b>	9:00	+ Evelyn Cheplick (Dorothy Zinsky)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

### THERE'S MORE TO ANGELS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Angels were the first of God's creation. As the Apostle Paul tells us "By Him all things created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers." (Col. 1:16)

The work of the Angels is twofold: in heaven to glorify God, and on earth to carry out God's orders concerning men. The word "angel" itself means *herald* or a *messenger*.

You might have noticed they are often referred to as the "Bodiless Powers." Even though angels are bodiless and invisible to our physical eyes, every day during Divine Liturgy we affirm their existence. In the Creed we say, "I believe in one God... Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible."

We often don't pay attention to the words of the prayers our priests recite in silence, although they are printed

in our prayer books, yet during the prayer of the Anaphora, in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the nine ranks of angels which were revealed to us are recalled: Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many eyed Cherubim and Seraphim.

In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the the priest says, "... there stand before You thousands of archangels, and tens of thousands of angels, ... six-winged and many-eyed hovering aloft on their wings."

Our Church dedicates every Monday to the holy angels. We are reminded of the holy angels with praise and prayer in other ways, too: "He makes the spirits His angels, and flaming fire His ministers." (Ps. 104:4)

Angels are active, intelligent spiritual beings with will and knowledge. They serve God to carry out His will and glorify Him. They have no bodily needs or desires and passions, no cares about food, drink, clothes or shelter. Although God

created them before mankind, they are neither aged or aging, but unchangingly youthful, beautiful and strong.

Of these nine ranks, we are most familiar with the Cherubim and the Seraphim. The Seraphim, which means "flaming," are burning with love for God and kindle others to such love. They are closest to God as the prophet Isaiah says: "And the Seraphim stood around Him, each having six wings" (Isaiah 6:2).

After the Seraphim are the many-eyed Cherubim, which means "great understanding." They are aglow with the knowledge of the mysteries of God and the depths of His Wisdom. Through the Cherubim wisdom is sent down to others and spiritual enlightenment is given. The Cherubic Hymn is the song of the angels, sung during every Divine Liturgy of the year except those of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. It occurs after the Gospel reading, and before the Gifts are brought to the Holy Table.

*Phyllis Muryn Zaparaniuk*

## **THERE ARE SINNERS IN OUR CHURCH!**

The world has this notion that to be a churchgoer, one must lead a sinless life. You may even be thinking, "When I get my life straightened out and

become a good enough person, then I'll go to church." A lot of people feel this way.

But if anyone believes that they are

already good enough, they've probably missed something. If the church was only for the sinless, it would surely be empty. But church is for sinners and anyone honest enough to seek God's help.

At church we deal with sin, its cause, and its cure. If you'd like to

know more about how you can become the person God intends you to be, come to church more often.

Please share this invitation with someone you know who should be coming to church. God's LOVE and forgiveness and restoration awaits them!

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The churchgoer who never misses Sunday liturgy may spend as much as 78 hours per year in corporate prayer to God. Sound like a lot? An average American spends more than 2,900 hours per year in front of some kind of screen. So for every hour we spend

praying with God's people and getting to know Him better, we spend more than 37 communing with rectangles with moving pictures. It's no wonder that we know far more about politics, sports, fashion, soap operas and science fiction than we do about God.

## **SCHEDULING DIVINE LITURGIES**

The 2020 Divine Liturgy Scheduling Book has finally arrived. We are now able to accept requests for 2020. If you would like a particular date, please put in your request as soon as possible.

In order to be fair to all our

Parishioners, we ask that you not schedule more than four (4) Divine Liturgies on weekends. There are plenty of openings available during the weekdays when these additional Divine Liturgy requests can be scheduled. Thank you for your understanding.

## **HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING**

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet next Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. All

members are invited and encourage to attend this meeting.

## **BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION**

Pennsylvanians for Human Life are having their annual Baby Bottle Collection during the month of October. These Baby Bottles can be

found in the vestibule of the Church. Save our Babies -- Donate Your Change.

## **VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S VETS' GROUP**

Join us for our monthly Vets' Group held on every second Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm at the Valley Community Library. Active Duty, Reserves, Retired—or just served one enlistment period or more... No matter whether you served during war

time or peace time. Please join us as we thank you for your service to our country with a free meal and to meet new people! New members, please call (570)489-1765 if you are interested in joining, so we can have enough supplies for each month.

## **L.U.C. MEETING**

Father Myron Myronyuk, pastor of Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a cordial welcome to a beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben for the Canonization of Blessed Andrey Sheptytsky - on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 2:30pm to be followed by a meeting of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics

(LUC). Agenda items include: commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Andrey's passing (November 1, 1944), recent presentation by Rev. Dean Mark Morozowich, aid to the orphan children of Ukraine and fund raising plans including the May 2020 bus trip to New York City. A bountiful reception will follow the meeting. All are welcome to this L.U.C. Meeting.

## **SOBORCHYK: A DEANERY LEVEL SOBOR**

A Soborchyk (a Deanery Level Sobor) will be held on Saturday, November 16 at Saint Peter & Paul Church in Plymouth. The Archeparchial Sobor theme of

“Community and Unity” will continue on the Deanery Level. Registration will be from 9:30-10:00AM followed by the “Introduction” and break-out

into discussion groups. We will break at noon to celebrate the (Liturgy of) The Sixth Hour, followed by lunch. The plan is to close the Soborchyky at 1:00PM.

Each Parish is asked to send at least 2 - 3 Delegates to the Soborchyk. If you are interested in attending, please let Father Nestor know as soon as possible.

## **HARVEST DINNER**

Sponsored by Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on Sunday, November 17, 2019 - 12:30pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and other beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age

5 and under. Reservations close Monday, November 11 - no tickets sold at the door. Take-outs available only by advance order - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon. Several door prizes will be awarded along with a Basket of Cheer and Ukrainian tablecloth raffles. For reservations contact Maria at 570 503-1514.

<b>COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...</b> The Collection Processing Team for Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski. the month of November 2019 is Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno,
<b>Sunday Collection for Oct. 26 &amp; 27, 2019: \$</b>

**Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 9 & 10, 2019**

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nathan Dennis	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

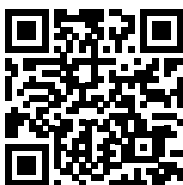
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### *The Holy Angels*

“Do not be surprised that you fall every day, do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm, it is easy to heal; but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect become incurable, but with God all things are possible.” (*St. John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent*)

“The angel who is always near us is by nothing so distressed and made indignant as when, without being constrained by some necessity, we deprive ourselves of the ministration of the Holy Mysteries and of reception of Holy Communion, which grants remission of sins. For at that hour the priest offers up the sacrifice of the Body of Him Who gives us life, and the Holy Spirit descends and consecrates the Body and

Blood and grants remission to creation. The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the angels stand with great awe, fear, and joy. They rejoice over the Holy Mysteries while experiencing inexpressible astonishment. The angel who is always by us is consoled, because he also partakes in that dread spectacle and is not deprived of that perfect intercourse.” *St. Isaac the Syrian*

“When you close the doors to your dwelling and are alone you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man. ... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God, who is in every place; for there is no place and nothing material in which God is not, since He is greater than all things and holds all men in His hand.”

*St. Anthony the Great*