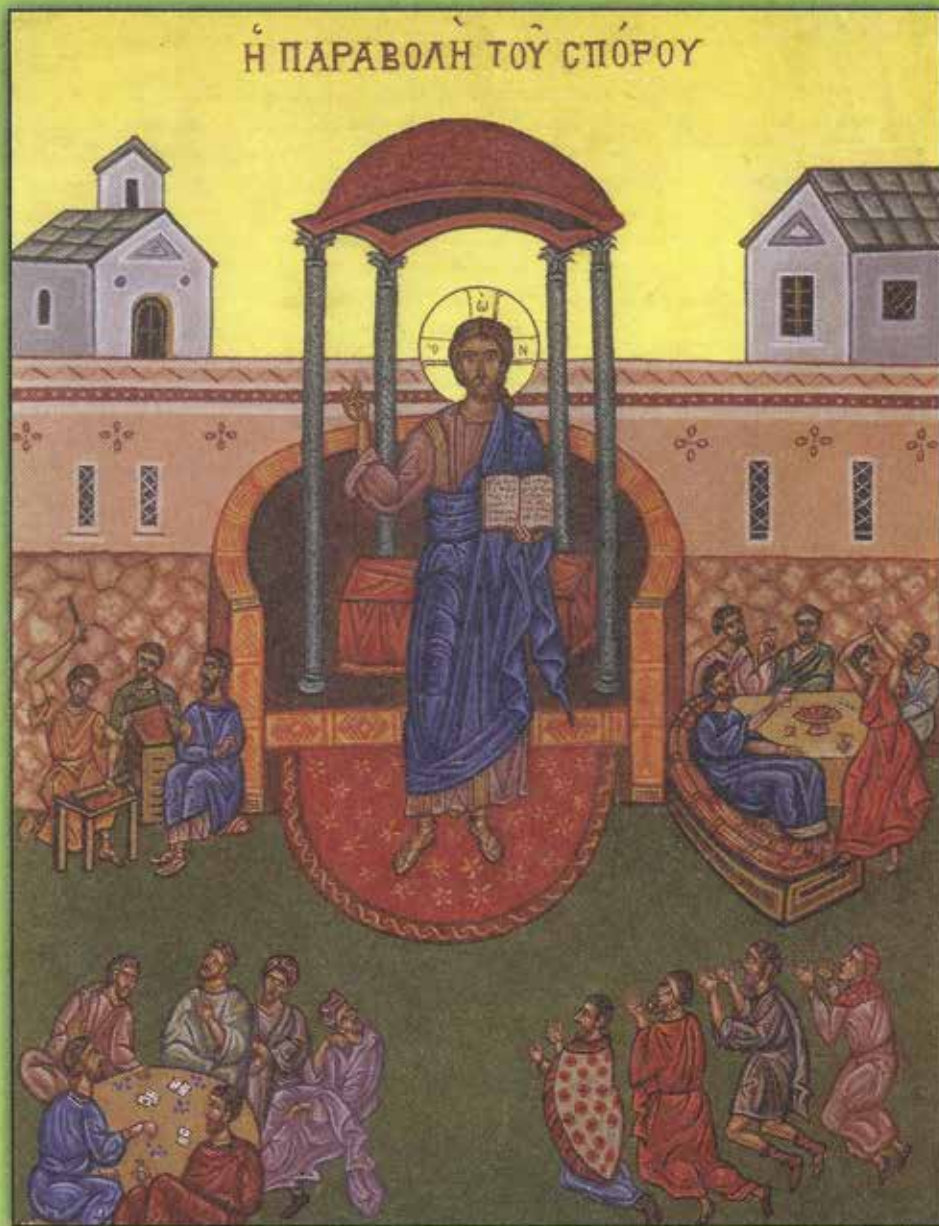


SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Parable of the Sower and Seed

Oct. 13, 2019: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Epistle: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11

Gospel: Lk. 8: 5-15

Mon., Oct. 14	8:00	+ Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene)
Tues., Oct. 15	8:00	+ Helen Krenitsky (Ron & Jolene Barkofsky)
Wed., Oct. 16	8:00	Health & God's Blessings on Fr. Nestor (Morning Liturgy Ladies)
Thurs., Oct. 17	8:00	+ Michael Augustine (Marcella & Family)
Fri., Oct. 18	8:00	+ Mary, Michael & Marija Bock (Michal Bak)
Sat., Oct. 19		No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm God's Blessings on Michael O'Halloran (Grandfather, Howard)
Sun., Oct. 20	9:00	+ Mildred Harrigan (John & Mary Ann Turko)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

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 heretical

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 oftenquoted passage, and end up with a good resolution.

By Msgr. John Squiller, STL

HOLY HUMOR

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and the substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play.

“Here’s a copy of the service,” he said impatiently. “But, you’ll have to think of something to play after I make

the announcement about the finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up!”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

ODE TO A VOLUNTEER

Many will be shocked to find, when the day of judgment nears

That there’s a special place in heaven set aside for volunteers

Furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools,

Where there’s no committee chairman, no group leaders or car pools,

No eager team that needs a coach, no bazaar and no bake sale,

There will be nothing to staple -

not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed, but a finger snap will bring

Cool drinks and gourmet dinners and rare treats fit for a king.

You ask who’ll serve these privileged few and work for all they’re worth?

Why all those who reaped the benefits and not once volunteered on earth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Religious Education for the school year 2019/2020 has begun. Grades 3

through 8 take place in the New Hall as in previous years beginning at 9:00 am

and dismissing at 10:00 am. Grades 1 and 2 will take place in the rectory basement. Grade 1 begins at 10:30 am and dismisses at 11:30 am. Grade 2 begins at 9:00 am and dismisses at 10:00 am.

To receive First Penance, all children must attend two years of Religious Ed classes. Please contact Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 to register your child who should be in our first grade program.

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 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.

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.

HOLUPKI DINNER

Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 will be sponsoring a Holupki Dinner (Pigs in the Blanket) on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

The Dinner will be held at the Fire

Station, 717 East Grant St., Olyphant. Dinner will include two Piggies, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, and a roll and butter, and a beverage. Donation is \$10.00.

PASTA DINNER

The Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on North

St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual Pasta

Dinner, Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in the church hall. Penne with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and coffee will be served. Take outs available beginning at 4 pm. Dinner served 5pm to 8 pm.

Adults are \$9.00 and children age 5-11 are \$4.00. Tickets at the door. 570-343-6092, email melkite.scranton@gmail.com, facebook or melkitescranton.org.

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.

MENU FOR OCTOBER 19TH RUMMAGE SALE

The Kitchen Crew will offer an abbreviated menu for the one day Rummage Sale: Sloppy Joes, meatball subs, holupki, halushki, and pagach. Consider placing an order with Julie

(570-489-2931) or Mary Ann (570-489-4648) because quantities will be limited. Thankyou for your ongoing support of this important Parish event.

ONE DAY RUMMAGE SALE

Save the Date! Our "One Day Sale" Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Cyril's School Gym, 133 River Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The special prices will reflect 50% off the price of furniture, lamps and home decor (wall hangings) and everything else will be sold for .25 cents each with few exceptions. Refreshments and a 50/50 raffle will be offered. We have this sale to offer special savings to the customers on the remaining items from the September Rummage Sale. After the sale, the remaining merchandise

will be donated by “Paying it forward” to non-profit organizations.

Volunteers will be needed to support the success of this event. On Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18, 2019, the items from Father Nestor’s garage need to be moved outside and have the school gym set up for the public to attend this event.

SCHEDULE FOR”THE ONE DAY SALE”

Setting up for the ONE DAY SALE Rummage Sale- October 17, Thursday and October 18, Friday.... 10:00 a.m.

“ONE DAY SALE” RUMMAGE SALE October 19, 2019, Saturday... 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

After the Sale, Monday, October 21, 2019, and Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Packing and clearing out the gym, Starting at 10:00 a.m. More information to follow regarding “Paying it forward” to nonprofit organizations.

MAKE TIME TO VOLUNTEER!!!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of September 2019 is Shumek.

Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko

Sunday Collection for Sept. 28 & 29, 2019: \$

Sunday Collection for Oct. 5 & 6, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for October 19 & 20, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Szczesniak -- Nathan Dennis	John Sakson
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- Tyler Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

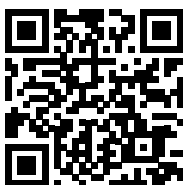
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A Word of Warning

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as dif-

iculties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

St. Gregory the Great