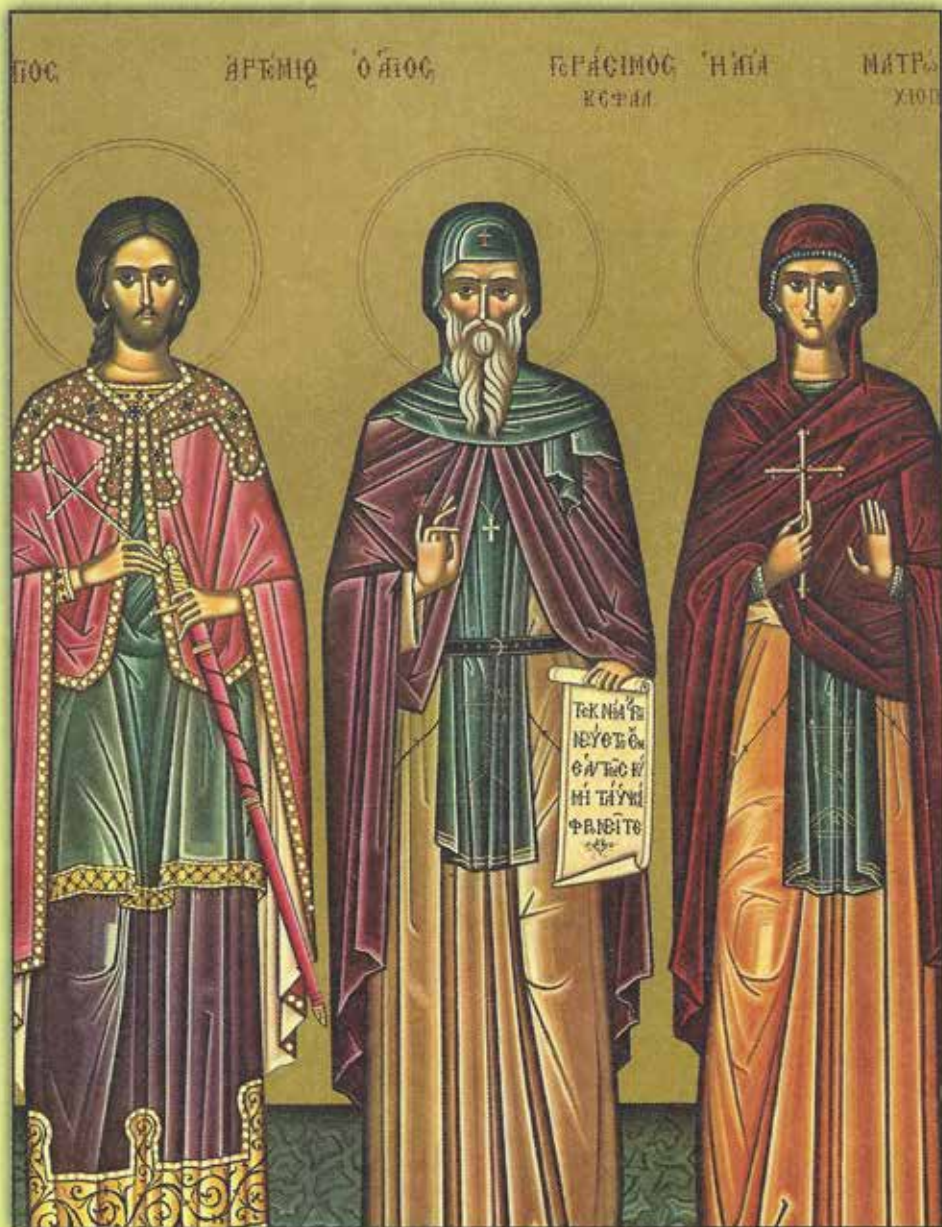


NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Artemis, Gerasimus and Matrona -- October 20th*

## Oct. 20, 2019: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31 - 12:9

Gospel: Lk. 16: 19-31

<b>Mon., Oct. 21</b>	8:00	Health & God's Blessings on Dorothy Chezik (Children)
<b>Tues., Oct. 22</b>	8:00	+ Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter Elaine & Bob)
<b>Wed., Oct. 23</b>	8:00	+ Evelyn Yeck (Bob & Joan Yeck)
<b>Thurs., Oct. 24</b>	8:00	+ Mildred Harrigan (Leo Danylak)
<b>Fri., Oct. 25</b>	8:00	+ Eugenia Barkofsky (M/M Alan Krenitsky)
<b>Sat., Oct. 26</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Clement Sr., Rose Runco, & Clement Jr. (Dolly Daniels)
<b>Sun., Oct. 27</b>	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ Jimmy Maslar (Family)

### 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 col-

lector said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" This sounds resoundingly close to the "Jesus Prayer."

## FROM OUR CATECHISM... ANGELS

In Holy Scripture, angels manifest the presence of God in the world, announcing to human beings the will of God. Holy Scripture refers to some of them by name: Michael (see Rev. 12:7; Jude 1:9), Raphael (see Tob. 12:15), Gabriel (see Lk. 1: 19, 26). Angels assist human beings in their spiritual growth (see Heb. 1:14). The Tradition of the Church teaches that God grants every human being a guardian angel: "You appointed angels as guardians." The unity of visible and invisible creation -- human beings

and angels -- becomes manifest in the Divine Liturgy, where the earthly expresses the heavenly, and humans serve together with angels: "Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the live giving Trinity..." and "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

*Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha, #117.*

## ISN'T IT STRANGE...

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but

you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and

newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

## **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.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH**

Copies of the financial report have been reprinted and are available in the vestibule of the Church. We had a deficit for 2018 of \$10,962.06. Now is the time to re-evaluate your contributions to the Church, in your weekly envelopes. Long gone are the days of \$1.00 per

week (\$52.00 per year) being adequate. If we did not have our Fundraisers (2018 Rummage Sale \$25,000.00 plus \$4,000.00 other ) we would be in dire financial disaster for a total of over \$39,000.00!

## **UNCLAIMED BAKING PANS**

There are several "Unclaimed" Baking Pans in the Vestibule of the Church.

Baked goods were brought in for the Rummage Sale and we would like to

return the Baking Pans. If you are missing any Baking Pans, please check the vestibule of the Church.

## **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. 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](mailto:melkite.scranton@gmail.com), facebook or [melkitescranton.org](http://melkitescranton.org).

## **ANNUAL TURKEY FEST**

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest on Saturday, November 2nd 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 \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 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.”

## **PYROHY/PIEROGY SALE**

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church autumn homemade pierogy sale will take place on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the parish center,

428 North Seventh Avenue. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Advance orders only which must be placed no later than Tuesday, October 29 at 570 342-3749.

## **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 75th 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.

## **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.



## **ONE DAY SALE RUMMAGE SALE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019**

“One Day SALE” RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Cyril’s School Gym, 133 River Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop by after the 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy, to buy a 50/50 raffle or food (if there is any left !!!) The school gym will be open until 6:00 p.m. After the sale, the remaining merchandise will be donated by “Paying it forward” to non-profit organizations.

### **AFTER THE “THE ONE DAY SALE” VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On Monday, October 21, 2019, and Tuesday, October 22, 2019, we will be packing and clearing out the gym, starting at 10:00 a.m. each day. Plans are to take the merchandise to United Neighborhood, in Scranton. Cars, trucks, etc... are needed to deliver the goods! Check with Lauren about helping out on “paying it forward”

We have donated cups, vases, and mugs to “Petals” who repurpose flowers to Veterans, Seniors, etc... We have donated a variety of merchandise to Delson Animal Shelter, Honesdale for their up and coming Rummage Sale. If there is an organization that may need items, please let Lauren know and we gladly make donations by “Paying it Forward

**MAKE TIME TO VOLUNTEER!!!**

### **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for Eugene Zinsky, John Turko Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.  
the month of October 2019 is Team #2:

### **Sunday Collection for Oct. 12 & 13, 2019: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for October 26 & 27, 2019**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Alex Nick	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

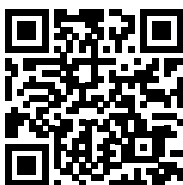
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### *Prayer is Answering the Word of God*

*Isidore said:*

'Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.'

'All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.'

'None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.'

*Augustine said:*

'Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.'

*Jerome said:*

'Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.'

'Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.'

*Defensor Grammaticus (ca. 7th century)*