

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st

October 27, 2019: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Gal. 1: 11-19		Gospel: Lk. 8: 26-39
Mon., Oct. 28	8:00	+ Decease Mary Surkey Family (Gloria Jablonski)
Tues., Oct. 29	8:00	+ Gloria Hughes (Frank & Susie Lesnefsky)
Wed., Oct. 30	8:00	Health & God's Blessings on Anna Krug (Husband, Howard)
Thurs., Oct. 31	8:00	+ Souls in Purgatory (Dorothy Zinsky)
Fri., Nov. 1	8:00	+ John Yeck, Jr. (Bob & Joan Yeck)
Sat., Nov. 2	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Mildred Harrington (Roman & Eileen Kushner)	
Sun., Nov. 3	9:00	+ Daniel Telep, Sr. (Daughter, Lauren)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners

POPE FRANCIS RECOGNIZES HEROIC VIRTUE OF VENERABLE METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY

November 1, 2019 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the falling asleep in the Lord of the Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

On Thursday, July 16, 2015, Pope Francis, during an audience with the prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, authorized a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who will now be called 'Venerable'. He was head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church from 1900 to 1944, and personally protected

dozens of Jews from Nazi occupiers during World War II.

"During this time of foreign aggression against Ukraine – as well as turmoil in so many other historically Eastern Christian lands – this recognition brings particular consolation," Fr. Peter Galadza, acting director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, stated July 17. "Archbishop Sheptytsky demonstrated saintly courage when he sheltered more than 160 Jews during the Nazi Holocaust."

Venerable Andrey Sheptytsky was born as Roman Aleksander Maria Sheptytsky in 1865 to a polonized family of Ukrainian heritage, who were Roman Catholics. He was born in a village 30 miles from Lviv, which was then part of the Austrian Empire.

He entered the Order of St. Basil, associated with the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, taking the name Andrey (Andrew), and was professed in 1889. In 1892, he made solemn profession and was ordained a priest.

In 1899 he was consecrated a bishop, and appointed Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Stanislaviv (now Ivano-Frankivsk). Then in 1901 he was appointed Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Lviv, making him head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. He maintained his position until his death on Nov. 1, 1944, at the age of 79.

His time as Metropolitan Archbishop was marked by conflict with and persecution by the successive governments that ruled Ukraine, including the Russian Empire, the Second Polish Republic, Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union.

Under the Russian Empire, he was jailed from 1914 to 1917 for his pro-Ukrainian position and his promotion of Catholicism. The Second Polish Republic twice held him for supporting an independent Ukrainian

state and for opposing Latinization.

When the Soviet Union occupied Poland in 1939, he opposed the atheist regime and supported an independent Ukraine, and at first welcomed Nazi armies as liberators when they pushed back the Soviets in 1941.

However, he spoke up against Nazi policy toward Jews, encouraging his faithful to treat Jews well, with a 1942 pastoral letter. He also encouraged his priests and local abbots to follow his example, and shelter Jews. In this he was helped by his brother, Blessed Klymentiy Sheptytsky, archimandrite of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Studite monks.

Archbishop Sheptytsky also promoted Christian unity: Fr. Galadza noted that the archbishop "worked tirelessly throughout his lifetime for reconciliation between Ukrainians, Russians and Poles, as well as other nations and groups. Particularly legendary were his efforts to see Catholics and Orthodox overcome their historical estrangement. Sheptytsky was a precursor of the ecumenical movement long before the Catholic Church officially endorsed the movement."

Fr. Galadza also reflected on Venerable Sheptytsky's concern for the poor, saying he "used his resources to create a free clinic, provide countless scholarships and help victims of famine, flooding and war."

METROPOLITAN BORYS TO APPEAR ON EWTN LIVE

Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak, spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will appear on EWTN Live, Wednesday October 30, 2019 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

He will speak about his duties and responsibilities as a bishop of the

Ukrainian Catholic Church on the 60 minute program hosted by Father Mitch Pacwa.

The program will be rebroadcast on Thursday, October 31 at 1 a.m., Thursday, October 31 at 9 a.m. and Sunday, November 3 at 4 a.m.

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian charity please remember in your prayers + **Joseph Fawcett** who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, October 20th. + Joseph

was buried from St. Cyril's Church on Friday, October 25th. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

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.

CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

On Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9 am - 4 pm. a conference will take place at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Social Hall. This conference is designed for all religious education teachers, catechists, clergy and

anyone interested in parish religious education programs for all age groups--children, teens, young adults, adults and senior citizens. There is no registration fee, however, pre-registration is requested.

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.

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.

RUMMAGE SALE 2019....IT IS NOT DONE YET!!!

"Paying it forward" of the remaining merchandise from our Rummage Sales has yet to be accomplished. We did not have a sufficient amount of volunteers to help us on October

21, and 22nd. We are thankful to Paul Mohila, Ken Kosakevitch, Michael Schumick, Ron Bartofsky, John Ulnick, Marlene Zelno, Helen Pagnatti, Dorothy Zinsky, Steve and Jeanne Cucura, and Lauren Telep for helping as much as they could on Monday and Tuesday.

Items still have to pack in boxes and delivered to Nonprofit organizations. The school gym, driveway, and Father Nestor's garage need to be put back in order. We need volunteers for Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. We just need a few more hours to get everything done! Both men and women volunteers are needed. Call Lauren at 646-241-9443 for more information, regarding Tuesday, especially if work is accomplished on Monday.

The list of the 91 prizes donated by the business community and the winners of the Raffle from the Rummage Sale 2019 is available in the vestibule of the Church. Be sure to show support and reciprocate by visiting the Restaurants, Stores, and Businesses that donated gift cards and products to our Raffle. We appreciate their donations to our fundraiser event. Be sure to mention "St. Cyril's" and thank them for their kindness to us.

The winner of the 50/50 Raffle held on October 19, 2019, the One Day Special Rummage Sale was Barbara Holleran. (a non-parishioner volunteer at our Rummage Sales) Congratulations to Barbara on winning \$133.00 as Father Nestor picked out the ticket.

Additional Rummage Sale reports will be in future bulletins.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

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

Sunday Collection for Oct. 19 & 20, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for November 2 & 3, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Hunter Wegforth -- Samuel Szczesniak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

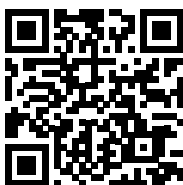
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No Medical Fees!

Saints Cosmas and Damian are the principal and best known of those saints venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones,” or “unmercenary ones,” because they practiced their profession as physicians without fees from their patients.

According to tradition, Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers, born in Arabia of a saintly mother Theodota. The brothers studied the sciences in Syria and became eminent for their skill in medicine. Being charitable Christians, they practiced medicine with great application and success, but never took any payment for their services. They observed the Lord’s command, “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give” (Mt. 10:8).

At Aegeae in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments and were beheaded about the year 283. The three brothers of Cosmas and Damian, Anthimus, Leontius and Euprepium, are said to have suffered with them.

Among the distinguished people who attributed recovery from serious illness to Saints Cosmas and Damian was the Emperor Justinian I who built two churches in Constantinople in honor of the martyrs. Their basilica in Rome with its lovely mosaics was dedicated in the year 530.