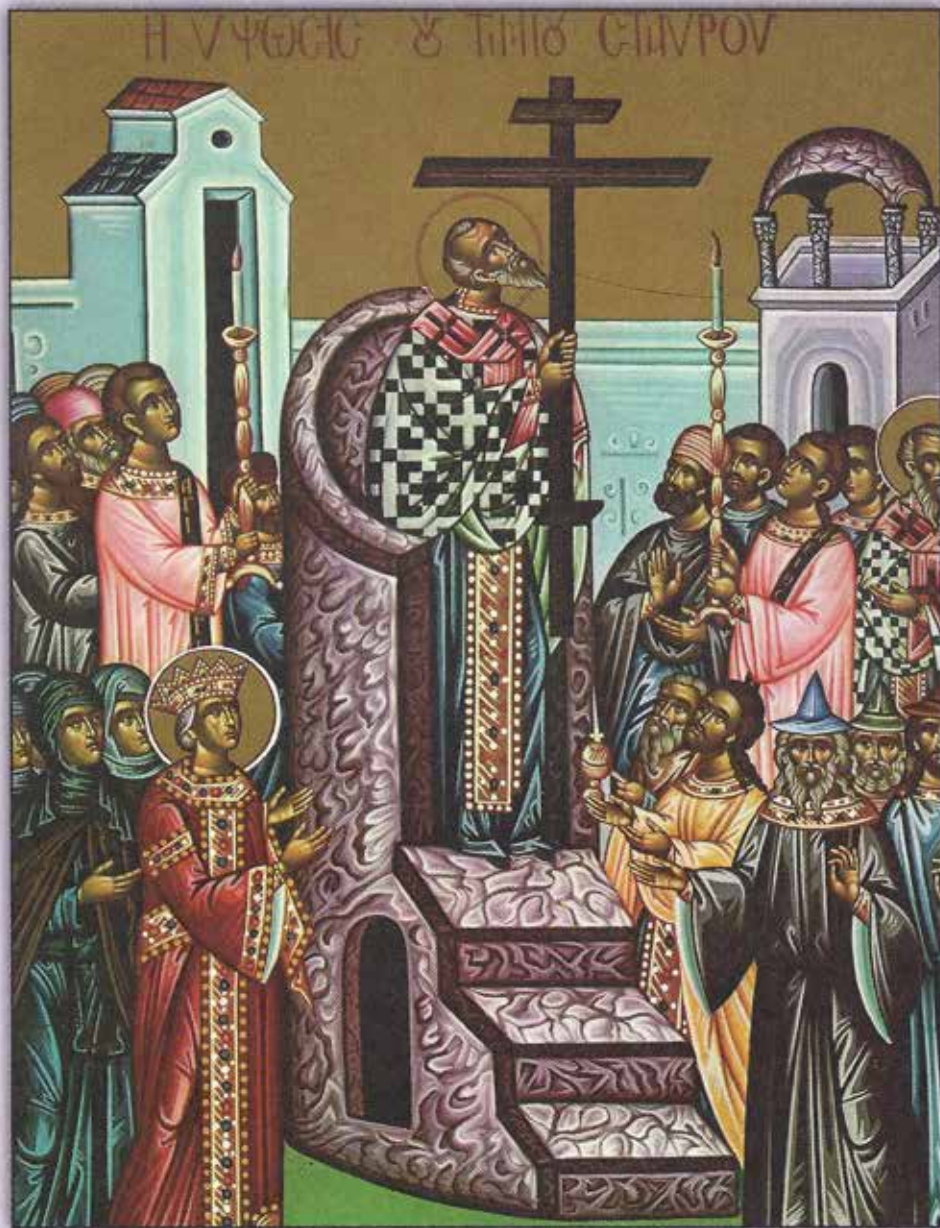


SUNDAY BEFORE THE  
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th*

## September 8, 2019: Sunday Before the Exaltation

Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18

Gospel: Jn. 3: 13-17

<b>Mon., Sept. 9</b>	9:00	+ Fred Jacobs (Wife, Shirley & Family)
<b>Tues., Sept. 10</b>	8:00	+ Leo & Christine Danylak (Leo Danylak)
<b>Wed., Sept. 11</b>	8:00	+ Victims of Terrorism
<b>Thurs., Sept. 12</b>	8:00	+ Michael Stanko, Jr. (Sister, Elaine & Bob)
<b>Fri., Sept. 13</b>	8:00	+ Frank Wysochansky (Legate)
<b>Sat., Sept. 14</b>		<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day)</b>
	9:00	+ atrick Marcinko, Jr. (Matt Beckage)
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Diann Yuhnick (Harry Yuhnick)
<b>Sun., Sept. 15</b>	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ Robert Harris (Wife, Jule)

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet today (September 8<sup>th</sup>) following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. All members are both invited and encouraged to attend this monthly meeting.

### FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHANCERY...

On December 17, 2018, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Head and Father of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, signed a decree to convene the VII session of the Patriarchal (All-Church) Sobor (Council) of our Church on the topic "Emigration, Settlement and Global Unity of the UGCC," which will take place on August 26 - 29 in Lviv.

Bishops, representatives of the clergy and institutions of consecrated life, rectors of theological seminaries, laity of eparchies and exarchates are invited to participate in the Sobor.

In preparation for the Sobor, archieparchial and eparchial sobors will be convened between now and the summer of 2020. The Archeparchy of

Philadelphia will hold its archiepiscopal sobor in two sessions - on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and on Saturday-Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Philadelphia, PA. We invite all the Clergy, two representatives from each Parish, superiors and one representative of religious orders in our Archeparchy to attend the first session of the Archiepiscopal Sobor at the hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. This session will follow by sobors of each deanery in October-November, 2019. Time and place will be designated by our deans.

/s/ Most Rev. Andriy Rabiw

*Anyone interested in participating and being a representative at these Sobors is asked to contact Fr. Nestor as soon as possible. The Chancery would like to know who will be participating.*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

Religious Education for the school year 2019/2020 will begin on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Grades 3 through 8 will 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 will begin at 10:30 am and dismiss at 11:30 am. Grade 2 will begin

at 9:00 am and dismiss at 10:00 am. All children already registered in our program are expected to return.

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.

## **PRESENTATION ON THE DIVINE LITURGY**

“The Divine Liturgy and You: Deepening our Understanding of Community and the Individual in Prayer” will be the topic of the afternoon presentation by Father Morozowich on Sunday, September 22, 2019 beginning at 3:00pm at Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue. Cosponsored by the nine Ukrainian Catholic parishes of Northeastern Pennsylvania’s Anthracite

Deanery and the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, the event is of special interest to the faithful of both the Catholic and Orthodox traditions. The educational event is open to the general public - everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.

A Western Pennsylvania native formed in the Ukrainian Catholic Church of his

family, Fr. Mark Morozowich pursued a vocation to the priesthood in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio. He served in Pittsburgh and in Butler, Pennsylvania before beginning doctoral studies at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome that yielded a comprehensive study of Holy Thursday Liturgy in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the Fourth to the Fourteenth Centuries. He lectures as an Associate Professor of Liturgy at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC; served as the Associate Dean for Seminary

and Ministerial Programs; and, is dean of The School of Theology and Religious Studies. His research focuses upon various topics of liturgical history from penitential practices and the liturgical year to divergent issues in Eastern Christian Mysteries. He has authored many publications including a book and numerous articles. Father has lectured extensively in the United States as well as in Europe and South America. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, travel, sports and boating.

## **EASTERN CATHOLIC EPARCHIAL DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LAUNCH GOD WITH US ONLINE COURSES**

The Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education have developed a series of online religious educational offerings. The programs, presented under the name God With Us Online, are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register online for the courses at: [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

The program begins Wednesday, September 11 with the first part of “The Face of God—An Introduction to Byzantine Faith and Spirituality” presented by Rev. Deacon Daniel Dozier. The session will last from 8 pm to 9:30 pm ET. The concluding part of this presentation will be Wednesday, September 18 from 8 pm to 9:30 pm.

GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the

Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church’s call for a new evangelization.

This program is developed in partnership with the following eparchies: Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, Armenian Catholic Eparchy of Our Lady of Nareg in the USA & Canada, Chaldean Catholic Eparchy of St. Peter the Apostle, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, St. Nicholas of Chicago for Ukrainians, St. Thomas Syro Malabar Diocese of Chicago, Melkite Eparchy of Newton, Chaldean Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, Eparchy of Our Lady of

Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese in the USA, Eparchy of St. Maron in Brooklyn, Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA, Eparchy of Parma, Eparchy of St. George in Canton for the Romanians,

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat-Parma, Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

## **PASTIE SALE**

Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, September 14th, 2019. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$7.00 each and Gravy is available for

\$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570)829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 1:30 to 3:30pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!

## **APPEAL TO ALL BAKERS OF THE PARISH**

Once again, we're requesting your help. Donations of home-baked deserts are needed for our bake sale. (Cupcakes and muffins have not been very popular.) Your goodies can be dropped off at the

kitchen at the back of the gym starting Thursday, the 19th. Please identify the item and specify if it contains nuts. Call Mary Ann at 570-489-4648 or Jule at 570-489-2931 with any questions.

## **RUMMAGE SALE 2019: LESS THAN 2 WEEKS**

The Rummage Sale is Friday, September 20, Saturday, September 21, and Sunday, September 22, 2019, every day from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., raffle tickets will be available,(2 tickets for \$1.00 and 10 tickets for \$5.00 and 25 Tickets for \$10.00) Plan to stop for Ukrainian and American food and baked goods prepared by our parishioners. Take the time to support your Church as this fundraiser helps to pay for many of the bills and expenses of the Church. Our Bishop took the time to come to the school gym, via Philadelphia, so could you. The Rummage Sale is still open on Saturday, the 21st, following the 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for food and raffle tickets.

WE need you to volunteer especially on the actual sale on September 20, 21,22 2019. Volunteers are needed to pass out empty boxes to the customers, as they enter the door, men and teenagers to carrying items to their cars, constant organizing the tables, as items are sold, directions to the items available in the Church backyard: furniture, gardening, tools, oversize plastic toys, and the Lavatory is outside, sitting at the doors for security,

being helpful to the customers, selling raffle tickets, Men to volunteer to be in the back yard and the garage, sell jewelry, buy some food, etc...If you did not volunteer for the pre-rummage sale, you can help now, during the sale. Please show up at the gym between 8-8:30 a.m, the earlier the better. The men may need to move items from the garage to the outside driveway, depending upon the weather. Wear your ST. Cyril's T-Shirt or Polo Shirt. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION TO OUR CHURCH!!!! AND THE RUMMAGE SALE. Come and work for a few hours throughout the sale. We do need your help!!!

Contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep for any additional information, We are so ever thankful to the parishioners and non-parishioners who have volunteered over the last few months. Let's work together for St. Cyril's!!!!

## **DONATIONS! SO MANY WAYS TO HELP OUT!!!**

\*\*\*In case of rain, if you have tarps for us to borrow (please label with Your name) to cover the furniture in the driveway/out of the garage. Bring them, ASAP to the school gym.

\*\*\*If you have 6-9 foot tables available to borrow or donate ASAP, let Father Nestor know.

\*\*\*There is still time to take a "Donation Letter" to your favorite Restaurant, Clothes Store, Bar & Grill" etc.. and ask for a donation to our raffle. WE have received a \$50.00 Gift card from Wegmans, A one-year new/renewed membership to AAA for Cars, Value at \$73.00 plus a \$25.00 Gift card to Sams Club and \$25.00 from Walmart.

\*\*\*Pick up a Rummage Sale Flyer and post it in your local stores, banks, place of employment, Post Offices, deli's, etc....

\*\*\*The Raffle will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Donations for the Baskets of Cheer are still being accepted. (Special beer, wine, liquor, etc...) new items, donations of Lottery tickets, a basket of your favorite things, etc. Drop them off at the school gym, ASAP.

\*\*\* All donations from the parishioners for the rummage sale are accepted until Saturday, September 14, 2019, the last day!!!!

ITEMS ACCEPTED: Clean and saleable items: (Please NO clothes, NO shoes, NO TV's, NO computers, NO baby car seat carriers, NO cribs, NO VHS Tapes, NO exercise equipment, NO TEXT books, NO Bowling Balls, NO Ski Equipment/Boots, NO encyclopedias, NO mattresses, NO vases, (Many of these items DO NOT SELL, then we are responsible to dispose of them, which takes time and money...the fee to recycle tv's etc...)

\*\*\* NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15TH.

Contact Lauren at Cell (646) 241-9443 or 570-383-0319 if you have any questions. Thank you for all your help!!! \

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8TH. NEW TIMES LISTED!!!**

The doors to the School Gym will be open for donations and volunteering ( men, women, and teenagers). Volunteers are needed especially to help us, in “setting up and organizing” furniture in the gym, and furniture in Father’s Nestor garage, and help in domestics. Every hour of volunteering helps out so much!!!

September 8th Sunday CLOSED

September 9th Monday...CLOSED

September 10th Tuesday... Noon to 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\*September 11th Wednesday...10:00. a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 12th Thursday...Noon to 5:00 p.m.

\*\*\*September 13th Friday...10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 14th Saturday... 3:30 p. m to 5:30 p.m. (open to accept donations, the last day)

September 15th Sunday...Closed

\*\*\* Men especially are needed to organize the Furniture etc...in the gym and Father Nestor’s Garage on the Wednesday 9/11 and Friday 9/13. If you have tarps we can borrow, please bring them to the gym.

Please Note: You can always call Lauren’s cell #646-241-9443 To confirm the school gym is open and volunteers are still working. This is the week to get the school gym set up, wrap and organize the raffle baskets, set up the jewelry tables, tweaked and organized for the public to attend our sale.

**MAKE TIME TO VOLUNTEER!!!**

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

The Collection Processing Team for the Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and month of September 2019 is Team #1: Gloria Jablonski.

**Sunday Collection for Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2019: \$**

## **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 14 & 15, 2019**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Alex Nick	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

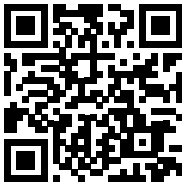
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### *Confession, the Forgiveness of Sins*

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:19-23)

There, the risen Christ gives to His disciples the power of binding and loosing sins – a juridical power. This task of binding and loosing was transmitted from the apostles to their successors, the bishops. In the early church, the

administration of penance was something public; it didn’t involve the private giving of counsel or advice. It was something exceptional. You hoped, by God’s mercy, that you wouldn’t have to be involved in penance. Indeed, the penances that were imposed were by our standards extremely severe. It often requires a leap of the imagination on our part to think of how life was in the ancient church. For example, for fornication – I mean, sex outside of marriage – St. Gregory of Nyssa assigns a penance of nine years without communion. St. Basil is a little more merciful, he says seven years without communion. Finally, in the sixth and seventh century, in the canonical legislation of St. John the Faster, it’s been reduced to two years. Even so, by our standard, that may well seem severe.

*Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)*