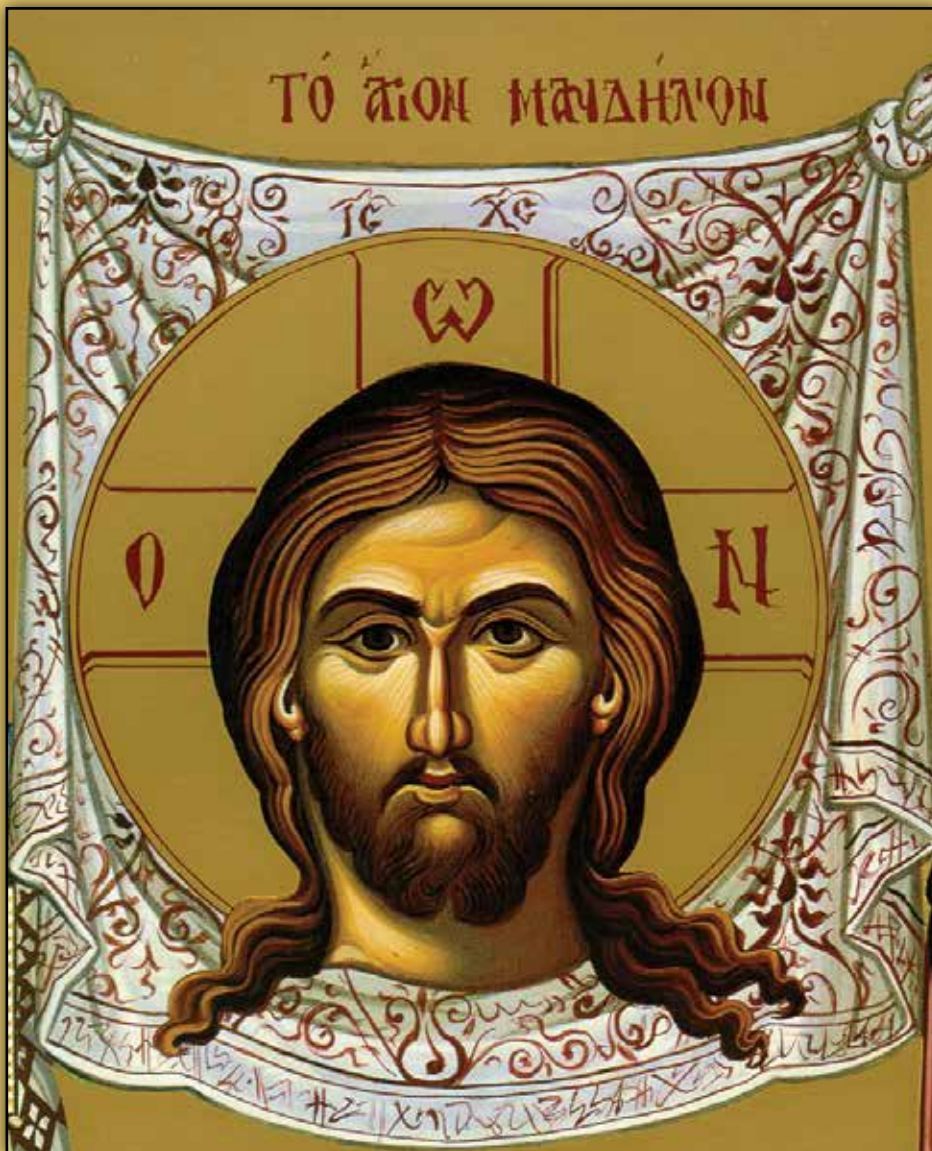


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Napkin -- August 16th

August 16, 2020: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 9: 2-12		Gospel: Mt. 18: 23-35
Mon., Aug. 17	9:00	+ Sophie Colucci (Aunt, Cecile Bordlemay)
Tues., Aug. 18	9:00	+ Fred Jacobs (St. Cyril's Holy Name Society)
Wed., Aug. 19	9:00	+ John Sereditch (David & Joyce Krukovitz)
Thurs. Aug. 20	9:00	+ Claire Cipriani (Leo Danylak)
Fri., Aug. 21	9:00	+ Louis, Julia, George & Ruth Daniels (Dolly Daniels)
Sat., Aug. 22	10:00	+ Gabriel Drakes (Family)
	1:00	Confessions.
	3:00	+ Martha Sedlak (Family)
Sun., Aug. 23	10:00	+ Bishop Michael Kuchniak (Chancery)

A REMINDER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHANCERY

In order to protect everyone, and to accommodate the needs of our Parishioners while meeting the social distancing guidelines and other guidance of health officials, we have implemented the following steps at every Divine Liturgy:

1. While in Church, face masks or coverings **MUST** be used at **ALL TIMES** except when receiving Communion. Please bring your own mask.
2. Social distancing must be observed between all present at the services. No handshakes, hugs or kissing when greeting one another. No touching or kissing of icons, venerate them with a simple bow.
3. Some pews have been cordoned off. Please note that family groups may sit together and are not bound by social distancing. All should remain in place once seated. The church and pews are sanitized and cleaned regularly.
4. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance of the church. You are also encouraged to bring your own small sanitizer.
5. Collection Box Location: Two Donation Boxes are located in

front of the Church on both sides (near the candles); no baskets will be passed at this time. You can place your gracious contribution into a basket before or after Liturgies.

6. All Hymn Books and Liturgy Books have been temporarily removed from church. You are welcome to bring your own prayer book.
7. The cantor will assist the priest by leading the faithful in worship. There will be limited use of singing by congregation.
8. Communion will be given as usual out of the chalice, but once you approach the chalice, lower your mask, tilt your head back and

open your mouth so that Fr. Nestor can place the gifts in your mouth without touching. Father will use two spoons in rotation. Each spoon will be sanitized immediately after each communicant by alcohol (75.5%). People will process to receive communion while maintaining social distance.

9. There will be no in-person coffee hour fellowships.
10. Parishioners who are sick or symptomatic must stay at home.

All these procedures were established for your protection. Thank you for your cooperation and please pray for each other.

10 THINGS ABOUT GUARDIAN ANGELS

1. *Guardian angels exist.* The Gospel affirms this, the Scriptures support it by countless examples and episodes. The Catechism teaches us from an early age to feel this presence on our side and to trust in it.
2. *Angels have always existed.* Our Guardian Angel is not created with us at the time of our birth. They have always existed, from the instant at which God created all of
- the angels. It was a single event, a single moment in which Divine Will generated all the angels, by the thousands. After this, God no longer created any other angels.
3. *There is an angelic hierarchy and not all angels are destined to become Guardian Angels.* Even the angels differ from each other in their tasks, and above all in their positions in heaven compared to God. Some angels in particular are

selected to take a test and, if they pass it, they are qualified for the role of Guardian Angels. When a child is born, one of these angels is chosen to stand by his side until death and beyond.

4. *We all have at least one.* We cannot sell it, we can not share it with anyone. In this regard also, the Scriptures are full of references and quotations.
5. *Our Angel guides us on the pathway to Heaven.* Our Angel cannot oblige us to follow the path of goodness. He cannot decide for us, impose choices on us. We are and remain free. But his role is precious, important. As a silent and trustworthy advisor, our angel stays by our side, trying to advise us for the best, to suggest the right path to follow, to obtain salvation, to deserve Paradise, and above all to be good people and good Christians.
6. *Our Angel never abandons us.* In this life and in the next, we will know that we can count on them, on these invisible and special friends, who never leave us alone.
7. *Our Angel is not the spirit of a dead person.* Although it might be nice to think that when someone

we love died, they became an Angel, and as such returned to be by our side, unfortunately, this isn't so. Our guardian angel cannot be anyone we have known in life, nor a member of our family who has died prematurely. It has always existed, it is a spiritual presence generated directly by God. This does not mean that it loves us less!

We should remember that God is Love first and foremost.

8. *Our guardian angel has no name* ... or, if he has, it is not our job to establish it. In the Scriptures, the names of some angels are mentioned, such as Michael, Raphael and Gabriel. Any other name attributed to these celestial creatures is neither documented nor confirmed by the Church, and as such it is inappropriate to claim it to use for our Angels, especially by pretending we've determined it using a fanciful method like the month of our birth, etc.
9. *Our Angel fights on our side with all his strength.* We must not think of having a tender plump cherub at our side playing the harp. Our Angel is a warrior, a strong and courageous fighter, who ranks at our side in every battle of life and

protects us when we are too fragile to do it alone.

is to make us understand his Word, and move us in the right direction.

10. *Our guardian angel is also our personal messenger, charged with bringing our messages to God, and vice versa.* It is to the angels that God addresses himself in communicating with us. Their job

<https://www.holyart.com/blog/religious-items/who-your-guardian-angel-is-and-what-they-do-10-things-you-should-know/>

PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

O angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me of everything I have done to offend you every day, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never offend God by my sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Amen.

SIX TIMES TO MAKE

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS IN THE CAR

1. When you get in the car... *For safe travels.*
2. When you pass a Catholic Church... *To honor your God and Savior.*
3. When you pass a Cemetery or Funeral... *To remember the departed.*
4. When you see or hear an ambulance... *To strengthen the sick or dying.*
5. When you pass an accident... *To comfort those in peril.*
6. When you pass a police car... *To protect them.*

WHY FOLD HANDS DURING PRAYER?

Religious historians trace the gesture back to the act of shackling a prisoner's hands with vine or rope: joined hands came to symbolize submission. In ancient Rome, a

captured soldier could avoid immediate death by joining the hands together. Just as waving a white flag today, the message was clear, 'I surrender.' Centuries later, subjects

demonstrated their loyalty and paid homage to their rulers by joining their hands. In time, clasping the hands together communicated both an acknowledgement of another's authority and one's own submission to that authority.

This type of joining hands to profess loyalty is still evident in the liturgy of ordination. A bishop will clasp the hands of the priest he is ordaining and say, "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my

successors?"

Another aspect of the folding of hands includes crossing the thumbs, which many have been instructed to do in the form of a cross. All of this results in a gesture that represents loyalty to God, pointing our prayers to heaven and being reminded of the cross of Christ. While Christians are not bound to pray with hands folded, it is a meaningful option, with ancient roots and profound symbolism.

A THOUGHT TO PONDER

Never give up on those who have fallen away from the faith. The devil wants us to give up on souls that are away

from God because if he gets his way he will own their souls for eternity.

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER

Due to the Coronis Virus at St. Cyrils Furniture Sale, only a 50/50 raffle was held. At this time, we could not go to restaurants, stores, and other businesses and ask them for a gift certificate. They are trying to make ends meet, and it would have not have been the right thing to do, is ask them for a donation to our raffle. The winner was Lindsay Glezen from Archbald and was happy to receive \$240.00 (L.T.)

PUBLICITY FOR THE FURNITURE SALE 2020

The publicity we received for the Furniture Sale was outstanding. WNEP TV channel 16 featured St. Cyrils on Thursday, August 6, and then again on Friday, August 7th, through their many news shows. The Scranton Times and the Valley Advantage, local church bulletins, Facebook- Scranton Market Place, Craigslist, the distribution of flyers at a local business, the banner at the Olyphant

Train Station and the banner at the intersection of Sanderson and Route 347 in Throop, other news media in NEPA, Over 300 e-mails to over various churches, media, parishioner and non-parishioners, ETC....were all very helpful in the success of the furniture sale.

We thank Lauren for all the public relations/publicity she has obtained for St. Cyrils furniture fundraiser. Including the publicity for the "Food Truck Festival": created the flyer, the ad in the Food section of the Scranton Times, and e-mails to the media etc... (L.T.)

RUMMAGE SALE 2020/2021

Due to the corona Virus, St. Cyril's annual 10th Rummage Sale fundraiser is still on hold. When Gov. Wolf declares a room can have more than 25 people in attendance, etc... a date will be set. There is a flyer (pink) in the back of the church, "Pre-Rummage Sale information" stating that items are being accepted, NOW. We have listed the items we DO accept: clean, saleable, and that it works (electric items etc...) and items we DO NOT accept.

We have already accumulated merchandise from the community since January 2020. With all the years of experience, we need to specify what we will accept and not accept for the Sale. Contact Lauren (570-383-0319) about donating items. We look forward to the 10th year of this event and helping St. Cyril's wherever necessary. (L.T.)

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Joe Smagula & Ronald Barkofsky. the month of August 2020 is Team #4:

Sunday Collection for August 8 & 9, 2020: \$2,314.00

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Parish financially in our weekly collections. If you are staying home, and are able to still send in any amount, it would be a blessing.



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Heirs of God

Whosoever fears God and keeps His commandments, is the servant of God. And in this service is not perfection, but the righteousness which leads to adoption. For this cause the prophets also and the apostles, the holy band whom God chose, entrusting to them the apostolic preaching, by the goodness of God the Father became prisoners in Christ Jesus. For Paul says, "Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle" (Eph 3: 1; Rom 1: 1): so that the written law works with us in a good servitude, until we are able to master every passion, and to become perfect in the good ministry of virtue through this apostolic state.

For if a man draws near to grace, then Jesus will say to him, "I will no longer call you servants, but I will call you my friends and my brothers: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (Jn 15: 15). For those who have drawn near, and have been taught by the Holy Spirit, have known themselves according to their intellectual substance. And in their knowledge of

themselves they have cried out and said, "For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom 8: 15): that we may know what God has given us – "If we are sons, then are we heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with the saints" (Rom 8: 17).

My dear brothers and sisters, and joint heirs with the saints, not foreign to you are all the virtues, but they are yours, if you are not under guilt from this fleshly life, but are manifest before God. For the Spirit enters not the soul of one whose heart is defiled, nor the body that sins; a holy power it is, removed from all deceit.

Truly, my beloved, I write to you as to reasonable people, who have been able to know yourselves. For he who knows himself, knows God: and he who knows God, is worthy to worship Him as is right.

St. Cyril of Alexandria