

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF
THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men

July 19, 2020: Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

Epistle: Rom. 15: 1-7

Gospel: Mt. 9: 27-35

Mon., July 20	9:00	+ Anastasia Eboli (Lauren Telep)
Tues., July 21	9:00	+ Jerry Gawron (Nasevich Family)
Wed., July 22	9:00	Special Intention (Dorothy Zinsky)
Thurs. July 23	9:00	+ Joseph Fawcett (M/M Francis Koscelnak)
Fri., July 24	9:00	+ Dorothy Chezik (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
Sat., July 25	1:00	Confessions.
	3:00	+ Douglas Kaniuk (Maria Havrilla)
Sun., July 26	10:00	For Our Parishioners

FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP ON THE FLOODING IN UKRAINE

As you may already know, parts of western Ukraine were flooded due to strong torrential rains that fell at the end of June. Thousands of people had to be evacuated leaving their homes and properties behind. Many have lost their belongings and savings.

This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need help.

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so:

-by making a check out to "Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia" and send it to the

chancery office of our Archeparchy located at 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Please mark your check "Flood in Ukraine";

-by leaving your donation in your parish collection basket, which will be sent to the chancery office along with other donations;

-you may donate on the Archeparchial Facebook page, where a campaign was set up.
<https://www.facebook.com/donate/331783401165290/>

Thank you for your generosity!

“DISTURBING ATTACK ON CATHOLICISM”: VANDALS BEHEAD MARY STATUE AT TENNESSEE CHURCH

Please pray for our churches!

Vandals beheaded a Mary statue outside St. Stephen Catholic Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. over the last weekend. This is one of several Catholic Church attacks in recent days.

Pastor Fr. Manuel Perez found the vandalized 5-foot Mary statue torn off its pedestal on Saturday before the

morning Mass. The statue is worth \$2,000. Police also forwarded the report to the Department of Homeland Security, citing a possible hate crime.

Let us ask Mary Help of Christians to pray for our Churches during this difficult time.

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CHURCH CLOSES AFTER VANDALS PAINT SATANIC SYMBOLS ON OUTSIDE OF CONNECTICUT PARISH

Please pray for our churches!

St. Joseph Church in New Haven, Conn. temporarily closed after vandals painted satanic symbols on the parish's front doors.

The parish posted a note from their pastor on its instagram account that vandals painted “various symbols” “on the outside doors of the church.”

The pastor requested prayers “to Our Lord in reparation for this sacrilege, and to St. Michael for protection against all the powers of hell,” as well as for “the perpetrator

of this action, who is clearly a very disturbed individual in need of serious help.”

The parish added that it is unclear when the Church will be able to reopen. “While we assess the situation and make plans to bless the church, the church will remain closed.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!

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A VERY FAITHFUL WOMAN

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in

talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout “PRAISE

THE LORD!”

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, “There ain’t

no Lord!!”

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted “PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME

GROCERIES!”

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, “PRAISE THE LORD.” The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, “Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn’t.”

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, “PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!”

NEW FUNDRAISER: FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Our first “FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL” will be held in the parish parking lot on Saturday, July 25 from 11:00 to 8:00 and Sunday, July 26 from 11:00 to 6:00. So far, we have six food trucks participating, each donating a percentage of sales to the parish. This will be an “order and take home” event, with masks and social distancing required. There will, also, be a “Food Truck Festival Raffle.” First prize: 50 percent of ticket sales. Second prize: \$300 crystal bowl. Third prize: Basket of Cheer. We ask your assistance in selling tickets.

Because of the pandemic, most summer events have been cancelled and people are reluctant to go to

restaurants. The food truck business has suffered. This event will help our local businesses as well as benefit our parish. If successful, we could schedule a few more through the summer.

Volunteers will be needed for the event to assist with traffic and crowd control, set up, raffle ticket sales, clean up, etc. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church. Please donate some hours of your time to this exciting new event.

Just a reminder, consider where you will park your car for Saturday and Sundays Divine Liturgy. Be sure to stop by and support our newest fundraiser.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for the raffle. First Prize: 50% of ticket sales. Second Prize: Waterford crystal bowl valued at \$300. Third Prize: Gift basket. Volunteers will be in the back

of the church before and after weekend services. Please stop by to purchase a few tickets at \$1:00 each. Also, your assistance with selling tickets will be greatly appreciated.

PIGGIE DINNER

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having a DRIVE THRU TAKE OUT PIGGIE DINNER on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 4pm

to 6pm or until all Dinners are sold. The menu will be Piggies, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread and a Dessert. The Cost is \$12.00 per dinner and it is payable at the Drive-Thru.

19TH ANNUAL LEBANESE-AMERICAN "MINI" FOOD FEST

Date: August 7-9, 2020. Time: Fri. Aug 7: 4 - 9 pm; Sat. Aug 8: 4 - 9 pm; Sun. Aug 9: 1 - 7 pm. Location: St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave (off lower Jackson St), West Scranton, PA.

Brief Description: Take Out and Pickup Great Middle Eastern Food and pastries, Local picnic food favorites,

variety baskets, clams, beer. No games or book sale this year.

Please follow current mask & distance guidelines.

Prepaid orders after Aug 1. Call 570-343-6092. For menu or info - www.melkite.scranton.org or facebook.com/melkitescranton.

Contact: melkite.scranton@gmail.com

FURNITURE SALE 2020 OUTSIDE, UPDATE AS OF 7/19/2020

It is only 18 days until the start of the fundraiser, the Furniture Sale, being held OUTSIDE on August 7 and 8th 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m The Church had 4 Rummage sales in 2019. The Furniture sale 2019, net profit was

\$ The Freeze Sale, Furniture Sale, Rummage Sale, and Special sale/.25 cents, the NET PROFIT for 2019 (4 events) was approximately \$ Every little sale, adds up and helps pay the bills for the church. Donations and volunteering your time is essential for the benefit of the church.

The week of August 2nd will be the week to receive last minute furniture donations. WE DO NEED YOUR CLEAN, SALEABLE, SWEET SMELLING: COUCHES, L.R. CHAIRS, KITCHEN TABLES AND CHAIR, outdoor patio furniture, BEDROOM DRESSERS, BED FRAMES, OFFICE DESK, ANTIQUES FURNITURE, LAMPS etc... Call Lauren regarding, if the furniture will be dropped off. Because we have limited “pick-up” manpower and trucks. Contact Father Nestor, () if you have a truck. You need not carry the items due to health, but a Truck is needed to get the donations back to the school.

VOLUNTEERS: Men are needed to help move the furniture outside. Yes, there are a few heavy items, but also kitchen chairs, nightstands, coffee tables, bed frames, lamps, mirrors, wall decor that will be very easy to move. We need manpower and even the ladies can help out too.

SCHEDULE: Starting Monday, August 3rd at 9:00 a.m. will begin to move items out of the gym. All week 9:00 a.m.- Noon, Tuesday, August 4th, Wednesday, August 5th, Thursday, August 6th. If you cannot be at the school gym at 9:00 a.m., just show up and help when you are available. The schedule may change, if it is raining. Call Lauren on her cell phone at any time to verify we are open and working at 646-241-9443. Each day, it will depend on the number of volunteers that show up, to how long we will be working. It is better to start a few days earlier, then pressured for time to get the work done.

All size TARPS ARE NEEDED to cover items at night or in case of rain. Please let us borrow them, label them with your name, and they will be returned. Leave them in the back of the rectory/school on the picnic table.

PRE FURNITURE SALE: THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2020.
VOLUNTEERS are also needed for Pre- furniture sale ticketing, merchandising, and to just lend a helping hand. A few “Housecleaning” chores include Glass Mirrors and wall decor glass need to be clean, some furniture needs polishing. When items are clean and not dusty, items are more

presentable to sell. Family friends, neighbors are all welcomed to help and make this sale successful. Just come and help for the benefit of the Church.

SCHEDULE: Monday, July 27th. Tuesday, July 27, Wednesday, July 28th .Thursday, July 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m and working for a few hours each day. Come when your available and call Lauren on her cell phone for any questions. It all depends on the number of volunteers each day to continue working through the week. Donations of cleaning supplies are welcomed: paper towels, dusting cloths, furniture polish and glass cleaning products, or bring your opened items from home. Drop them off at the rear of the school/rectory, leave on the picnic table. Every donation will help. Thank you!!!

We understand everyone's concern about this Health Crisis. We will follow all directives. We need to wear a face mask and we have limited face shields, available. We need to respect social distancing.

Customers can enter from 135 River Street (between the school and the rectory) or from West Grant Street (back driveway gates).

Come and shop, you might be surprised what you find, and support the Furniture Sale. The furniture and home decor have been donated by fellow parishioners and estates, moving or downsizing homes. The kitchen will be closed for this outdoor sale. We are planning on having a "Food Truck Convoy " available on River Street for the customers to purchase food and drinks.

The school gym will be closed. The non-furniture donations will be held, for, if and when we will have our 10th annual Rummage Sale in the future. Father Nestor and Lauren thank you for all your donations, help, and time volunteering for this fundraiser. Any questions or suggestions please contact Lauren (cell 646-241-9443)

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Cheryl Matuszewski, and Dorothy for the month of July 2020 is Team Zinsky.
#3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno,

Sunday Collection for July 11 & 12, 2020: \$

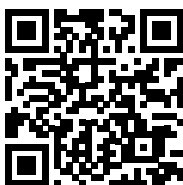
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They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers