

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Panteleimon -- July 27th*

<b>July 26, 2020: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 1: 10-18		Gospel: Mt. 14: 14-22
<b>Mon., July 27</b>	9:00	+ Scholastica Ralsten (Leo Danylak)
<b>Tues., July 28</b>	9:00	+ Zenia, Emmet & Baby Girl Hooper (Family)
<b>Wed., July 29</b>	9:00	+ Andrew & Dorothy Chezik (Chezik Children)
<b>Thurs. July 30</b>	9:00	+ Mary Ann (Frank)
<b>Fri., July 31</b>	9:00	God's Blessings on Gene Beggin (Dolly Daniels)
<b>Sat., Aug. 1</b>	1:00	Confessions.
	3:00	+ John & Olga Yuhnicks; + Jimmy Maslar (Family)
<b>Sun., Aug. 2</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

### **FROM BISHOP ANDRIY RABYI...**

Dear Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy, Venerable Sisters, dear faithful, all Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As of this moment we raised \$103,186! CONGRATULATIONS!

- FACEBOOK donations: \$43,718
- Parish Collections in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia: \$32,225
- Private and Organization donations: \$27,243!

We would like to continue providing financial assistance to the three Caritas eparchial organizations in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kolomyia and Chernivtsi! There are still many people that need our help! May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!

I am VERY grateful for the taking up of collections in your parishes and making personal donations. THANK YOU!

### **VISITORS IN CHURCH**

It may happen that, especially during the warm summer months, vacationers may appear in our parish. They may be from anywhere in the Archeparchy, or from across the country – even from abroad. They may even be local

members of our community, wishing to simply join you in prayer – even on a long-term basis.

Whatever the circumstances, welcome them, share the unity of the Trinity with our guests! They've come to meet Christ among us. Show Him to them – if necessary, guide them in following the pew book. Being inviting is

every Christian's "job."

The impression you make on visitors will travel on with them – at home, and everywhere else they go! It may be that someone who is searching for a Church will find it by what YOU do, not what the priest says. Your welcome may be what opens the eyes, ears and heart of the searching soul to the Gospel.

## USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then. Because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey. In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as

ripe produce.

Today's pandemic time urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

## FIVE TIPS ON HOW TO ACT IN CHURCH

### 1. Remember Whose house you're in!

You are in Heaven on earth! Here, we stand with faith, reverence and joy, just like we would – and hopefully will – in the eternal Heaven. Church hymns instruct us to do this also when they say: "When you stand in the temple, think that you are standing in

Heaven!"

**2. Look ahead... or above... not around!** When you stand in Church, don't look to the left or right; don't look at how others are standing and praying, so that you will be blessed like the Publican and not cursed like the Pharisee who spent all his time

in the Temple comparing himself to other people! You only need to watch yourself before God. Look **up**, at the icons! Look **ahead**, at the Altar, where God, who will eventually judge each of us, is present – and repeat within yourself like the publican, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

**3. Focus!** Focus your mind – and your mouth – on **God**. Pray along with the prayers. Sing along with the hymns. If you are tempted to talk to others, then open your prayer book and follow the prayers. If someone else talks to you, keep your answer brief and go back to your prayer book. Remind yourself that you can talk with other people – get your business done, and so on – after the Divine Liturgy.

**4. Remember the dead, your own death, and the living who need prayers.** While in Church, remember the dead and think of the day when you will join them – your body will go into the earth, but your soul – very much alive and aware – will go before God.

Pray for the dead, ask God to have mercy on them, offer Divine Liturgies for their intention, and light candles for their souls. Thinking of your death will help you pray more sincerely and to lead your life in a more Christ-like way. Remember also, when you are in Church, your loved ones who are alive – your parents, children, relative, friends, the poor, and the sick; light candles for their health and salvation.

**5. Don’t just HEAR the Gospel... LIVE the Gospel!** When hearing the Word of God being read, sung, or preached in Church, strive to fulfill it, and always look for ways to do so in your everyday life. Otherwise, you will be condemned for knowing what to do but not doing it. “Blessed are those who hear God’s word and keep it” (Lk. 11:28). Remember, God has invested His whole Life in you by dying on the Cross... and one day, He will ask you for the return on His investment.

## NEW FUNDRAISER: FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Our first “FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL” is being held in the parish parking lot on this Saturday from 11:00 to 8:00 and this Sunday 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. Please donate some hours of your time to this exciting new event.

Be sure to stop by and support our newest fundraiser after the Divine Liturgies this weekend.

## **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. 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.melkitescranton.org](http://www.melkitescranton.org).

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## **FURNITURE SALE 2020 OUTSIDE, UPDATE AS OF 7/26/2020**

It is only 11 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.

**PRE-FURNITURE SALE: THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2020.** VOLUNTEERS are needed for Pre- furniture sale ticketing, merchandising, and just lend a helping hand. A few "Housecleaning" chores include glass mirrors and wall decor glass need to be clean, some furniture needs "Pledging" When items are clean and not dusty, items are more presentable to sell. If you can come and sit at the tables, you can help with the 75+ glass frames/mirrors that need to be WINDEX sprayed and wiped off. No walking around the gym is required and you can sit comfortably at the tables. Thanks so much.

**SCHEDULE:** Monday, July 27th. Tuesday, July 28, Wednesday, July 29th, Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, July 31st 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!!!

The week of July 27th is the best time to donate items; CLEAN, SALEABLE, AND NICE SMELLING ITEMS for the Furniture and Wall Decor Sale including Lamps, ANTIQUES Patio, Home, Office Furniture 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 and moving men back to the school gym.

**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 lighter and 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.

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 ASAP

Customers can enter from 135 River Street (between the school and the rectory) or from West Grant Street (back driveway gates). Come and shop!!! 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 music entertainment will be provided by well-known parishioners.

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)

## **CUSTOM-MADE SOLID GLASS TOP TABLE**

FYI.....For yourself, family, friends, or business!!!! Custom-made solid glass top rectangle table, 5 feet x 10 feet, 5/8 inch thick glass with 2 marble support stands and 12 matching black lacquer chairs and glass/black lacquer curio. All in excellent condition. Special thanks for the guys from Dunmore, our Church parishioners, and Church neighbors to get it safely to St.

Cyril's back yard. Weighs approximately 550-600 lbs. If you are interested in this one of a kind, custom-made glass tabletop ....contact Lauren!!! 645-241-9443 (Tables and chairs sold together, and the curio by itself) The sale price is \$1999.00 the original retail (Custom made glass tabletop with marble support stands) was \$5,000.00 Stop by and see it!!!

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

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

**Sunday Collection for July 18 & 19, 2020: \$**

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### ***Pray for Me***

When we become ill, or when someone we love becomes ill, one of the first things we do is to ask others for their prayers. We might make these requests of our pastor, of a friend, of a family member or even of a total stranger sitting next to us in the doctor's office. But, do we remember to ask the saints to pray with us and for us as well?

Remember, the saints - who in this life were pleasing to God - now have great intercessory power before the Lord. Moreover, some saints have traditionally been regarded as being exceptionally helpful in prayers for the sick. Once such saint is Saint Panteleimon, whose feast we celebrate on July 27th.

Panteleimon was a doctor - a physician - who lived in the late third century. He, to-

gether with his mentor, instructor, and fellow physician, Saint Hermolaus, practiced medicine with great skill and with much success. They treated patients not only with medicine, but also with the power of prayer. Panteleimon, in fact, was denounced as a Christian and martyred for his Faith at the initiative of jealous doctors who could not cure as well as he could.

The name Panteleimon means "all merciful." Indeed this great saint was all merciful in extending his healing remedies to his patients in the form of medicine and prayer. Let us not neglect to call upon him today to pray with us, and to pray for us as well, as to pray for the doctors who treat us. The prayers of this great saint are powerful indeed!