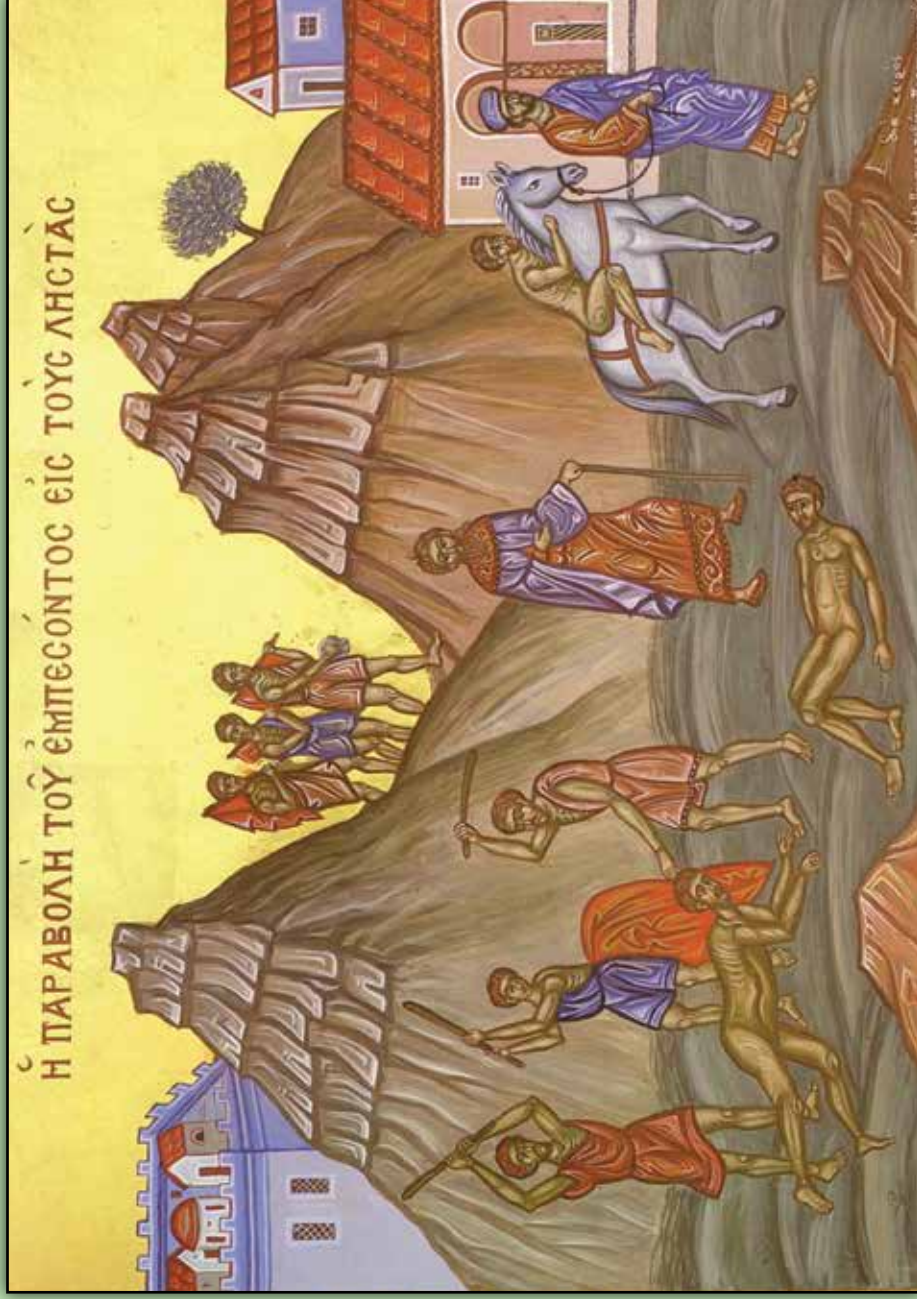


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

November 15, 2020: 243th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Eph. 2: 14-22		Gospel: Lk. 10: 25-37
Mon., Nov. 16	9:00	+ Fred Jacobs (Roger & Beverly Barren)
Tues., Nov. 17	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawko (Lauren Telep)
Wed., Nov. 18	9:00	+ John Sereditch (Hudak Family)
Thurs. Nov. 19	9:00	+George & Nancy Tehensky (Chezik Grandchildren)
Fri., Nov. 20	No Divine Liturgy Today	
Sat., Nov. 21	Entrance of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Evelyn Trently (Dorothy Zinsky)
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	For Our Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 22	10:00	+ Lawrence Krisanda (Wife, Anna Mae)

FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

Commemorated November 21st

When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary, to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the Archangel

Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance.

ST. PHILIP'S FAST (PYLYPIVKA) PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A.

To our Clergy, Hieromonks and Brothers, Religious Sisters, Seminarians and beloved faithful:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

St. Philip's Fast or Pylypivka is about to start. It is a joyful 40-day fast, which begins on November 15th, the day after the feast of the apostle St. Philip, and lasts until December 24th, Christmas Eve. This fast is meant to prepare us spiritually for the great and solemn holyday - the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the time given to us to deepen our understanding and awareness of God's mystery - the Incarnation of the Son of God and the coming of the Messiah, the King of Peace, Emmanuel and the Light of the world. It is time for us to find and rediscover true joy of the Nativity of Our Lord through prayer, meditation, and acts of charity, not like it is in the artificial atmosphere of Christmas parties, buying and exchanging gifts and enjoying specially prepared holiday delicacies.

We may think that the coming of Christ is a completed event and a historical fact of the past, and the anticipation of His coming is only symbolic for us. It is not! Christ always comes to us. He is

constantly born spiritually in the heart of every person who believes and expects Him. He comes to us in prayer and the Holy Mysteries, especially in Holy Confession and Communion. Today He comes to be with us and among us.

This year, St. Philip's Fast and the understanding of the coming of Christ and His presence among us takes on a special meaning and significance for us. In the midst of the relentless COVID-19 pandemic, the suffering of many from this deadly illness, often resulting in the sad and tragic loss of family members and friends, political discord and instability, riots, wars and human rights abuses around the world, we are thirsty for a deep awareness and conviction that Christ the Lord is truly present among us and that His grace is life-giving and necessary.

St. Philip's Fast recalls for us the Old Testament and the world, which froze in anticipation of the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. We will hear readings from the books of the ancient prophets Nahum, Habakkuk, Daniel, and Isaiah, who prophesied of His coming eight centuries before He was born. They wrote that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, about the

escape of the Holy Family to Egypt and the return to Nazareth, about His healing of the sick, about His rejection by the chosen people, about His betrayal and taking thirty silver pieces by one of the apostles, about His crucifixion among robbers, about His side being pierced, about His Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven. Later, the holy evangelists, while writing the Gospels inspired by the Holy Spirit, will include these prophecies to show us that Jesus Christ is the Messiah that everyone expected and that He is truly the Son of God.

The story of salvation does not end with the coming of Christ over 2,000 years ago, but it continues to this very day. We are all awaiting His second coming, which He Himself prophesied, and it will be very different from the first. When Christ comes a second time, everyone will recognize Him. During His first coming, He was not loved but was rejected. When He comes a second time, all the tribes will acknowledge Him as Lord. During His second coming, He will also be accompanied by the angels. During His first coming, He entered the world as a helpless baby in the manger. When He comes a second time, He will

come as the King of kings and Lord of lords. That is why the expectation of the coming of Christ is not and cannot be symbolic, but is a completely genuine event - He will come a second time.

During the Christmas fast, let us prepare spiritually for His coming. Create a prayer corner in your home and display an icon of the Nativity of Christ, meditating daily on the mystery of the coming of the Messiah. Let us receive the Mysteries of Holy Confession and Holy Communion during these days, especially if we did not have the opportunity to do so during Great Lent. Let us abstain from meat on Fridays, overeating and excessive use of the Internet. Let us be generous with our time and talents and serve the poor and disadvantaged as much as we can. Let us reconcile with those whom we have offended and those who have offended us. Let us always be aware that Jesus Christ will come a second time as our Lord and Judge, though "of that day and hour no one knows." (Matt. 24:36).

May you and your family be blessed by Our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, whose joyful Nativity in the manger of Bethlehem we patiently await!

+Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Eparch of Stamford)

+Benedict Aleksiychuk (Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago)

+ Bohdan J. Danylo (Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma)

+Andriy Rabiy (author & Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia)

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

We will be hosting three fundraisers this holiday season: a Thanksgiving and a Christmas bake sale; and, a poinsettia sale. The bake sales will feature homestyle baked goods from Carm's located at Jerry's For All Seasons. They will include a large variety of cake rolls, kolachi, and pies. The poinsettias are florist quality plants in either red, pink, or white. For your convenience, we have arranged that all items to be delivered

to our Parish Hall on 207 River Street. Order forms have been mailed to all parishioners. Please help by sharing the information with friends, neighbors and coworkers. If you have any questions, please call: Julie 570-357-6171, Michaelene 570-209-2026, or Mary Ann 570-489-4648. Thank you for your continuing support of our fundraising projects.

POINSETTIA SALE

The deadline for ordering poinsettias has been extended: The last date for receipt of orders is now **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd**. Consider purchasing a poinsettia and donating it to help decorate the

church, or, to a nursing home, etc. Should you wish to donate a poinsettia to the church, please put a note on the bottom of the order form, or call Michaelene at 570-209-2026.

VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S WINTER PHOTOS

Support the library this winter by getting a professional picture taken of you, your child, family, or your pet! Appointments on November 14th, from 10:00 to 2:00 will be for people and families only, while photo appointments on November

15th from 10:00 to 12:00 will be for pets and their owners only. We have a holiday background prepared and a digital copy of your picture will be emailed to you within one week. Call or stop by the library at 739 River St. Peckville, PA

18452 to sign up. Payment will not be taken in advance. Cash or check on the day of the event only.

87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE

The Ukrainian American Community will commemorate the 87th Anniversary of the Holodomor Ukrainian Famine Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 2 p.m. with a Requiem Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, 51st Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City. Join Bishop Paul Chomnycky and the faithful in remembering the millions of innocent victims of the Ukrainian genocide of 1932-1933. May their memory be eternal!

This Memorial Service will be live-streamed at the following link: saintpatrickscathedral.org/live.

THIRD SESSION OF THE ARCHIEPARCHIAL SOBOR

Archbishop Borys has announced the third session of the Archieparchial Sobor, which will take place virtually (via ZOOM) on assigned dates. The assigned date for our Deanery is Saturday, December 5, 2020. Any interested in participating in this event is asked to contact Father Nestor.

“IF AND WHEN” PRE-RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION. E-BAY SEARCHERS NEEDED!!!

The 10th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale at St. Cyrils for 2020/2021 is still on hold. It will eventually be held and is now a work on progress. The weather this week is going to be in the '40s-the '50s. (Brrrr.) The school gym is comfortable, even in the month of November but dress warmly. This week we will be gathering on Tuesday, November 17th, and Wednesday, November 18, and Thursday, November 19th, Starting at 9:00 a.m.- Noon, for 3 hours + per day. Come anytime to volunteer, and even have the opportunity to shop early!!! Wear a mask and keep a social distance. All parishioners (men and women) and friends are welcomed to volunteer for St. Cyril's pre-rummage sale.

Tired of sitting at home ... come to the school gym, and volunteer to mark items with tickets. You can sit at the table this week, mark the Chinese dishes, and sets of dishes with prices determined, (socially distant, and wearing a mask} The doors are open for fresh air. The boxes have been in the school gym for many many months. You can also get your “walking steps” for the day when sorting items to the tables. We do understand, some parishioners are staying at home during this health crisis, and we want you to be safe and comfortable at all times. You have to do what is right for you at this time. Hopefully, when

this health crisis is all over, we will be together in church and the rummage sale fundraiser.

If anyone is interested in "SEARCHING" e-bay for select items that have been donated (old board games, toys, vintage items, magazines, baseball cards, etc...) to find out their value, contact Lauren. If you have the time, to check out items on E-bay, it would be a great help. We need your expertise!!!! More specifically, we need to know how valuable an item is and what price we should sell it. Your e-bay account will not be used to list items. The items would be listed on Facebook, (no charge) "Scranton Market Place". (Less than e-bay, with no shipping cost) Selling an item, comparable to items listed on E-bay, is added income for our fundraiser.

We have Thanksgiving and Christmas items, at great prices. We also have a variety of furniture, dressers, an assortment of tables, lamps, toaster ovens, pots and pans, afghans, tablecloths, CD's, DVD's, jewelry, Lenox label items, a lot of glassware, and NEW Items for sale, etc...Do your Christmas shopping early!!!!

Donations of supplies are appreciated. Especially if you have items not being used: plastic bags (sandwich, quart or gallon bags, any size garbage bags, and saran wrap,) opened, partially filled or new boxes, elastic bands, marker pens, packing tape, and scotch tape. Please drop off at the back of the rectory. Items can be left off at the table, marked for "Rummage Sale" in a plastic bag or closed box, just in case it rains. Or stop in, when the school gym is opened.

By volunteering a few hours a week, for the "if and when" the Rummage Sale can be held, we will be ready for opening day. Contact Lauren Telep regarding, donations, volunteering, or shopping early, etc... at 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443. Father Nestor 570-291-4451 Thank you for all your help.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky & Cheryl for the month of November 2020 is Matuszewski.

Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene

Sunday Collection for November 7 & 8, 2020: \$2,041.54

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



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Do We See Jesus?

If you wish to honor the Eucharistic Victim, offer your own soul for which the Victim was immolated. Make your own soul all of gold. If your soul remains viler than lead or clay, what good does it do to have a golden chalice? Do you wish to honor the Body of Christ? Then do not disdain Him when you see Him in rags.

After having honored Him in church with silken vestments, do not leave Him to die of cold outside for lack of clothing. For it is the same Jesus Who says, "This is my Body" and Who says "I was hungry but you would not feed me. Whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me."

The Body of Christ in the Eucharist demands pure souls, not costly garments. But in the poor He demands all our care. Let us act wisely; let us honor Christ as He Himself wishes to be honored; the most acceptable honor to one whom we would honor is the honor which He desired, not that we ourselves imagine.

Peter thought he was honoring his Master by not letting the Lord wash his feet; and yet it was just the opposite. Give Him the honor which He Himself has asked for, by giving your money to the poor. Once again, what God wants is not golden chalices, but golden souls.

Saint John Chrysostom