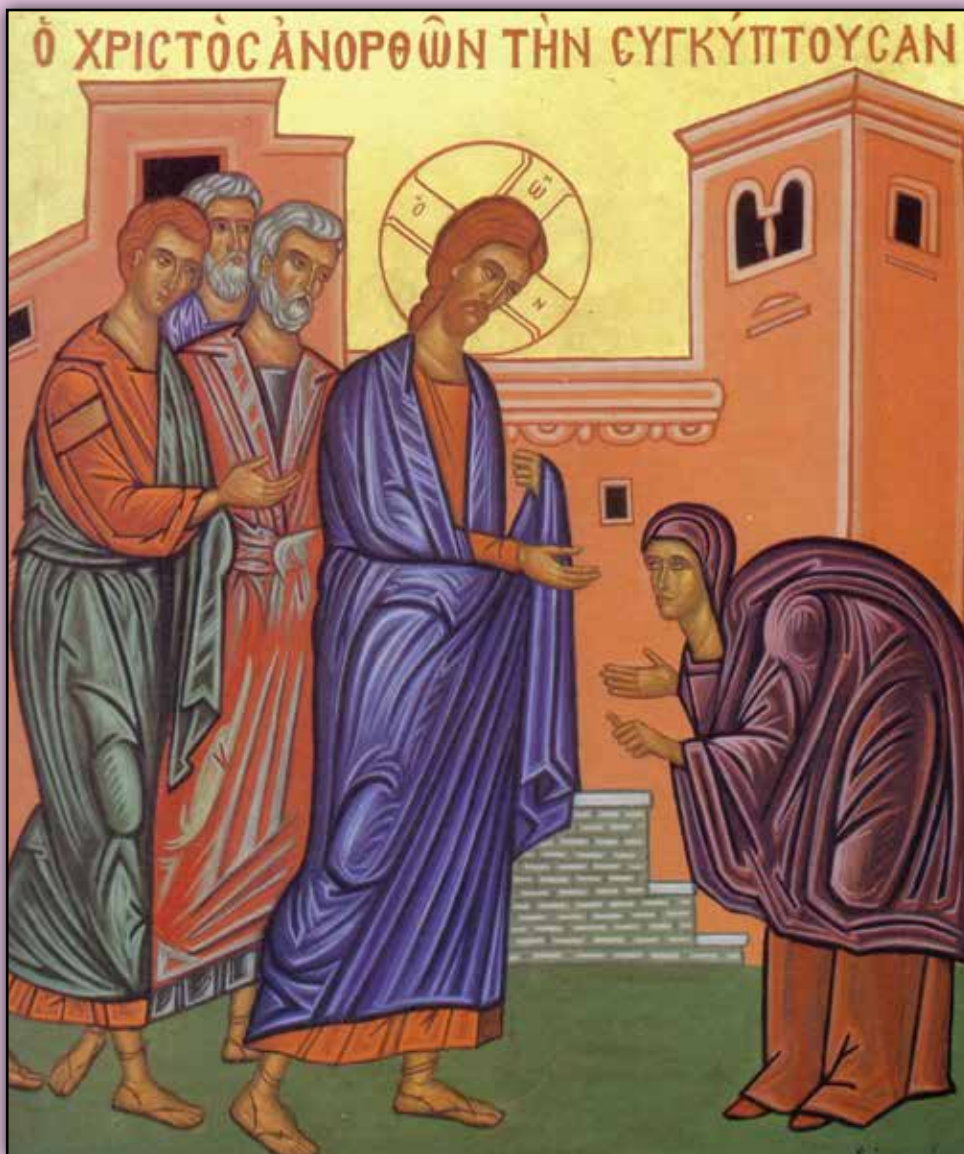


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Healing of the Stoopd Woman (Luke 13:10-17)*

<b>November 29, 2020: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: Eph. 5: 9-19		Gospel: Lk. 13: 10-17
<b>Mon., Nov. 30</b>	9:30	Health of Sandra Berta (Lauren Telep)
<b>Tues., Dec. 1</b>	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Bob & Jane Paulishak)
<b>Wed., Dec. 2</b>	9:00	+ Andrew & Stephen Chezik (Family)
<b>Thurs. Dec. 3</b>	9:00	+ Myroslaw Iwasiw (Father Nestor)
<b>Fri., Dec. 4</b>	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawko (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
<b>Sat., Dec. 5</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy.</b>	
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	+ Michael J. Clark (Sharon Sembrat)
<b>Sun., Dec. 6</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

## **SOME THANKSGIVING HUMOR**

### **Thanksgiving Divorce!**

A man in Chicago calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough.

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Dallas and tell her." Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced,"

she shouts, "I'll take care of this," She calls Chicago immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

### **Taming A Cussing Parrot!**

A young man named John received

a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious, and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got even angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly

there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he had hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arm and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior." John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

## **ANDREW'S PENCE**

The Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) has decided to hold a collection, called Andrew's Pence, to support faithful of UGCC abroad where there is no permanent ecclesiastical structure.

More than 100 years ago Ukrainians started to leave their native land in search of a better life, material welfare, and freedom. Many settled on another continent, where church buildings of the UGCC are not everywhere, so that

the faithful could not attend services in their native Church. Wishing to provide all faithful of the UGCC with spiritual care, the bishops call upon all to support the faithful of the UGCC abroad in prayer and financially, collecting the so-called Andrew's Pence.

According to the Protocol of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, the "Andrew's Pence" collection is to be taken in all parishes each year in the month of December.

## **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...**

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, he tore a sheet out of his news magazine on which was printed the map of the country

Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together.

After a few minutes, she returned

and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together.

The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.

Sooo... When we get Jesus back where He belongs -- our country will come together. In God we trust... the government not so much!

## **WHY SHOULD I USE WEEKLY ENVELOPES?**

The use of envelopes is important, they document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also

facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose. If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact the Parish Office at 570-291-4451.

## **TIS THE SEASON FOR DECORATING ST. CYRIL'S**

### **CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS 2020**



Next Sunday, December 6, 2020, the decorating of the Church for Christmas

2020 will begin at NOON. The past few years, our Church was decorated so beautifully with the extra Christmas trees and poinsettias setting the mood for Christmas.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are asking parishioners to wear a mask as we proceed with this Church activity.

We understand that not everyone is comfortable being in contact with others during this time. But, we are asking for the men and women who can help, to show up on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Please contact Father Nestor, (570-291-4451) if you plan to volunteer. Having a limit of 10-12 people in attendance, we will satisfy the guidelines of the CDC. If need be, the decorations will continue to be set up, on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, after the morning Divine Liturgy. Volunteers need to contact Father Nestor, as to your attendance on Sunday or Monday. (In 2019, we worked Sunday and Monday). It really takes a village .... to get the work done.

We are coordinating with Victor and Dino to have the manger set up before Sunday and all the decorations



in the Church basement, school gym, parish hall be brought to the Church Vestibule. All items (trees, wreaths, bows, lights, garland, statues) have been marked with “specific locations” on the ribbons (as they were packed away) and will make this process, so much easier.

We do need someone specifically (climbs a ladder) to help put the garland on the Iconostas and the columns of the Altar. As the trees are

set up, the garland is put upstairs on the Choir balcony, trees are “fluffed”, the lights are all working, wreaths and lights are put on the windows, we will work together to make the Christmas Season 2020 at St. Cyrils, memorable!!!

Next week, we need your help!!!  
Call Father Nestor ASAP.

## **WHAT IS OUR RULE ABOUT FASTING BEFORE COMMUNION?**

We all have a strict obligation to fast for one hour before receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. This means no eating or drinking at all for one hour before.

Those who have medical conditions (diabetes, etc.) and must take medication or eat at certain times are certainly exempted from this fasting rule. While a very beneficial spiritual practice, fasting

and abstinence should never be practiced to the detriment of one's physical

health and well-being.

## **2021 CHURCH CALENDARS**

The 2021 Church Calendars are available in the Vestibule of the

Church. The Calendars are free, but any donations will be appreciated.

## **THIRD SESSION OF THE ARCHIEPARCHIAL SOBOR**

Archbishop Borys has announced the third session of the Archeparchial 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.

## **COOKIE SALE**

Saint Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church 320 Vine St. Old Forge is holding their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm. All cookies will be sold on a preorder basis only. Cookie are homemade and include anise wedding, thumbprint, pepper cookies, chocolate chip, peanut butter

kisses, nut rugalach, linzer, fruitcakes and many many more. Cost is \$9 per pound. Preorders can be placed by calling Betty 570-457-9292 or Maria 570-457-8275. Preorders will be accepted until December 7th. Preorders will not be accepted after this date. All Covid 19 safety guidelines have been followed for this sale.

## **“IF AND WHEN” PRE-RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION. CHRISTMAS ITEMS!!**

The 10th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale at St. Cyril's for 2020/2021 is still on hold. The weather this week is going to be in the 30's. The school gym is comfortable, even in the month of November/December but dress warmly. This week, come and volunteer on Monday, November 30, and Tuesday, December 1st, and Wednesday, December 2nd. 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.

You are wondering why Lauren, Steve and Jeanne, and others are working



at the School gym/at home at this time in the cold? #1 They are unpacking boxes and bins and merchandising the tables (in rummage sale preparations) because the gym is packed with donations. #2. The school gym is being set up to sell items and Christmas merchandise listed on Facebook-Scranton Market Place. #3 They are busy unpacking, merchandising, and servicing the customers. (Monday-Wednesday) coming to the school gym, to shop. #4 It has been very successful, the week of Thanksgiving, they raised over \$ We thank them for all their dedication and time to this fundraiser for St. Cyrils. Additional volunteers are always welcomed and needed!!

Stop by the school gym and shop early for Christmas. We have Christmas items, and NEW ITEMS at great prices. Plus a variety of furniture, toaster ovens, (people now replacing the ovens with Air Fryers ) afghans, tablecloths, jewelry, vintage items, religious items, glassware etc...

We do understand, some parishioners are staying at home during this Covid-19 plague, 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. soon.

Donations of merchandise are always accepted. Donations of supplies are needed. Especially if you have items: plastic bags ( inexpensive store label boxes: sandwich, quart or gallon bags, any size garbage bags) opened, partially filled or new boxes, elastic bands, pens, packing tape, and scotch tape. 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, TO VOLUNTEER, OR SHOPPING, etc... call Lauren at 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443. We appreciate all your help for this fundraiser for St. Cyril's Church.

## **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 Nov. 21 & 22, 2020: \$**

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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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *Healing a Stooped Woman*

Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus' healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke

13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God's character to take special notice of the needy.

What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!