

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Thomas -- October 6th

October 4, 2020: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11		Gospel: Lk. 6: 31-36
Mon., Oct. 5	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawka (Rosemarie Sember)
Tues., Oct. 6	9:00	+ Andy Marcinko (Andrea Novak)
Wed., Oct. 7	9:00	+ Douglas Kaniuk (John Evanina)
Thurs. Oct. 8	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Tony & Diane Sosnowski)
Fri., Oct. 9	9:00	+ Edward Stecco (Family)
Sat., Oct. 10	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	+ Alexandra Westington & + Robert Westington (Ilona Westington)
Sun., Oct. 11	10:00	For Our Parishioners Baptism of Madelyn Durko

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL VANDALIZED

A Catholic cathedral in California was defaced with swastikas, an upside-down cross, and other messages spray-painted on the church's doors and entryways.

"This morning our beloved Cathedral was defaced with pentagrams, upside down crosses, white power, swastikas, BLM, etc. It reminds us to pray for my brethren in Iraq that are facing persecution. Pray for the criminals who did this," St. Peter's Chaldean Catholic Cathedral in El Cajon, California said in a statement posted on Facebook Sept.

26.

The cathedral is the seat of the Eparchy of St. Peter the Apostle of San Diego, an Eastern Catholic diocese of roughly 70,000 Catholics.

A video posted by the cathedral on Facebook showed numerous, seemingly opposed, symbols spray-painted on the church's edifice and doors: swastikas, "White Power" and "WP," alongside upside down crosses, and "BLM," standing seemingly for Black Lives Matter."

Some symbols were indecipherable, others represented



• **Opening Prayer and Introduction:**

V. Rev. Archpriest Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

Sophia Shehur, RN, CDCES, National Board President League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

Lesya Muraszcuk, DDS, Regional Coordinator Mothers in Prayer of North America

• **Keynote Address**

Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

• **A Time to Heal**

Bishop Paul Chornycky,
Eparchy of Stamford

• **Christian Models of Unity in Times of Adversity**

Bishop Bohdan Danylo,
Eparchy of St. Josephat, Parma

• **Spiritual Dignity in Times of Chaos**

Bishop Benedict Alekseychuk,
Eparchy of Chicago

• **Discernment and Transformation Post Pandemia**

Bishop Andriy Rabyk,
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

• **Parachyda**

For deceased members of the LUC, MIP, Clergy and Sisters

On-Line Program

Online registration open now at:
stamforddio.org

As we, the faithful of the UGCC, shifted from Vision 2020 into focusing on the study of immigration, migration, settlements on unity of our Church, little did we expect to be catapulted into the biggest test of unity in recent times. Both the League of Ukrainian Catholics and Mothers in Prayer had to defer much anticipated spiritual events. We are taking this as an opportunity to unite, transform and heal with Christian dignity.

We are grateful to our beloved UGCC Archbishops and Bishops for embracing this opportunity to spiritually support and strengthening us through this on-line conference.

On behalf of the LUC and MIP we cordially invite you to join us.

Sophia & Lesya



slogans or ideologies not ordinarily associated with each other, raising questions about what might have motivated the vandalism.

The Chaldean Catholic Church is an Eastern Catholic Church of more than 600,000 people. Headquartered in Baghdad, the Chaldean Catholic

Church counts among its members Catholics in Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Syria, and in numerous Western countries. The Church has grown in the U.S. in recent decades, amid an influx of refugees and immigrants from the Middle East.

The vandalism comes amid a spate of similar incidents at Catholic churches that has lasted for months. Earlier this week a man burned pews in an arson attack in a Florida Catholic church, and a man with a baseball bat damaged a crucifix and several doors at a Texas seminary.

Last week a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was destroyed in a Texas cathedral.

Also last week, a parish in Midvale, Utah, saw back to back attacks. St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church had its namesake statue beheaded followed by burglary on subsequent nights.

“Sometime last night our statue of St. Therese of the Child Jesus outside of the Main Church was broken and vandalized. We are currently in contact with the police,” the parish wrote on its Facebook page on Monday, September 14. The statue was pushed off its pedestal and the head was broken off. A planter by the statue was also smashed.

The parish urged people to “pray for the person who did this, that they may get the help they need,” and said the vandalism was an “unfortunate situation.”

On Tuesday, the parish once again reported vandalism.

“As an update to our parishioners, we are upset to report that one of the houses on our parish property was vandalized and broken into last night,” said the parish in a Tuesday post to its Facebook page.

A historic church built by St. Junipero Serra was burned in California this summer, in a fire being investigated as arson. A Florida man was arrested for setting flame to a parish church in the Orlando diocese.

Fires have been started and statues of Jesus, Mary, and saints have been beheaded or destroyed at parishes across the country, while in California numerous public statues of St. Junipero Serra have been torn down, defaced, and destroyed.

While some attacks on statues have been committed by large groups with clear political affiliations, the perpetrators of other acts have not been identified.

-- by the Catholic News Agency

PRAYERS TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

*May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

SEPTEMBER 2020 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL PROFIT FROM FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL, RAFFLE, AND MUMS was \$

Some words of Appreciation:

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our September Food Truck Festival a success. Thanks to the

committee, the volunteers, donars, and participants in the mum sale, raffle and Festival. Your contributions enabled us to earn \$ for our church. We look forward to hosting another Food Truck Festival in the spring.

Q & A

Question: What is the architecture of the Eastern Catholic Church building?

Answer: There are three divisions to a traditional Christian church: narthex, nave, and sanctuary. The narthex is the entrance hall, where the faithful greet God by making the sign of the cross, kissing the holy icons, and lighting a candle symbolizing prayer, sacrifice, and the Light of Christ. The nave is where the faithful gather to worship God. Nave comes from a Greek word, “naos”, meaning “ship.” It signifies the fact that salvation is a life-long process of becoming God-like. It is a journey towards God. The

Sanctuary is the abode of God, the Holy of Holies. Hence, its name comes from the Latin “sanctus,” meaning “holy.” It is where the clergy offer the Bloodless Sacrifice, the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion. It signifies Paradise or Heaven. It is demarcated from the nave by the iconostasis, or icon-screen, which does not separate the faithful from God, but rather, announces in holy images the presence of God. Notice that the sanctuary is higher and faces East, the direction from which the Star of Bethlehem came announcing the Advent of the Messiah and from which the Lord will appear in Glory at the Second Coming.

L.U.C. MEETING

Members of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Thursday,

October 8 at 5:30 pm at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Center, Edwardsville, PA.

PASTIE SALE

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 17th, 2020. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$7.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00

for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570)829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Drive-Thru Pick-up from 1:30 to 3:30pm in our Parish Parking Lot, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!

HOLUBKI TAKE-OUT DINNER

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, will conduct a holubki take-out dinner on Sunday, October 18 with pick-up between 12 noon to 2:00pm at its Parish Center. The \$13.00 dinner includes holubki,

mashed potato, vegetable, rye bread and dessert. Reservations are limited and must be made no later than Tuesday, October 13. No walk-ins. For reservations phone 570 503-1514. 50/50 and basket raffles will be available.

PIG IN THE BLANKET DINNER

Eureka Hose Company No.4 will sponsor its 2nd Annual Pig In The Blanket Dinner, Saturday October 24th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the fire station 717 East Grant Street Olyphant.

Limited \$10.00 tickets available from members or by stopping at the station on Monday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm all proceeds will be used to maintain the station and apparatus.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2020 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 26 & 27, 2020: \$

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A God Who Cries For US

Making his rounds in a local hospital, a chaplain encountered a man who had sustained minor injuries in an automobile accident. Although his injuries were not life-threatening, those of his wife and small child were more serious. The chaplain encouraged the man to have faith and trust in God to which the man angrily replied, "why should I?" "Look at what God has done to my wife and child," he continued, "how can I have faith in a God who does things like that."

The chaplain then told the man about a particular occasion when Jesus was passing through a strange town and came across a funeral procession of a young man. Jesus didn't know the young man or anyone in his family, but He was moved with pity when He saw the crying mother. "Imagine," the chaplain said, "the Lord

Himself was so moved by pity that He actually cried with the widow." Jesus then stopped the procession and raised the young man from the dead and gave him back to his mother. (Luke 7:11-16)

The chaplain concluded by asking the man if he really thought that a God who loves us so much that He actually cries for us is capable of causing bad things to happen to us. The same God who cries for us – and who died for us – will never abandon us in our most critical time of need.

As the chaplain was leaving the man's room, the doctor entered and told the man that his wife and child would be fine. From out in the hallway, the chaplain overheard the man say, "thank You, Jesus."