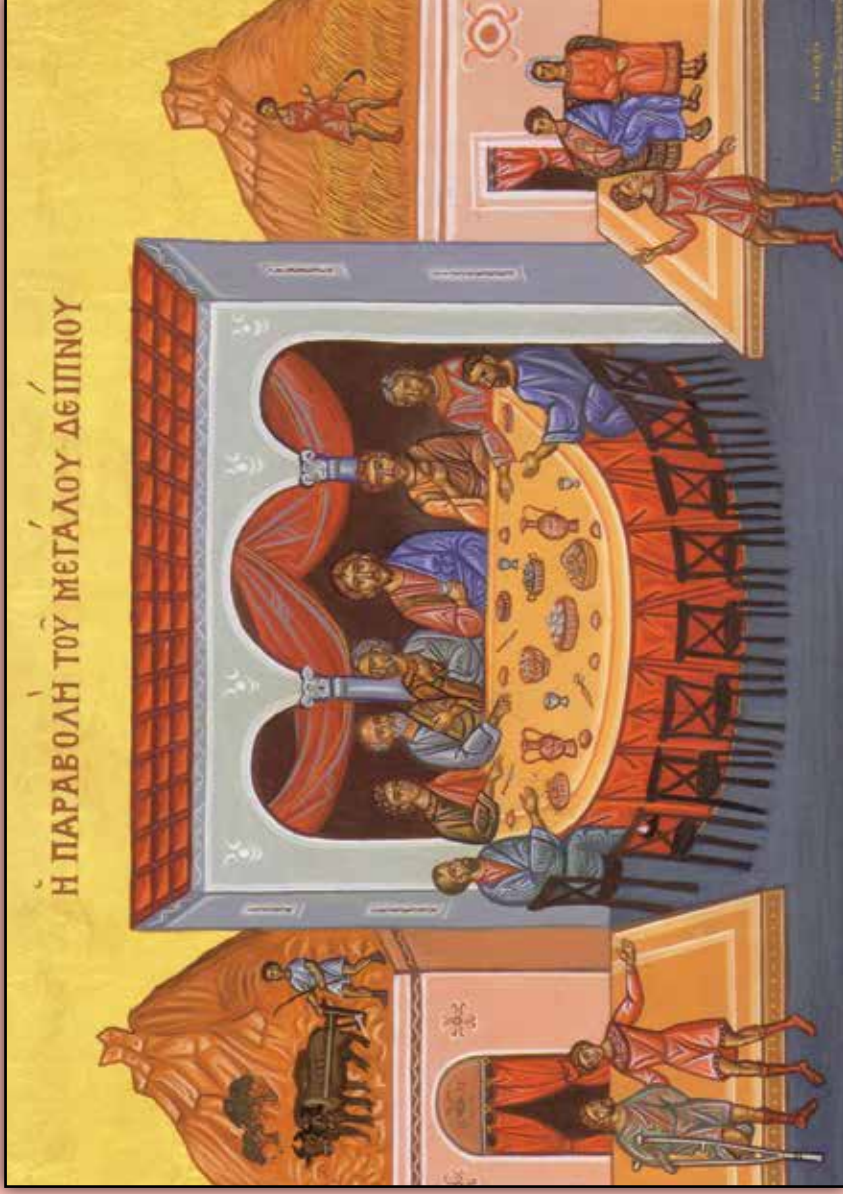


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Great Supper (Matthew 22:1-14)

September 6, 2020: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21 - 2:4

Gospel: Mt. 22: 1-14

Mon., Sept. 7	9:00	+ John & Helen Nasevich (Nasevich Family)
Tues., Sept. 8		Nativity of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)
	9:00	+ Joseph Sepinsky (Rose & Philip Hudson)
Wed., Sept. 9	9:00	+ Jean Stange (St. Cyril's Choir)
Thurs. Sept. 10	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Tony & Diane Sosnowski)
Fri., Sept. 11	9:00	+ Victims of Terrorism
Sat., Sept. 12		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	For Our Parishioners
Sun., Sept. 13	10:00	+ Robert Harris (Wife, Jule)

The Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Background

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim

came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised

to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with

a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal.

NEVER FORGET 9/11



For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of Sept. 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. Those whose lives were lost on September 11 will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

The 2021 Divine Liturgy Intention Book has arrived. Divine Liturgy Intentions may be offered for those who

are deceased, ill or for family, friends and special occasions for loved ones. I noticed that many people in our parish

often “order” the Divine Liturgy for their loved ones on Saturday or Sunday but NEVER come to church for the requested Liturgy, while there are people who are asking for Liturgies on a weekend and want to come but those days are already taken by someone who called at the beginning of the year and “preordered” Divine Liturgies for

the entire year.

In order to be fair to everyone, no more than 4 Intentions from a family will be accepted for the weekend Divine Liturgies per year. You are always welcome to offer intentions for a weekday Divine Liturgy.

CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Eastern Catholic Education Directors (ECED) will again present free online course offerings as part of the God With Us online faith formation program during the fall and spring 2020-2021.

To register visit EasternCatholic.org or GodWithUsOnline.org. At these

websites you can access recordings of previous God With Us online webinars as well as find further study resources, the Byzantine Gospel reflections, make donations and sign up for upcoming events and webinars. It will be a valuable religious education resource.

MUM SALE

This is a new fundraising idea that will take very little effort on our part. The mums are from Kettell’s Greenhouses, which is known for the quality of its products. Information fliers and order forms have been mailed to each of our parishioners. Please share them with your neighbors and friends. Orders and payment must be received

by September 10th. Pick-up will be coordinated with our next Food Truck Festival on September 19th and 20th. The mums are \$8 for a 9-inch pot or \$20 for a 12-inch pot. Color choices are red, yellow, orange, or purple. Phone orders: Jule (570) 357-6171; or, Michaelene (570) 209-2026.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Our second Food Truck Festival will be held Saturday, September 19th and

Sunday, September 20th. The first one was successful; but, this one has the appearance of being even better. We have secured several excellent vendors: R and R Potato Pancakes prepare their delicacies from an old family recipe. Grumpy Crab will be back, as will Russen's, Roseanna's Pizza, Krista's Creations and Lou's

Funnel Cakes. 2WayzOne Passion will offer Mexican/American food. We will feature a Kids' Korner, selling toys and treats. On Sunday, Texas BBQ, Murtz Desserts, and Chilly Willy will join the vendors. There will be music and free balloons for kids. Please join us; tell your friends and neighbors; and, help support our Parish.

RAFFLE TICKETS

A raffle will be held in conjunction with the Food Truck Festival. First prize is half of the ticket sales. Second prize is a \$300 Waterford crystal bowl. Third Prize is a gift basket. Tickets

have been mailed for parishioners to either purchase or sell. Please call Jule (570) 357-6171 if you would like more tickets. We appreciate everyone's efforts to support the parish.

PASTA DINNER & \$5,000 RAFFLE

St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale & Royal, is having a Drive Thru Pasta Dinner & \$5,000 raffle on Sunday, October 4th noon to 3:00p.m. Dinner tickets are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Pasta Dinner tickets must be purchased by

September 27th and can be purchased outside of the Church at Masses on September 19-20 & 26-27 or by contacting the Parish Office 570-254-9502, ext. 1 ccrc402@comcast.net. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the drive thru.

ST. CYRIL'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020 FURNITURE SALE

Gross Income:

\$	Sales and Donations
	Facebook, Scranton Market Place
	Pizza Donation "Rosanna's"
	50/50 Raffle
n/a	Russen's Sports Bar

\$	GROSS Income
EXPENSES	FURNITURE SALE
-\$	50/50 Raffle payout
-\$	Supplies, Scranton Times Ad, Portable Toilet, Update Banners
-	Total Expenses
Gross Income	
Expenses	
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\$	NET INCOME for Furniture Sale Aug. 7-8 2020

Note:

Net Income 2019 Furniture Sale Aug.3, 2019

% Increase Net Income from 2019 to 2020

(.00 outstanding balance for payment of furniture)

Financial Report Furniture Sale 2020 done by Rose Sember and Lauren Telep

THE 3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FURNITURE SALE 2020....TANKS!!!!

The 3rd Annual Fundraiser Furniture Sale was very successful this year. Net income was a total of \$ In 2019 the NET Income was for the Furniture Sale.

We have been collecting furniture, practically since the day after the Rummage Sale 2019. We thank the community for their generous donations for this event. It has become “the never-ending rummage sale”. Lauren our chairmen worked endlessly with 26+ volunteers (due to the coronavirus) to accomplish the success of this event. Special thanks to Jude Villano* for being our main cashier for the 2 days, accompanied by AnnElaine Sebro. The help of (6) non-parishioner was an essential part of this sale: posting the sign in Throop (Sanderson & Route 347), delivering furniture for the customers, and accomplishing some never-ending tasks. Special thanks to Steve and Jeanne Cucura who worked right along with Lauren for weeks on end. Rose Sember has helped out in the financial department.

We thank all the parishioners, family, and friends of St. Cyrils who supported the Furniture Sale 2020 (buying raffle tickets, merchandise, and food) and helped make it a great success this year. We all volunteered for this fundraiser for the benefit of St. Cyril’s Church as a community to help keep our church doors open. Due to the coronavirus, a very limited amount of furniture was inside the gym. The majority of merchandise for the Sale was outside behind the church and rectory in the

driveway as we followed directives concerning this health crisis. (wearing a mask and keeping social distance)

Our volunteers for the Furniture Sale 2020: Ann Elaine Gazella Srebro, Barbara Holleran*, Bob Kletsko, Bryan Brophy*, Cheryl Matuszewski, Father Nestor Iwasiw, Glenda Marcinko, Jack Martin, Jackie Hunt, Jeanne Cucura, John Sedlak, Jude Villano*, Ken Kosakevitch, Lauren Telep, Lisa Torch* Marie Martin, Marlene Zelno, Mike Shumek, Patrick Marcinko Jr., Paul Dudrich, Paul Lucas*, Richie Andrewsh, Ron Barkofsky, Rose Sember, Steve Cucura, Tony Zedar * Plus Victor and Dino from Church maintenance. *Non-parishioner friends of St. Cyrils Church.

We are ever grateful to the media (Scranton Times, The Valley Advantage, WNEP-TV, EWTN, etc..) local Church bulletins, local business for posting our flyers, VFW Peckville, Olyphant and Throop borough, Duplicraft, Russens Sports Bar, and Roseanna's Pizza. The entertainment was supplied by Bryan Brophy (Bryan Brophy Music/Soundcloud) Special thanks to Father Nestor, as we overtook his garage to store the extra furniture. Thank you to everyone for all your help!!!!

We look forward to having our 10th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale, as soon as our Governor, the Honorable Tom Wolf gives the OK to having crowds inside.

GETTING READY FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE.

We are still on hold for the 10th annual rummage sale. But we want to be ready, for this event. Customers are just waiting for us to open our doors. On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, starting at 10:00 a.m. we need volunteers to re-align the school gym. The few pieces of furniture from the garage need to be moved to the gym and we plan on re-arranging the racks and tables. A schedule will be posted in the future, for volunteers to help in opening the boxes and bins, pricing the merchandise for a few hours a week. A little at a time, and we will be ready, "IF and WHEN" the doors will be open to the public. Merchandise is still be accepted for the Rummage Sale and contact Lauren for further information at 570-383-0319 and cell NYC (646-241-9443).

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Team #1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene for the month of September 2020 is Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for Aug. 29 & 30, 2020: \$

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

He Who is not With Me is Against Me

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the

prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.