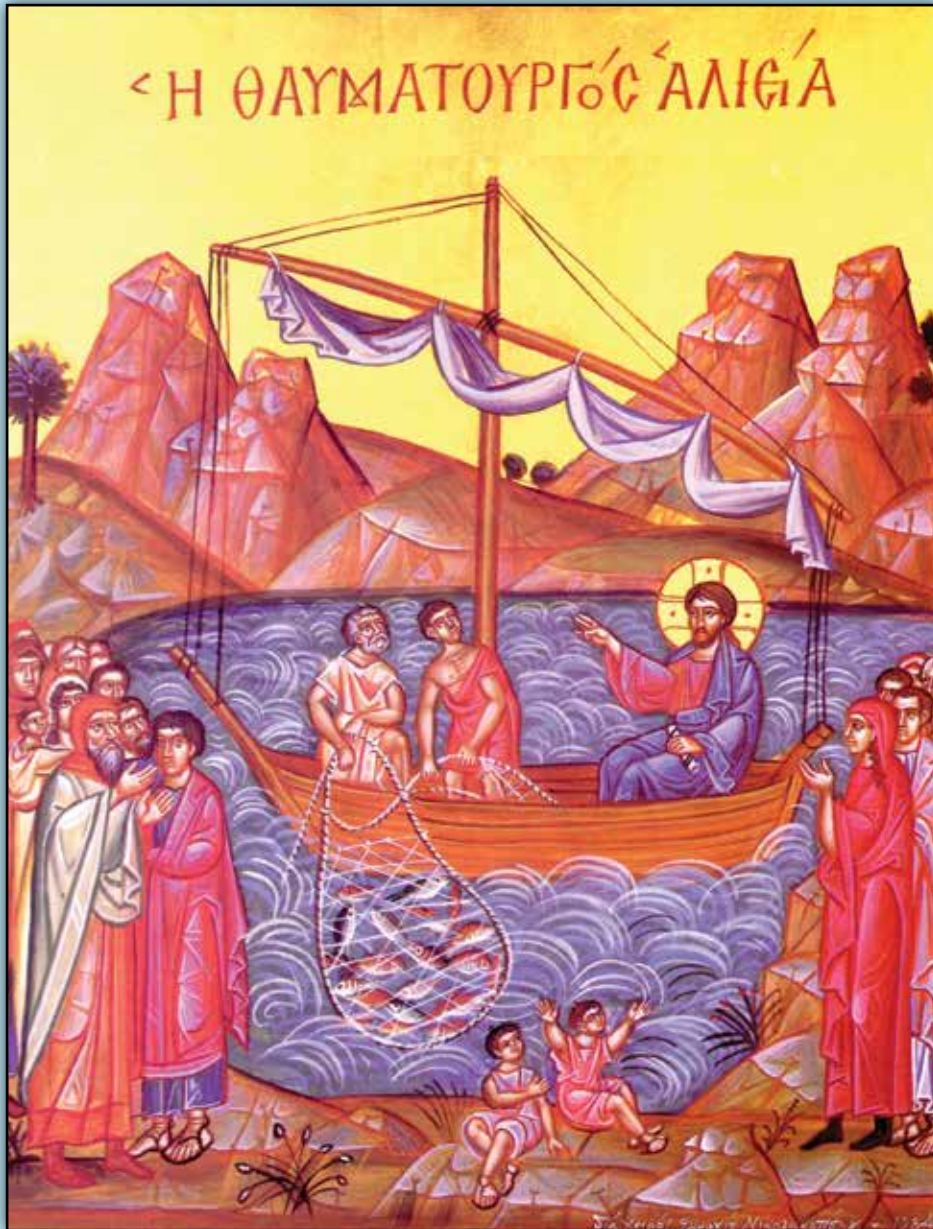


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



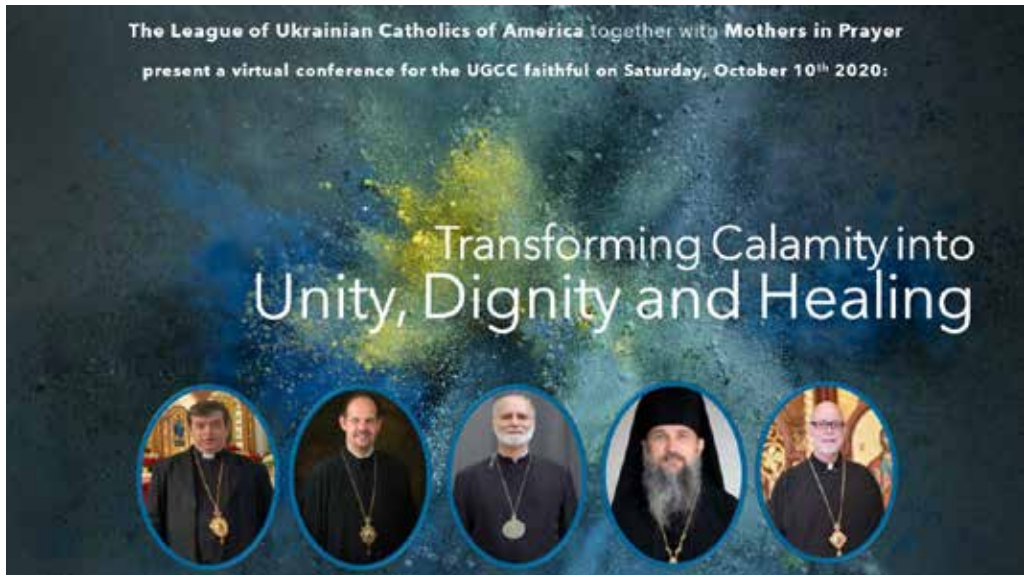
Icon of the Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)

September 27, 2020: 17th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16 - 7:1		Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11
Mon., Sept. 28	9:00	+ John Sereditch (Roman & Eileen Kushner)
Tues., Sept. 29	9:00	+ Diann Yuhnick (Robert, Barbara & Hillary Spryn)
Wed., Sept. 30	9:00	+ Eugene Hughes (Garry Brzuchalski)
Thurs. Oct. 1	Protection of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Fred Jacobs (Matthew Beckage)
Fri., Oct. 2	9:00	+ Joseph Fawcett (James & Mary Ann Dolphin)
Sat., Oct. 3	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	+ Carol & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)
Sun., Oct. 4	10:00	For Our Parishioners

PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church, is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. It is recorded in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius were in church for services when they saw the Mother of God approach the altar, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. She knelt and prayed with tears in her eyes. Then she took the

veil she was wearing and extended it over her arms as a sign of protection. There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but always with Christ. Today, with her veil (omophor) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers of need and to take them to the Throne of God. We pray: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady, Virgin.



• **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 Muraszczuk, DDS, Regional Coordinator Mothers in Prayer of North America

• **Keynote Address**

Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

• **A Time to Heal**

Bishop Paul Chornomyck,
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 Alekychuk,
Eparchy of Chicago

• **Discernment and Transformation Post Pandemia**

Bishop Andriy Rabyt,
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

• **Panachyda**

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



“THE LITTLE ENTRANCE”

When the third antiphon is chanted, the entrance of the Gospel occurs with the entourage of candles. The Deacon or if there is no Deacon, the priest, holds the Gospel. So while he is about to enter into the Altar, he stands at a small distance from the Royal Gate. Then he asks God for holy angels to accompany him, for them to become participators of his in the sacred service and the doxology. He subsequently lifts the Gospel up high, shows it to the believers and, after entering into the Altar, places it on the holy Altar Table.

The elevation of the Gospel symbolizes the showing of the Lord, when He began appearing to the multitudes. The Gospel denotes Christ Himself. So now that Christ is being revealed, no one pays attention to the words of the prophets. So for this reason, after the small Entrance, we chant whatever relates to the new life which Christ brought. We hymn Christ Himself for all that He did for us. We also praise the All-Holy Virgin Mary or others saints, analogous to the feast or saint the Church is honoring.

THE HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Participation in the life of the Most Holy Trinity becomes a reality for us through the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist. In other words, we partake of God's life by being united to Christ, receiving the seal of the Holy Spirit, and sharing the Body and Blood of Christ in the community called Church. As a person after birth begins to breathe and then receives nourishment in order to live, so the newly baptized, born to new life in the baptismal font, begins to breathe by the Holy Spirit and receives

the nourishment of Holy Communion in order to grow in Christ. Through the prayers and sacred actions of the liturgical rite of each of these Mysteries, but Church leaves the faithful into an understanding of the Mystery and perceiving it as a single, unified action of God's grace. This is why in the tradition of the Eastern church, these three Holy Mysteries are celebrated together. *Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha, #408*

WHO DIVIDED THE BIBLE INTO CHAPTERS AND VERSES?

Christians around the world are accustomed to citing the Bible by chapter and verse. However, this wasn't always the case. In fact, dividing up scripture in this manner is rather new and developed only recently during the past several centuries. Considering that the book of Genesis dates to about 1,400 BC, the invention is something that Jews and Christians did not have for many years.

It took until the 13th century for a Catholic cardinal in England to divide up the sacred text into the chapters we are familiar with today. Prior to that, the Bible was copied on individual scrolls. The Old Testament was already separated into paragraphs and sections, but did not have a specific numbering system. Also, traditionally both the New and Old Testaments were transmitted orally. In particular, chanting sacred scripture was an ancient way of passing on the words of Divine Revelation to the next generation. Christians learned this method from the Jewish people, who have been chanting the words of

scripture for thousands of years.

For this reason, in ancient and early medieval homilies, there is no citation of biblical verses. Quotations from scripture came from memory or were copied from scrolls or books used by clergy and religious. The laity did not have access to any physical copies and passed on the Bible to their children from what they heard at Mass as well as through the artwork seen in paintings and church architecture.

Then everything changed with Cardinal Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 13th century. He divided up the Latin Vulgate into chapters, upon which all other modern Bibles have based their own numbering system. Later, it was the work of Robert Estienne, a Protestant layman in the 16th century, to further separate the Bible into verses. He is often credited as the first person to print the Bible with verse numbers in each chapter. Ever since, Bibles everywhere have been produced with chapters and verses to help all people study the words of Sacred Scripture.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Joseph Muchisky won the first prize of \$959.50. The Waterford crystal bowl

second prize was won by Kathleen Radle. Nancy Spader won the third

prize gift basket. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated

in this fund raiser.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD CANCELLED

I am very sorry to share with you that the Pilgrimage to the Mother of God scheduled for Sunday, October 4, has been **CANCELLED. However Live Stream is available on YouTube.**

We were hopeful that a modified schedule and comprehensive safety precautions would allow us to host pilgrims in person. However, after further prayer and consideration, we have made this difficult decision to eliminate any possibility of spreading illness. Your health and the health of our Sisters are of paramount

importance.

The Pilgrimage is a beloved occasion that has continued for generations, and we look forward to resuming it in 2021.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Be assured that we will continue to remember your intentions and pray for an end to the pandemic.

\s\ Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski,
OSBM
Provincial

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Parishioners who have canes or walkers or are a bit unsteady on their feet, are invited to come up and stand inside the first pew on Mary's side of the Church to receive Communion. Father will come down to you. Perhaps a good time to come up to the first pew would be right after the Our Father, so you will be in place inside the first pew when Communion time arrives.

And to ALL parishioners: please do not close your eyes when you receive communion. Just tilt your head back, open your mouth wide as though you are yawning, and do not touch the spoon or close your mouth or lips on the spoon. And **do not say "Amen,"** since the priest already says it for you during his prayers at the moment you are receiving.

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.

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.

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!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2020 is Team

#1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 19 & 20, 2020: \$

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Christ Continues to Catch People

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder had made them mute, they beckoned to their partners,

to those who shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey.

For many have taken part with the Holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria