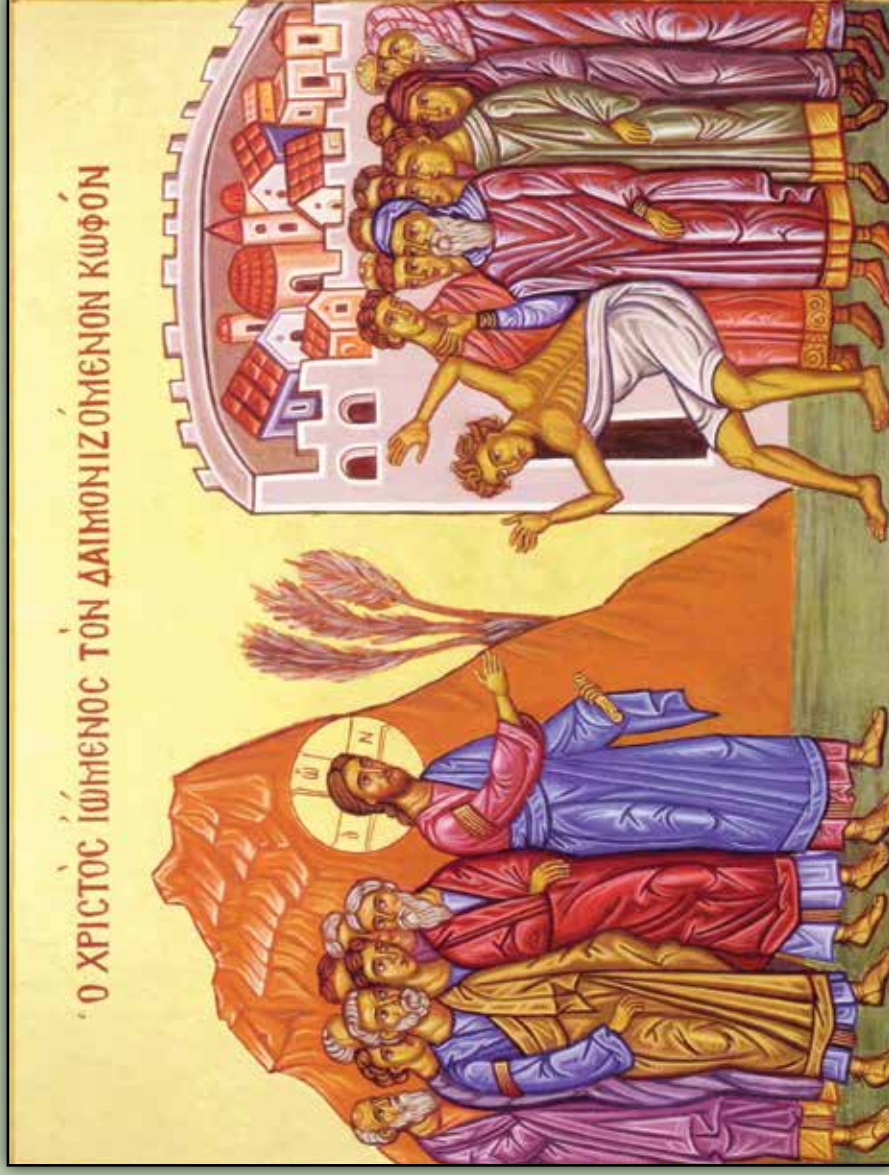


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Demoniac Boy

August 1, 2021: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16		Gospel: Mt. 17: 14-23
Mon., Aug. 2	9:00	+ Olga & Harry Pish; + Harold Howarth; + Mildred Polacek (Jean Howarth)
Tues., Aug. 3	9:00	+ Evelyn Trently (Debbie, Paulette, Kenny & Dan Zinsky)
Wed., Aug. 4	9:00	+ Dorothy Chezik (Marcella Gawron)
Thurs. Aug. 5	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Charlotte & Janet)
Fri., Aug. 6	9:00	Transfiguration of Our Lord Special Intention (Nick & Joyce Spryn) Blessing of Fruit
Sat., Aug. 7	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + John Marushock (Sister, Ilona)	
Sun., Aug. 8	10:00	For Our Parishioners

Blessing of Fruit

Blessing is a very common practice in the Ukrainian Church. The faithful are familiar with many blessings – food, houses, various objects as crosses and medals, and even a personal blessing.

What do these blessings mean? Is the blessing of a house or car and “extra insurance policy?” Is it in fact safer than an “unblessed” house or car? There seems to be a strong dose of superstition in all of this.

In a Christian view however, this

distinction between sacred and profane falls apart. For the whole world and all that is in it has been created by God; and He says that it was all “good.” To bless something in this way of thinking means to acknowledge that it is truly “good,” from God. It means that we see this blessed object as coming from God and as a sign of His Presence among us. To bless then means to see things as they really are, as all coming from God.

On August 6th, the Feast of the

Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated.

Because the feast falls during the harvest season (especially of fruit), fresh fruit is brought to the Church and blessed.

Blessings are without limits, done at anytime and anywhere, but most properly so on this Feast, for the Feast of the Transfiguration is a celebration

of God's Presence in the world and because of this, the changing of the world, its transformation, its transfiguration into God's world. The fruit is an example of the "good things" that "comes from God."

The fruit which was blessed, now is more than mere nourishment and refreshment, it is a sign of God's Presence.

LITURGICAL Q & A

QUESTION: Why does the priest have his back to the congregation?

ANSWER: Actually, he is facing to pray in the same direction as the worshipping faithful. The priest, according to our Ukrainian (Eastern) Catholic tradition, is the representative of the congregation. The sanctuary and tabernacle are the heavenly throne of God, so the priest faces God, the object of our prayers, and he speaks to God on our behalf. Also, by facing God, and have his back to the congregation, has a symbolic meaning that the priest leads his people towards God as a shepherd leads his flock to a safe place.

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. 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

Who Is He?

In CHEMISTRY, he turned water to wine.

In BIOLOGY, he was born without the normal conception.

In PHYSICS, he disproved the law of gravity when he ascended into heaven.

In ECONOMICS, he disproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fishes & 5 loaves of bread.

In MEDICINE, he cured the sick

and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In HISTORY, he is the beginning and the end.

In GOVERNMENT, he said that he shall be called wonderful counselor, prince of peace.

In RELIGION, he said no one comes to the Father except through Him.

So! Who is he? He is JESUS!

VISITORS IN CHURCH

It may happen that, especially during the warm summer months, vacationers may appear in our parish. They may be from anywhere in the Archeparchy, or from across the country – even from abroad. They may even be local members of our community, wishing to simply join you in prayer – even on a long-term basis.

Whatever the circumstances, welcome them, share the unity of the Trinity with our guests! They've come to meet Christ among us. Show Him to

them – if necessary, guide them in following the pew book. Being inviting is every Christian's "job."

The impression you make on visitors will travel on with them – at home, and everywhere else they go! It may be that someone who is searching for a Church will find it by what YOU do, not what the priest says. Your welcome may be what opens the eyes, ears and heart of the searching soul to the Gospel.

YOU ARE INVITED

Walter Camier of the TFP will be the guest lecturer at the Transfiguration

of Our Lord Luncheon on August 1st, 2021 A. D. at 12:30 pm, the first talk is scheduled to begin at 1 pm. He will give two presentations. 1) "The Catholic History of America" and 2) "Revolution and Counter-Revolution" at Transfiguration of Our Lord parish hall on the corner of Bliss Street and Center Street, Nanticoke. Entrance to

the parking lot is from Center Street. A light lunch will be served. You are welcome to bring guests. If you are not a parishioner of Transfiguration of Our Lord parish please RSVP to the rectory (570) 735-2262 to allow us to plan for the gathering size. May God bless you with many happy years, peace, health and salvation.

WHY COOK WEDNESDAY DINNER

"Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 18th. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut)...\$5.00/each, halushki (cabbage & noodles)...\$3.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/cut.

Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember... When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

IT'S VACATION TIME... (BUT NOT FOR CHURCH BILLS)

It's that time of year again...Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and financial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE during summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, don't forget about YOUR CHURCH! You can always mail in your Sunday Collection

envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

THIS IS NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S (BABA'S) RUMMAGE SALE AUGUST 13-14, 2021

Plan and set time aside to volunteer for St. Cyrils Rummage Sale, your CHURCH EVENT. Lauren will be at the school gym for the scheduled time listed (minimum of 20+ hours per week) Come for hours: Help is needed with Lady handbags ticked*, wall hangings ticked* and organized, furniture (marked by height, width, and length) Domestic Department ticketed* Records, CD's organized etc... stay as long as you could! *prices all ready determined, tickets need to be attached. It is not hard to do...we need your help.

During the ACTUAL Furniture/Rummage Sale, (August 13-14, Friday and Saturday) volunteers are needed: men, women, teenagers, friends, and families to help. Arrive between 8:00 a.m.-8:30a.m. You can be INSIDE St. Cyrils's school gym or OUTSIDE behind the rectory and garage.

Volunteers can greet customers, sell water/soda, show "present" of volunteers on the selling floor because "thou shall not steal", volunteers at the jewelry table, volunteers at the "Express Lane" and "bagging" items at the checkout tables, pass on information on the restrooms, where items are located, be at the entrance to the School gym, hand out "boxes" etc. Contact Father Nestor 570-291-451 or Lauren 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443. Come and help our Church fundraiser. This is the time to show up!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We could use "Newspaper" (no "sale" inserts, example: retail sale flyers...) also needed are trash bags, sandwiches and quart-size etc... storage bags can be dropped off at the school gym.

August 2021 at 133 River Street, St. Cyril's School Gym.

Help is needed daily with the empty boxs, binses, recyclable items, etc... Special thanks to all the volunteers who have been at the school gym for the last few months. They are keeping the Rummage sale active and ongoing for August, and you can join us too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

August 2nd, Monday 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.+ or later, depending on the # of

volunteers.

August 3rd, Tuesday 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. (only)

Re-opens at 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

August 4th, Wednesday 9:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.+

August 5th, Thursday 9:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.+

August 6th, Friday 9:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.+

August 7th Saturday and August 8th Sunday CLOSED. Call Lauren, 646-241-9443 if you wish to volunteer, then the school gym will be open to work.

AUGUST 9th-August 12th, 2021

The pre-days set up: The furniture has to be taken out of Father Nestor's Garage. The School gym has to be ready for all public access and safe for everyone to walk around. setting up the "Check out" tables, Signage on all racks, etc... so much more!!! WE NEED additional MEN TO VOLUNTEER.

Monday 8/9, Tuesday 8/10, Wednesday 8/11, Thursday 8/12, the School gym will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or later as need be, especially on Thursday.

The 11th Annual Fundraiser Furniture/Rummage Sale on August 13 and August 14th, 2021 Opening in the morning, Volunteers can show up: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The sale runs from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. Help is needed throughout the day!!! Lunch will be provided for the volunteers for the two days. Come and shop and support the fundraiser, too.

Sunday, August 15th, 2021 closed.

Monday, August 16, 2021, The school gym opens at 9:00 a.m. to get everything back in order including Father Nestor's Garage.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Ron Barkofsky and Joe Smagula. the month of August 2021 is Team #4:

Sunday Collection for July 24 & 25, 2021: \$

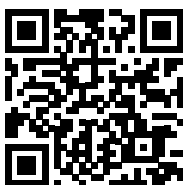
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Christ Heals the Demoniatic Boy

It is by Him that we have gained deliverance from the power of unclean spirits, this lesson proves. For we heard read that a man ran towards Him from among the multitude, and related the intolerable malady of his son. For he said that he was cruelly torn by an evil spirit, and suffered violent convulsions. But the manner of his approach was not free from fault: for he made loud outcries against the company of the holy apostles, saying that they could not rebuke Satan: whereas it would have been more fitting, had he honored Jesus when asking His aid, and imploring grace.

For He grants us our request when we honor and confide in Him, as being the Almighty, Whose power nothing can withstand. For He verily is the Lord of powers, and nothing can offer resistance to His will. Yea rather, every-

thing whatsoever that is capable of possessing power obtains entirely from Him the possibility of being what it is.

For just as He sheds His light upon those who are capable of being illuminated, as being Himself the true light; and just as in like manner He is the bestower of wisdom upon those who are capable thereof, as being Himself Wisdom, and perfect understanding: so, inasmuch as He is Power, He bestows power on those capable of receiving it. When then by our disbelief we despise His glory, and wickedly scorn His supreme majesty, we can receive nothing from Him: for, We must ask in faith, nothing wavering, as His disciple said.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria