

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Unforgiving Servant

August 8, 2021: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 9: 2-12		Gospel: Mt. 18: 23-35
Mon., Aug. 9	9:00	+ Fr. John Wysochansky (Joan Sembrat Galay)
Tues., Aug. 10	9:00	+ Andy Marcinko (M/M Jayme Morano)
Wed., Aug. 11	9:00	+ Gloria Rainero (Leo Danylak)
Thurs. Aug. 12	9:00	+ John Sereditch (M/M Robert Hudak)
Fri., Aug. 13	9:00	+ Howard Smith (Son, Howard)
Sat., Aug. 14	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Husband, John)	
Sun., Aug. 15	Dormition of the Mother of God 10:00 For Our Parishioners; Blessing of Flowers	

First Antiphon

Sing joyfully to God, all you on earth;*
chant the glory of His name, give to Him noble praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*
Your voice thunders in the whirling wind,*
Your lightning enlightens the world and the earth trembles and shakes.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*
You are clothed in majesty and splendor;* robed in light as in a garment.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

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Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

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Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

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Hymn to the Mother of God

Rejoice, O my soul, for the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth to God in purity. * He came forth in human flesh. * He was seen upon the earth, * and He conversed with men. * Therefore, O Mother of God, * with our hymns we praise you.

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Communion Verse

We walk in the light of Your countenance, Lord;*
and we rejoice in Your name forever.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Many, many thanks to everyone who volunteered and who participated in the second of this year's Food Truck Festivals. With your help, we were able to earn \$3,080.55 to benefit our parish (despite having to close one hour early on Saturday because of

the six o'clock thunderstorm). Many positive comments have come from vendors and attendees alike. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Mark your calendars for the next one: Saturday and Sunday, September 11th and 12th.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners in the Food Truck Festival Raffle. The winners are:

- First prize (50/50--\$469): Ryan Asman
- Second prize (crystal vase): Ken Kosakevitz
- Third prize (gift basket): Melissa Newbury

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to **Leonardo Nicholas Dianna**, along

with his parents Gino and Bernadette, on the occasion of his Initiation into

the flock of Jesus Christ. Leonardo received the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist

during the 10:00 Divine Liturgy. May God grant you many Happy and Blessed Years! Mnohaya Leeta!

THE PARABLE OF THE SPOONS

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer

than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made

the holy man's mouth water.

The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other."

SOME HUMOR: "THE CHURCH TREASURER RESIGNS"

The day the Parish treasurer resigned, the Parish asked the local grain elevator manager to take the position. He agreed under two conditions: That no treasurer's report would be given for the first year. That

no questions would be asked about finances during the year. The people were surprised but finally agreed since most of them did business with him and he was a trusted man. At the end of the year he gave this report:

- The church indebtedness of \$228,000 had been paid.
- The minister's salary had been increased by 8%.
- The charitable gifts had been increased by 200%.
- There were no outstanding bills.
- And there was a cash balance of \$11,252!

Immediately the shocked congregation asked, "How did you

do it? Where did the money come from?" He quietly answered: "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. Throughout the year, I simply withheld 10% on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You didn't even miss it. Do you see what you can do for the Lord if you are willing to give at least the tithe to God, who really owns you?" And so the new treasurer made his point

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!"

ST. NICHOLAS FLEA MARKET

Rev. Dr. Eduard Shestak and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Vine St., Old Forge, Pa. is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 18th from 8am-4pm; Sunday September

19 (Half Price Sale) 10am-2pm and Saturday September 25th (Bag and Box Sale) 10am-2pm. The event will be held rain or shine at the Church Hall. Antiques, household items, furniture, children's items and much

more! A variety of ethnic food items, baked goods, and refreshments will also be available.

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 finan-

cial 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

During the ACTUAL Furniture/Rummage Sale, (August 13-14, Friday and Saturday)volunteers are needed for our church FUNDRAISER EVENT: parishioners, men, women, husbands, and wives, teenagers, friends, families, and volunteers from the past 10 years. Arrive between 8:00a.m.- 8:30a.m. You can be INSIDE the St. Cyrils's school gym or OUTSIDE behind the rectory.

On Friday and Saturday, in the morning, noon, or late afternoon, your help will be appreciated, Contact Lauren, so that we have coverage throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers for the two days. Come shop and support the fundraiser, too.

So easy...Volunteers can greet customers, sell water/soda, show the "presence" 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 570-291-445 or Lauren 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443.

Be prepared to WEAR A MASK, if the CDC and the Governor of Pennsylvania requirements are updated by Aug. 12th.

Newspapers can still be dropped off during this week. We are in need of tents and tarps, just in case it rains, ASAP!!!! Please label the tents and tarps with your name, and they will be returned. The majority of the furniture will be displayed outside on the driveway behind St.Cyrils Rectory and School.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who have been at the school gym for the last few months. They are keeping the fundraiser/rummage sale alive, and you can join us too! Make TIME to volunteer this week for St. Cyril's Church.

SCHEDULE: The School gym doors are open, we are working, come on in!

*August 9th, Monday 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.+ or later, if need be!

*August 10th, Tuesday 9:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.+

*August 11th, Wednesday 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.+

*August 12th, Thursday 9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.+ last-minute details.

SALE: August 13th, Friday 8:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.

SALE: August 14th, Saturday 8:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.

August 15th, Sunday Closed

August 16th, Monday 9:00 a.m. Organize the school gym and Father's Nestor's garage.

For additional information, please call Lauren at cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-291-4451.

*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.
Thank you.

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 31 & August 1, 2021: \$

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Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

St. John Chrysostom