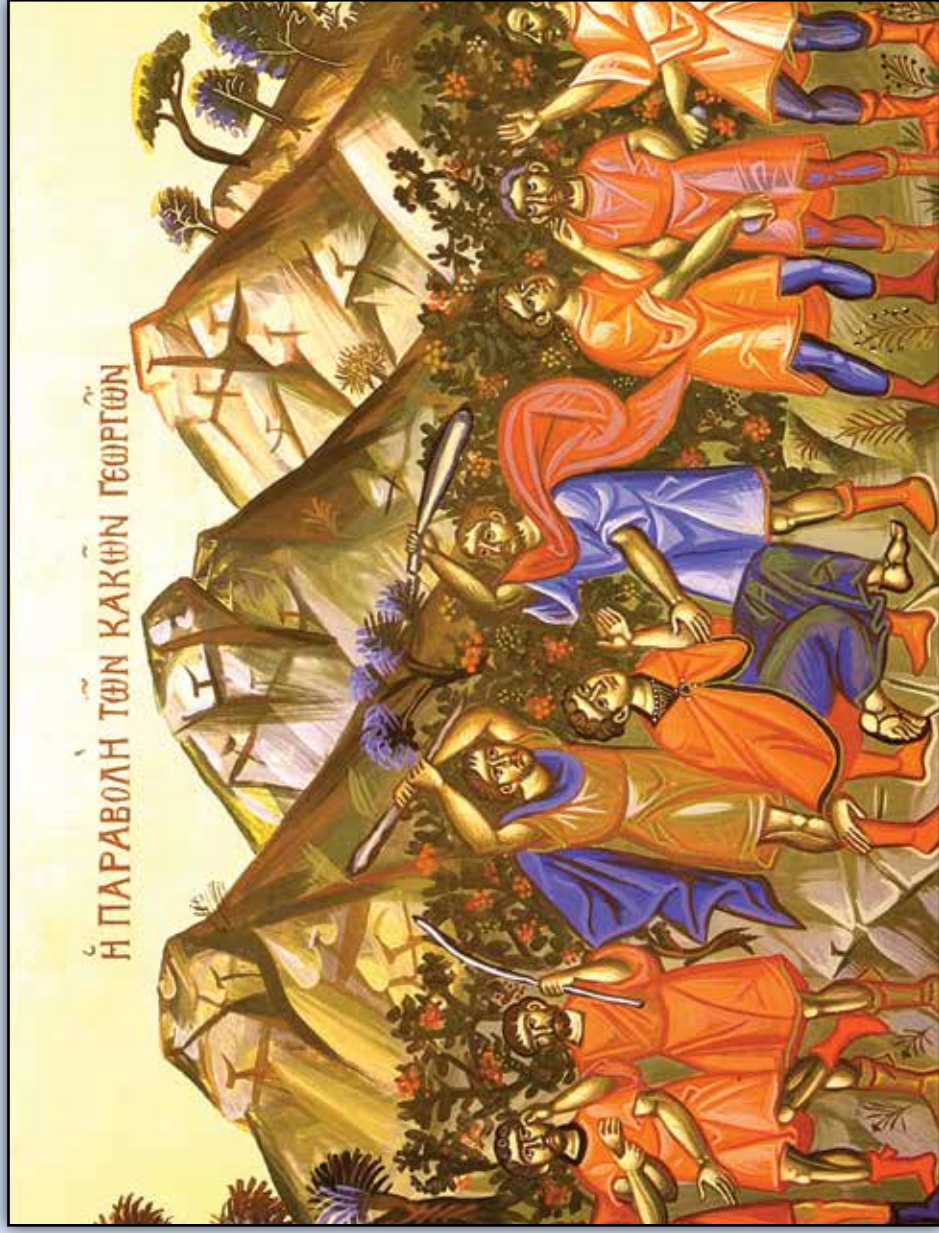


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Evil Vineyard Workers (Matthew 21:33-43)

August 22, 2021: Thirteen Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 16: 13-24		Gospel: Mt. 21: 33-42
Mon., Aug. 23	9:00	+ Roger Barren (Mary Ann Spryn)
Tues., Aug. 24	9:00	+ Gabriel Drakes (Wife & Son Drakes)
Wed., Aug. 25	9:00	+ Thomas Walsh (Mary Ann Spryn)
Thurs. Aug. 26	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Lynn, Karl, Catie & Kevin)
Fri., Aug. 27	9:00	+ Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (Wife, Glenda & Family)
Sat., Aug. 28	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Nicole Yeck Crimard (Bob & Joan Yeck)	
Sun., Aug. 29	10:00	For Our Parishioners

PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV SPEAKS ABOUT HOW THE SEVENTH DAY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO GOD

To celebrate a holy day means to give it to God and neighbor. Six days a week a man reserves for himself, because he “eats the fruit of the labor of his hands.” The seventh day should be given to God as a sign that we do not live only from the work of our own hands but also because God sustains us. This was stated by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

According to him, the seven day period of our work and rest is a legacy of the Judeo-Christian culture. The commandment to celebrate a holy day responds to human needs for it helps to

restore our strength. Therefore, we must thank God for the gift of the weekdays and of the holy day. That is why it is so important, on the Lord’s day, to refrain from hard work and dedicate it to our Creator. However, it is important to remember some rules to do it right.

“The seventh day which we sacrifice to God shows our correct understanding of the basic foundations of life. It shows us the eternal source on which our well-being, health, our present and future depend,” the Head of the UGCC is convinced.

“Christians, while celebrating the holy day, must attend the Divine

Liturgy. When a person does not do this consciously and voluntarily, then he sins. In this way, he distorts the meaning of this day and experiences it incorrectly,” he said.

When a person cannot participate in the Divine Liturgy due to certain obstacles, for example, there is no church where he lives, or during a pandemic, when there are strict quarantine restrictions, it is necessary to celebrate the holy day as much as the circumstances allow,” as the Head of the Church.

In his view, modern culture gives us various opportunities to do so including online broadcasts. It is important not to fall out of the spiritual rhythm.

In addition, personal prayer is one of the elements of devotion to God. That is why it is important to pray on this day, to read the Holy Scriptures, to meditate,

to communicate with God. That is, to direct time and personal attention to your Creator.

On the one hand, Patriarch Sviatoslav warns people against the temptation to work hard on Sunday, and on the other hand, he says that good deeds should be done on a holy day as well.

“Therefore, when you visit your parents only on Sunday and see that they need help that requires hard work, then listen to your conscience and help them. However, in order not to be reproached by your conscience, it is better to find an opportunity to visit your parents on Saturday, Monday, or another weekday,” he says.

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INFORMATION.**

WHAT DOES THE CHANT “ETERNAL MEMORY” MEAN AT MEMORIAL SERVICES?

When we chant “eternal memory” (Вічна́я Память - Vichnaya Pamyat) at the end of Memorial Services and Funerals, it is often falsely assumed that this memory of the departed be preserved on earth not only in the minds of loved ones, but even for many generations after. In fact, however, this hymn is not addressed to the loved ones of the deceased, nor is it addressed to the

deceased, nor does it have any mortal purpose, but it is addressed as a prayer to God, who is eternal, on behalf of the departed.

One day the apostles came to Christ with joy saying: “Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name.” Jesus replied: “Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in the heavens” (Lk. 10:17-20). In

other words, Christ told His apostles to not rejoice over something here on earth that bears nothing on their salvation, but to rejoice over the fact that their names are eternally remembered in the kingdom of heaven. Their names are written in what is commonly known in Holy Scripture as the “Book of Life”. This is best illustrated in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Poor Lazarus after death is found in God’s kingdom, and his name has become eternally remembered, while the miserable rich man lingers in Hades, utterly nameless.

The name of a person is their identity.

“Eternal Memory - Вічна Память” is equivalent to saying “may you ever be in God’s memory.” The Church says this prayer so that the deceased “continue” in God’s memory. Because if God “forgets” us, if He says “I never knew you” (Matt. 7:23), we are led into spiritual extinction. But if He remembers us, then like the thief on the Cross who asked Christ to remember him, we also will live eternally with Him in Paradise.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022

Religious education for children attending grades one through eight will begin on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Times and location for classes will be forthcoming in future bulletins. If anyone has any

questions regarding their children or grandchildren attending these classes, please call Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 and she will be more than happy to help you.

THE LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by

just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us! My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, really friendly. So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy

almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage (frustration, anger, and disappointment, etc.). As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they’ll dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish

them well, and move on. Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life’s too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right & pray for the ones who don’t. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

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 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SUMMER 2021 FURNITURE / RUMMAGE SALE

The Summer '21 Furniture Rummage Sale, the 11th annual fundraiser for St. Cyrils's, was great. The NET PROFIT was \$ The Spring '21 sale had a NET PROFIT of \$ To date, the Rummage Sale fundraiser has reached approximately \$ 0 to benefit St. Cyrils Church. We should be so thankful to all the volunteers and the chairman. The hard work, dedication, knowledge, and love of our parish, all the volunteers have certainly made this event so successful over the years. We thank them for all they have done for our CHURCH EVENT. The end results, in keeping the doors open and help pay bills for our parish, for the 11 years.

The pandemic did change our plans in 2020. With an early Spring '21 sale and this past week, Summer '21 the rummage sales did accomplish selling furniture and a lot of merchandise. With no raffle baskets \$, no food \$, and no special sale for additional income, we were successful. Our traditional Fall '21 Rummage / Furniture Sale Fundraiser will be held on October 1st and 2nd, 2021. The community has donated enough merchandise this year and we will be more selective regarding the donation of heavy furniture. We are all 10 years older, with more aches and pains, but the parish volunteers and non-parishioners did a fantastic job. We are so proud of their accomplishments. Additional information in next week's bulletin.

Sales Income from May 15- August 12, 2021,	\$	
Sales Income August 13th and August 14th, 2021	\$	
50/50 Raffle 2021		
TOTAL GROSS INCOME.....	\$	
*EXPENSES.....	-	*
TOTAL NET PROFIT	\$	
NET PROFIT \$11, 352.63 for Spring '21		
GROSS profit	+\$	
*Expenses (pay-out 50/50)	-	
Routine Rummage Sale Expenses	-	
Electricity (3 months)	-	

(newspaper, flyers, supplies, Porta-potty, food)

\$ -

Total Expenses*

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

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

Sunday Collection for August 14 & 15, 2021: \$

SECOND ANNUAL MUM SALE

This year's mum sale will be different from last in that it is a voucher sale. Vouchers costing \$10 each can be redeemed for a **9-INCH JUMBO MUM** of your choice at *Jerry's For All Seasons* in Dunmore. Mums will be available from September 1st to September 30th.

To order your vouchers: call Jule (570) 357-6171 or Michaelene (570) 209-2026. Or, fill out the following form, enclose your payment and drop in the collection basket. (Alternatively, mail the form to St. Cyril's MUMS; 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope to receive your voucher by return mail.) Make checks payable to: St. Cyril's.

ST. CYRIL'S FALL FUNDRAISER -- MUM ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Number of mums: _____

Address: _____

Amount @ \$10 each: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: St. Cyril's; 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447 (Enclose payment and a stamped self-addressed envelope.)

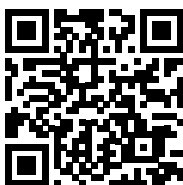
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

The Vineyard is the Kingdom

The kingdom of God upon earth is here compared to a vineyard, furnished with all things requisite to an advantageous management and improvement of it. He planted this vineyard. The church is the planting of the Lord, Isaiah 61:3. The forming of a church is a work by itself, like the planting of a vineyard, which requires a great deal of cost and care. It is the vineyard which his right hand has planted (Psalms 80:15), planted with the choicest vine (Isaiah 5:2), a noble vine, Jeremiah 2:21. The earth of itself produces thorns and briars; but vines must be planted. The being of a church is owing to God's distinguishing favour, and his manifesting himself to some, and not to others.

He hedged it round about. Note, God's church in the world is taken under his special protection. It is a hedge round about, like that about Job on every side (Job 1:10), a wall of fire,

Zechariah 2:5. Wherever God has a church, it is, and will always be, his peculiar care. The covenant of circumcision and the ceremonial law were a hedge or a wall of partition about the Jewish church, which is taken down by Christ; who yet has appointed a gospel order and discipline to be the hedge of his church. He will not have his vineyard to lie in common, that those who are without, may thrust in at pleasure; not to lie at large, that those who are within, may lash out at pleasure; but care is taken to set bounds about this holy mountain.

He dug a wine-press and built a tower. The altar of burnt-offerings was the wine-press, to which all the offerings were brought. God instituted ordinances in his church, for the due oversight of it, and for the promoting of its fruitfulness. What could have been done more to make it every way convenient?