

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
BEHEADING OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET,  
FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN



*Icon of the Beheading of John the Baptist*

<b>August 29, 2021: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21 - 2:4		Gospel: Mt. 22: 1-14
<b>Mon., Aug. 30</b>	9:00	+ Edward Stecco (Joan Stecco)
<b>Tues., Aug. 31</b>	9:00	+ George, Sr., Josephine & George Jr. (Andrea Novak & Family)
<b>Wed., Sept. 1</b>	9:00	+ Joseph Poklemba (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
<b>Thurs. Sept. 2</b>	9:00	+ Mary Shekitka Kuduk (Elayne Eberhart)
<b>Fri., Sept. 3</b>	9:00	+ Joseph W. Vannort (Jule Harris)
<b>Sat., Sept. 4</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Mina Shumek (Michael Shumek Family)	
<b>Sun., Sept. 5</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

## **POPE FRANCIS URGES PEOPLE TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19**

*By Devin Watkins*

The Pope has joined his voice to those of Bishops across North and South America to urge people to get jabbed against Covid-19.

In a video message produced in conjunction with the Ad Council, Pope Francis praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective Covid-19 vaccines.

“Thanks to God’s grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19,” he said in the video released on Wednesday.

He added that vaccines “bring

hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another.”

### **Vaccination is an act of love**

Pope Francis went on to say that getting a Covid jab that is “authorized by the respective authorities” is an “act of love.”

Helping others do the same, he said, is also an act of love. “Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political.”

The Pope noted that social and political love is built up through “small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies.”

“Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable,” he said.

Pope Francis then prayed to God that “each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love.”

“No matter how small, love is always grand,” he said. “Small gestures for a better future.”

#### **‘STRENGTH OF FAITH’**

The Pope was joined in the video by several Cardinals and Archbishops from across the Americas.

Archbishop Jose Gomez, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archbishop of Los Angeles, lamented the suffering and death the pandemic has wrought across the globe.

He prayed that God might “grant us the grace to face it with the strength of faith, ensuring that vaccines are available for all, so that we can all get immunized.”

#### **Safe, effective vaccines**

Honduran Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga said the world has much to learn from the coronavirus.

“But one thing is certain: the authorized vaccines are effective, and are here to save lives,” he said. “They are the key to a path of personal and universal healing.”

Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes praised the “heroic efforts” of health professionals in developing “safe and effective” jabs.

He also repeated the Pope’s affirmation that “getting vaccinated is an act of love”.

“Our choice to get vaccinated affects others,” he said, adding that it is a moral responsibility.

## **LITURGICAL LIFE AND RENEWAL IN YOUR PARISH: ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN’S 1996 INSTRUCTION**

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Instruction for Applying the Liturgical Prescriptions of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, a document promulgated

by the Congregation for the Eastern Churches of the Holy See.

The Instruction was intended to guide all Eastern Catholic Churches towards liturgical renewal and a

fuller experience of the Mystery of Christ through the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the Sacraments, and the Liturgy of the Hours according to the ancestral traditions of the Church.

Join this Zoom webinar to learn more about this document from theologians and liturgists, to hear about the successes of its implementation in our Church, and to understand how it can help guide liturgical life and renewal in your parish.

The webinar is organized by the Philadelphia Metropolia and the Paris Eparchy in preparation for a conference of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches on this topic in October.

Date: 12 September 2021

Time: 2:00 pm Philadelphia/8:00 pm Paris

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## **TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A HAPPY CHURCH!**

- 1) Speak to people. Speak to everyone, especially to those whom you don't know. There is nothing quite so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- 2) Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it! It doesn't cost a thing!!
- 3) Call people by name. The sweetest music to any person's ears is the sound of his or her own name. If you don't know the person's name, introduce yourself and likely the person will respond with his or her name.
- 4) Be friendly & helpful. If you want friends, learn to be a friend. Everyone needs them. No one has too many.
- 5) Be cordial. Try to speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- 6) Be genuinely interested in people. Try to like everybody and everybody will like you. Do not limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likable people about you.
- 7) Be generous with praise. And be just as sparing with criticism.
- 8) Be considerate of the feelings of others. Usually, there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's and the right one.
- 9) Be alert to give service. What we do for others counts most in life. Try giving yourself away. It's fun!
- 10) Develop a sense of humor. To this good sense of humor, add a generous dose of patience and a dash of humility. Then get ready to receive many blessings. They're sure to come!

## **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.

## **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.

## **UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL**

Fr. Walter Pasicznyk, along with the Parishioners of Transfiguration of Our

Lord Church in Nanticoke, PA, invite everyone to their "Ukrainian Food

Festival” on Saturday, September 4, 2021, from 11 am to 4 pm. The Festival will feature homemade foods such as: Pyrohy, Haluski, Holubtsi (stuffed

cabbage) Potato Pancakes, Sausage & Peppers, Borscht, Clam Chowder, Baked Goods and more!

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite everyone to their 2021 Pilgrimage to the Mother of God. The theme for this year’s Pilgrimage is: “Heart to Heart: the Love and Unity of the

Holy Family.” It is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2021. For further information contact the Sisters at 215-379-3998 or [basilcenter@stbasils.com](mailto:basilcenter@stbasils.com).

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, Route 438, Montdale, Sunday, October 3, from noon to 5:00p. The Turkey Dinner will be a drive-thru take out that includes all of the “fixins”. Dinners are \$13 adults, \$6 children. Outdoor booths

will include a huge Bountiful Baskets Stand, wreath stand, and raffles including a \$5,000 raffle. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND THE WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

## **11TH ANNUAL FALL ‘21 RUMMAGE/FURNITURE SALE FUNDRAISER**

The 11th annual FALL ‘21 Rummage/Furniture Sale fundraiser for St. Cyrils will be held on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd, 2021. In preparation for the sale, we will start to organize the school gym on September 2nd Thursday, and September 3rd Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, each day and closed on Monday, September 6th, for Labor Day.

Schedules and information will be updated in the bulletin every week. Starting on Tuesday, September 7th through Friday, September 10th, the school gym will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will also be closed on September 11, 2021, in respect of the 20th anniversary of 9-11. Contact

Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 for further information. All parishioners are welcome to be a volunteer along with family and friends of St. Cyrils Parish for this Church event.

### COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

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

**Sunday Collection for Aug. 21 & 22, 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 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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### 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 Prophet and Forerunner*

Now although the principle stands that “We all offend in many ways” (James 3:2), which of us dare to say that blessed John sinned in act or word or dress or food, when the gospel history praises the harshness of his clothing and the frugality of his meals; when everything he said either rendered testimony to the truth or refuted those who spoke against him; when even those who did not like him held in veneration his works of justice? What place could there have been in his inmost heart for sin, when the coming of the Holy Spirit consecrated him even before his birth, when not even in comparison with the ordinary way of human life could he be turned aside from the path of virtue, who from his boyhood on led an entirely solitary life?

And yet a man of this sort, one who

was so preeminent, reached the end of his earthly life by shedding his blood after a long period of affliction in chains. He who brought the good news of the freedom of heaven was thrust into chains by wicked people; he who “came to bear testimony to the light” (John 1:8), and who merited to be called “a burning and shining lamp” by the very light which is Christ (John 5:35), was shut up in the darkness of prison; he who was greater than all those born of women (Matt. 11:11; Luke 7:28) was punished by being beheaded at the request of the basest of women; and he to whom it was granted to baptize the world’s Redeemer, to hear the Father’s voice above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him, was baptized in his own blood.

Venerable Bede, *Homily II.23*