

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men

July 11 2021: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Rom. 15: 1-7		Gospel: Mt. 9: 27-35
Mon., July 12	9:00	+ Fran Sember (Rosemarie Sember)
Tues., July 13	9:00	+ Kutsop Family (Legate)
Wed., July 14	9:00	+ Irene & Andrew Shekitka (Elayne Eberhart)
Thurs. July 15	9:00	+ Fr. John Wysochansky (Howard Smith)
Fri., July 16	9:00	+ Frank & Margaret Evanitsky (Daughter, Michaelene)
Sat., July 17	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., July 18	10:00	+ Julia & Leo Anderson (Micky Klapatch)

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH BUILDING REPRESENT?

The church building represents the meeting of God and man. Essential elements of the church structure are: nave, narthex, and altar. The nave is the center of the church building. It represents creation as it was originally intended to be, that is, in communion with God. Therefore it is the place of the faithful, those who have shared in salvation through Baptism, and who are still seeking that salvation. The narthex, or vestibule remains outside the church proper. It represents the word which has not yet found its salvation. For instance, this is why today the celebration of Bap-

tism begins in the narthex, outside the area of the faithful. The candidate for the Baptism has not yet been baptized, he is not yet a part or the community of believers. The altar is separated from the nave as befitting God's place. It is on the raised platform, set back from the rest of the church and has an Icon Screen (Iconostas) in front of it. All this serves to remind us that we are not God, and God is not us. Out of His love for us God comes to us and becomes one of us, but He still remains forever beyond us. As He has willed to come down to us, so His Word is read in

the middle of the congregation, and the gifts are brought out to the people both at the Great Entrance and for Communion, for God must come to us; we cannot go to Him without His help.

PRAYER TO JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd
We have heard your voice,
You know each of us by name, and we follow You.
In Your parables
You speak of Your going in search of the lost sheep
And of Your rejoicing and the joy in Heaven at their return.
You speak, too, of the Merciful Father
Who sees the distant prodigal child
and runs to embrace the one
who has repented and returned.

With You, Jesus, we grieve over our children, grandchildren, family and friends
who have left the practice of the Faith,
especially those who are lost
in an immoral and destructive way of life
and we bring them now to You.
(Pause to present them now to Jesus)

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
we pray that you would reveal Your love to them
and draw them to You.
Carry them on Your shoulders
and bring them safely home to their Mother, the Church,
and to the Banquet of the Eucharist
that You have prepared for them.
Grant, Good Shepherd, that one day
we may be united with them and with you eternally in Heaven. Amen.

-- EWTN Friars

NEW COVID PROTOCOLS FOR DIVINE LITURGIES....

MASKS are no longer mandatory indoors for persons who have been fully vaccinated. Masks are recommended for those unvaccinated. We are still asking that people refrain from vener-

ating liturgical objects by touch/kiss, even if masked. The Sign of the Cross and a reverent bow in front of an icon is an acceptable form of veneration.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

St. Cyril's Church in Olyphant is hosting the second of three 2021 Food Truck Festivals on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm each day. The Festival will be held in the church parking lot at 207 River Street in Olyphant. Featured will be nine food trucks: Grumpy Grab, BellaRose, FonDippitty, Murts Diner Truck, 2 Wayz/One Passion, Roseanna's Pizza, Lou's Funnel Cakes, Murts Desserts, and Udder Delights. This is a modern twist on the church picnics of years gone by. In addition to the food trucks, two wineries will be featured:

Capra Collina and Case Quattro Wineries. There will be indoor BINGO. For the children, there will be games with prizes and free balloons. Several craft vendors will offer various handmade items: Krysta's Crafts, Wreaths by Cheryl, Rose Glass by Mary Glen, Lady Jane Jewelry and Friends with Paws. Raffle tickets will be available for a 50:50 1st prize, crystal vase 2nd prize, and gift basket 3rd prize. DJ entertainment on both days, with live music on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00. Social distancing is suggested. All are welcome. Please come and enjoy!!!

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL MEETING

The second of our three 2021 Food Truck Festivals will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday (July 17th and July 18th). As with the May Festival, we need volunteers to help with this event. Anyone interested, please

attend a meeting Sunday, July 11th, 2:00 in the Parish Hall at 207 River Street. Volunteering at the Food Truck Festival is a great opportunity to help your Parish and have some fun at the same time.

CHICKEN DINNER

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly

encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will include; a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember... When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

87TH ANNUAL SEMINARY DAY

This event will be held Sunday, July 25, 2021 at St. Nicholas Church picnic grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their pastors. Plans

for the day already include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the clergy of the deanery at 11 A.M. and Drive-Thru Food Sale will start at 1 P.M. with delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery.

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.

AUGUST 13TH AND AUGUST 14TH FURNITURE/ RUMMAGE SALE 2021

Quote “There is so much stuff,” said Father Nestor as he stood in the school gym. Yes, the school gym is busting at its seams, and we still have a lot of boxes and bins to unpack. To get ready for the September Fall 2021 Rummage sale, we are planning a Furniture/Rummage Sale on Friday, August 13th, and Saturday, August 14th, 2021 (as we did the previous 3 years.)

WE have to have to make room for the September 2021 Rummage Sale Fundraiser. The community and parishioners have been so generous in donating, furniture, china dishes, artificial flowers, domestics, pots and pans, religious items, toys, dishes, holidays (Easter, Valentines, Halloween, Tanksgiving, and Christmas) books, wall hangings, mirrors, and so many NEW, unused items. But it is organized chaos!!!!

We had the April-Spring Rummage Sale 2021 because September 2020 was canceled due to the Pandemic. We will be back on track with a Furniture Sale in August and a Traditional Sale in September. Remember TRASH TO TREASURE has given us a NET PROFIT for 10 1/2 years of Approximately \$177,000.00 to St. Cyrils Parish. Where would St. Cyril's be without the Rummage Sale fundraiser??? Remember this is a CHURCH EVENT, and it is time to lend a helping hand. If you helped in the past, we need you to come and volunteer again. Even 2-3 hours a week, is helpful. Lack of volunteers will have this event canceled and a large financial loss to St. Cyrils now in 2021 and 2022. This is your invitation to come!!! Contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren at 570-383-0319 and cell 646-241-9443 for any additional information.

A few parishioners lend a helping hand (at home) by the following: Marcella Gowan marks the “dots/rolls” by price (.25, .50, or \$1.00 etc...) Sonia and Gene Maslar are working on the silverware, magazines, etc..., at home, Anne Elaine Gazella Srebro prices the jewelry at home and Steve Cucura has become our handyman by fixing or gluing items that need some TLC. Gene and Jeanne H. have helped mark/hundreds of Christmas ornaments, at home. We thank all the volunteers who have been so dedicated over the past few months: Jeanne, AnnElaine, Marie, Carol, Ken, John, Paula, Karen, Lisa, Steve, MaryAnn, Ron, Mike, Bob, plus a few other parishioners and Lauren. Thanks to Sandra and Rose for our financial updates. We are so thankful to them all.

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2021, PREPARATION FOR OUR NEXT RUMMAGE SALE 2021 FUNDRAISER

Plan ahead and set time aside to volunteer for St. Cyrils Church Event/
Rummage Sale. Lauren will be at the school gym for the scheduled time
listed. Come for a few hours, stay as long as you could!!!

July 2021 (2 weeks) at 133 River Street, St. Cyril's School Gym.*

July 12th, Monday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 13th, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 14th Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 17 and 18th Volunteer at St. Cyril's Food Truck Festival-Church Event

July 19th Monday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 20th, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 21st, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 24th, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Help is needed to coordinate our "Book Room" and daily with the empty
boxes, bins, recyclable items, and setting up for the sale in August 2021.

Thank you!!!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl
for the month of July 2021 is Matuszewski.

Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene

Sunday Collection for July 3 & 4, 2021: \$

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They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers