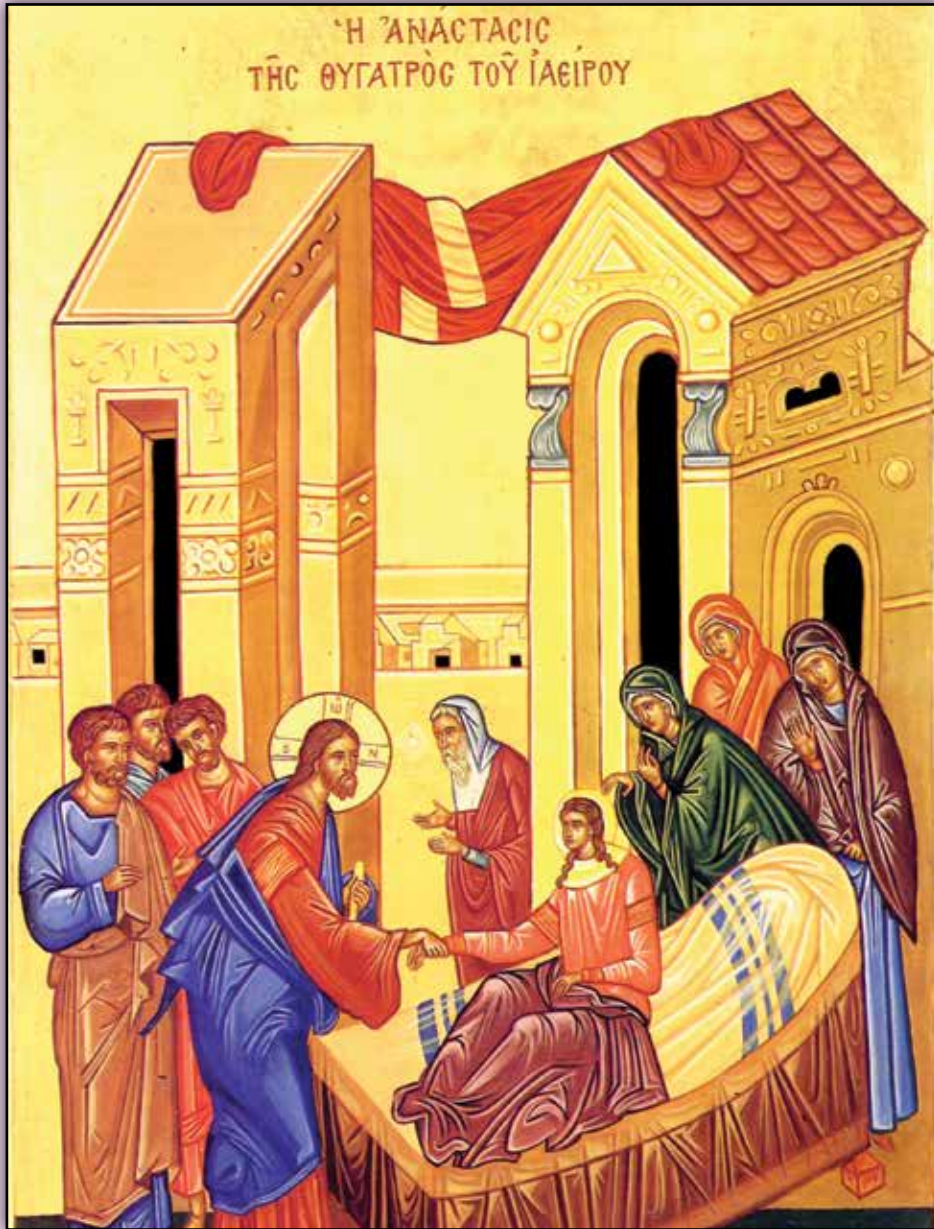


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:41-56)

November 7, 2021: 24th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Eph. 2: 14-22		Gospel: Lk. 8: 41-56
Mon., Nov. 8	9:30	Funeral: + Karen Williams
Tues., Nov. 9	9:00	+ Peter Krenitsky (Jeanne Seklecki, Loree Howe, & Daria Mellor)
Wed., Nov. 10	9:00	+ Deceased of the Kawa & Wargo Families (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
Thurs., Nov. 11	9:00	+ Mildred Gongliewski (Jack & Marie Martin)
Fri., Nov. 12	9:00	+ Nicholas Marcinko (Andrea Novak & Family)
Sat., Nov. 13	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., Nov. 14	10:00	+ Andrew Mitchko (Son, Lenny)



THERE'S MORE TO ANGELS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Angels were the first of God's creation. As the Apostle Paul tells us "By Him all things created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers." (Col. 1:16)

The work of the Angels is twofold: in heaven to glorify God, and on earth to carry out God's orders concerning men. The word "angel" itself means

herald or a messenger.

You might have noticed they are often referred to as the “Bodiless Powers.” Even though angels are bodiless and invisible to our physical eyes, every day during Divine Liturgy we affirm their existence. In the Creed we say, “I believe in one God... Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.”

We often don’t pay attention to the words of the prayers our priests recite in silence, although they are printed in our prayer books, yet during the prayer of the Anaphora, in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the nine ranks of angels which were revealed to us are recalled: Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many eyed Cherubim and Seraphim.

In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the priest says, “... there stand before You thousands of archangels, and tens of thousands of angels, ... six-winged and many-eyed hovering aloft on their wings.”

Our Church dedicates every Monday to the holy angels. We are reminded of the holy angels with praise and prayer in other ways, too: “He makes the spirits His angels, and



flaming fire His ministers.” (Ps. 104:4)

Angels are active, intelligent spiritual beings with will and knowledge. They serve God to carry out His will and glorify Him. They have no bodily needs or desires and passions, no cares about food, drink, clothes or shelter. Although God created them before mankind, they are neither aged or aging, but unchangingly youthful, beautiful and strong.

Of these nine ranks, we are most familiar with the Cherubim and the Seraphim. The Seraphim, which means

“flaming,” are burning with love for God and kindle others to such love. They are closest to God as the prophet Isaiah says: “And the Seraphim stood around Him, each having six wings” (Isaiah 6:2).

After the Seraphim are the many-eyed Cherubim, which means “great understanding.” They are aglow with the knowledge of the mysteries of God and the depths of His Wisdom.

Through the Cherubim wisdom is sent down to others and spiritual enlightenment is given. The Cherubic Hymn is the song of the angels, sung during every Divine Liturgy of the year except those of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. It occurs after the Gospel reading, and before the Gifts are brought to the Holy Table.

-- by Phyllis Muryn Zaparaniuk

VETERANS DAY



Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by each

and every member of the Armed Forces, who have served or who are serv-

ing now and who bear the wounds of war.

To these brave men and women we say: **Thank you for your service.** Please spend a moment in silence to pray for each of them, especially those wounded and ill warriors still suffer-

ing for our freedom.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, please pray to your Son, Our Lord, for our warriors and veterans, for our Country and our continued freedom. Amen.

WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

Many people who rarely attend church have a kind of consumer's attitude towards church. They come to church, for instance, before a long trip – to light a candle just for the sake of it, so that nothing would happen on the road. They come for two or three minutes, hurriedly cross themselves and, having lit a candle, go on their way. Some, entering a church, say: "I want to pay money so that priest would pray for such-and-such" – and pay money and leave. The priest needs to pray, but these people themselves do not participate in the prayer.

This is a wrong attitude. The Church is not a machine for buying "Snickers": drop your coin and candy falls out. The Church is a place to go to live and study. If you are experiencing certain difficulties or if one of your neighbors has fallen ill, do not limit yourself to going and lighting a candle. Come to church for the Divine Service, immerse yourself in the elements of

prayer, and lift up your prayer for your need along with the priest and the community. It is important that attendance at church be regular. It is good to attend church every Sunday. The Sunday Divine Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy on great Feast Days, is the time when we can, by giving up one or two hours of our earthly affairs, plunge ourselves into the elements of prayer.

It is good to come to church with one's entire family, in order to receive Confession and Communion. If one learns to live from Sunday to Sunday, in the rhythm of the church services, in the rhythm of the Divine Liturgy, then one's whole life will change dramatically. Above all, it will become disciplined. The believer knows that next Sunday he will have to give an answer to God, and he lives differently: he does not allow himself many sins that he would otherwise allow himself if he did not go to church. Moreover, the Divine Liturgy itself is an opportunity

to receive Holy Communion, that is, to unite with God not only spiritually, but also physically.

Finally, the Divine Liturgy is a comprehensive service at which the entire church community and each of its members can pray for everyone that troubles or worries him or her. The faithful during the Liturgy can pray for themselves, and for their neighbors, and

for their future, bringing repentance for their sins and asking God's blessing for their further ministry. It is very important to learn to participate fully in the Divine Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the center of church prayer, AND IT SHOULD BECOME THE CENTER OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

HOW A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE A PUMPKIN

A lady, who was recently baptized, was asked by a coworker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off that you may have gotten from the other pumpkins.

Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you for all the world to see."

A LITTLE HUMOR

A little girl came home from school and said to her mother, "Mommy, today in school I was punished for something that I didn't do."

The mother exclaimed, "But

that's terrible! I'm going to have a talk with your teacher about this ... by the way, what was it that you didn't do?"

The little girl replied, "My homework.

FALL FUNDRAISER

We're sponsoring another THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE featuring goods from *Jerry's* FOR ALL SEASONS. To keep costs at a minimum, we will not be mailing

the flyers. Ordering information was attached to last week's bulletin. Additional flyers are available at the back of the church. Please take some flyers to give to those parishioners

who may not be able to attend liturgy, to share with your friends/ neighbors, or to post at work or other local establishments frequented by the public. Remember, all our fundraisers, whether large or small, are helping to

keep our parish solvent. While church attendance has diminished, operating costs have been increasing. Our Parish really needs all the help we can get; so, please do your part and support this sale.

VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Valley Community Library at 739 River St. Peckville, PA 18452 is looking for board members. Board members are advocates of the library in the community and are responsible for planning the future of the library, evaluating the overall effectiveness of the library, and setting library policies. They also play a large role

in fundraising.

If you are community-minded and passionate about library services, this is a great opportunity. Stop by the library or call 570-489-1765 to inquire. Applications can be found here: <https://lclshome.org/about-valley-community-library/>

AUTUMN HARVEST TAKE-OUT DINNER

Autumn Harvest Take-Out Dinner, Sponsored by Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Featuring: roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, hot vegetable, dinner roll with butter, dessert and bottled water. Cost: \$14.00. Advance orders

only. Pick up between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue. Basket raffles and 50/50 raffle available. To order call 570 503-1514 no later than Tuesday, November 16. Orders are limited - call today.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2021 is Team

#3: Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

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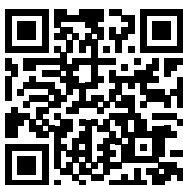
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The Power of Prayer

The youngest daughter of a very wealthy man was seriously ill. He had taken her from doctor to doctor but they could not cure her. Next, he had taken her to the most renowned specialists and to the finest clinics throughout the world, but without success. Finally, one doctor, realizing that he could do nothing more for the little girl, said to the father "I promise I'll remember your daughter in my prayers." The father replied, "Don't say that! I'm not ready to give up!"

Sadly, many people save the power of prayer only as a last resort when all else has seemingly failed. They say, "All we can do now is pray." Yet, prayer is simple but powerful conversation with God. Two thousand years ago, the daughter of an influential man named

Jairus became ill. His first response was to seek out Jesus in the synagogue and ask His help. Asking help of Jesus even in the most simple way is prayer. Saint John Chrysostom tells us that we should converse daily with God "telling Him of our needs not with endless words, but with simplicity."

If we converse daily with God, then God knows all our needs. Nothing is unimportant to Him if it is important to us. Thus, prayer should not be the last resort in desperate situations. Rather, prayer should be the first resort in every situation, serious or not. Should the conflict grow more serious, the Desert Fathers tell us to simply cry out "Lord have mercy!" because the Lord knows very well what we need and will show us His mercy.