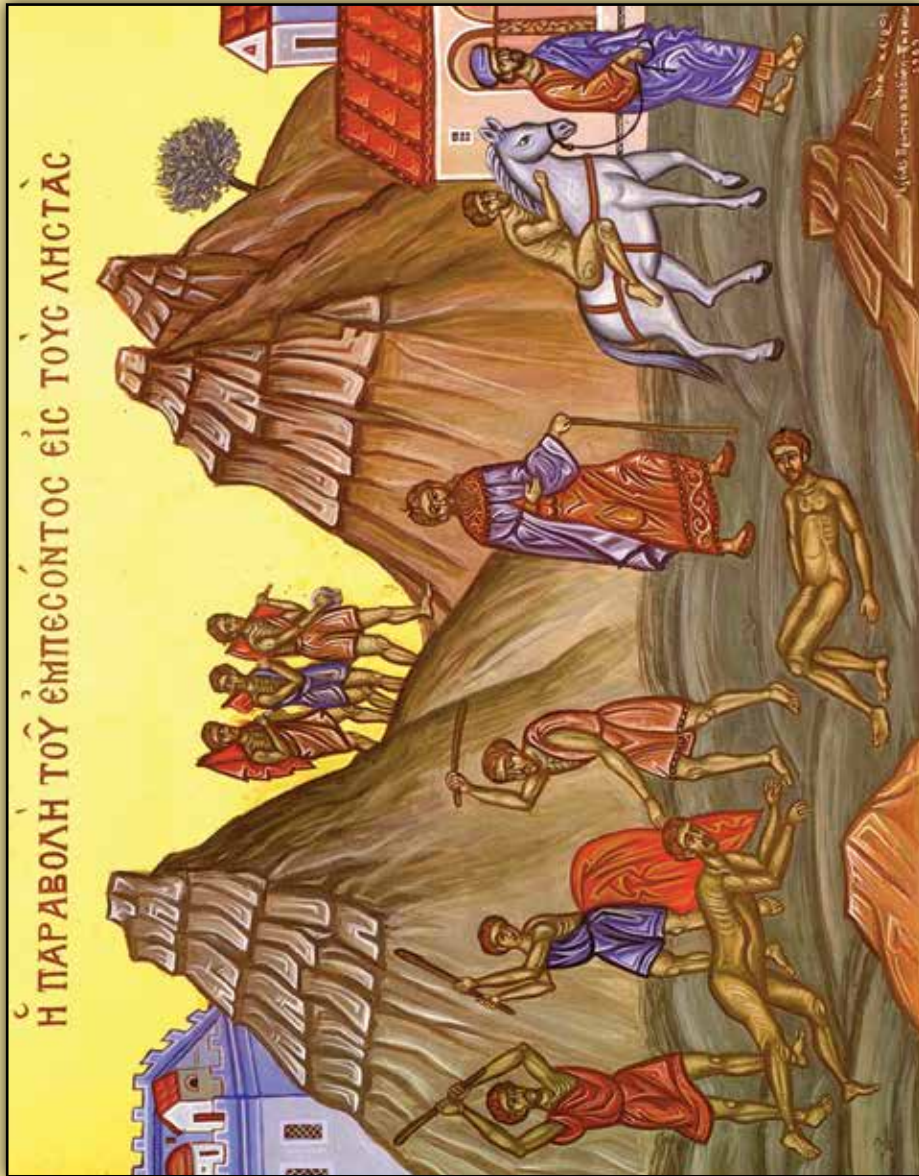


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

November 14, 2021: 25th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Eph. 4: 1-6		Gospel: Lk. 10: 25-37
Mon., Nov. 15	9:00	Health of Gene Beggin (Family)
Tues., Nov. 16	9:00	+ Souls in Purgatory
Wed., Nov. 17	9:00	+ Andy & Jeff Marcinko (Andrea Novak & Family)
Thurs., Nov. 18	No Divine Liturgy Today.	
Fri., Nov. 19	9:00	+ Nancy, George & Theresa Tehensky (Family)
Sat., Nov. 20	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Anna Benio (Rosemarie Sember)	
Sun., Nov. 21	10:00	For Our Parishioners

Help! I am Bored in Church. A 7-Step Method to Fix That.

- 1. Turn off the car radio on the way to the Divine Liturgy.** silence sink in.

One of the best ways to mentally prepare for The Divine Liturgy is to begin before you arrive. Start clearing out your distractions in advance by spending your drive time to the parish in silence. Turn off the car radio, shut off your phone, and quiet down the talking if you have others in the car with you. Leave any important conversations for after the Liturgy. Consciously start making your transition from secular to sacred. Let that

- 2. Get to Liturgy at least ten minutes early.**

By clearing out your mind on the way to Liturgy and making room for silence, you have already taken steps to prepare yourself for prayer. Use that preparation well by spending at least a few minutes in silent prayer before Liturgy begins. This will help to settle you down and keep you attentive. More time is better, but a few minutes is better than none at all. This

may take practice, but over time you can develop the habit.

3. Pray Business Class.

Why is it that everyone wants front row seats at a musical concert or at a game, but the last seats in church? Avoid looking for a place in the last pews of the church right at the back, especially when there is plenty of space up front. They say that the front pews receive more grace! Seriously, though, sitting up front will help you avoid distractions. If all that is in front of you is the altar, it is much easier to stay focused on what is happening there. You will also be less distracted by what is happening in the pews around you.

4. Come on out, you bathroom singers.

Divine Liturgy is not an event for spectators. Participate! Say all the prayers and sing all the songs. If it helps, follow along with each part of Liturgy using the liturgy book. If you are engaging in all of this, it is a rewarding occupation for the mind, and God will undoubtedly assist you to better grasp and understand His sacred truths.

5. Homilies are so boring!

How often have I heard that? And true,

sometimes a priest might meander a bit, but homilies are pretty interesting if you really listen to them, and the priest has probably put a lot of effort into preparing it. If you get bored during lectures in school or college or watching the evening news or scrolling through your Facebook feed, ask yourself if the problem is with you. Give yourself a challenge: Listen to the homily and try to capture the essence of it in 140 characters or less.

6. 167 to 1.

Remember that the Eucharist is Thanksgiving, and if you are just a Sunday churchgoer, then you are giving God your full attention for just 1 hour or less. The rest of the 167 hours each week, God gives you as a gift and doesn't get in your way. Ask yourself how many good things you have received from the Lord. Isn't it right and just that we spend 1 hour each week worshiping the Creator with all our hearts?

7. A perfect 7 – Mary.

The final word belongs to Mary, Queen of heaven and earth and our Mother. Ask Mary to intercede for you during the Divine Liturgy. Pray to her for guidance and strength. She was always

by Our Lord's side and she will remain by yours as well. No human being understands you better than Mary does.

Follow these 7 steps and you will slowly find the beauty of the Eucharist opening up before you. As with any

other activity, this too will take time. Don't expect to be charged up on the first Sunday itself. All great tastes develop in time and with patience. You cannot make great music on the first day. Neither was Rome built in a day.

Q & A

QUESTION: *What is the difference between the "Anointing of the Sick" and the "Last Rites?" Can they be combined in one visit or is each one a Mystery (Sacrament) in themselves?*

ANSWER: "The Last Rites" was the language used to refer to giving the Anointing of the Sick to a person who was dying. In fact, this Mystery used to be called Extreme Unction or Last Anointing. In the renewal of the Sacraments which took place at the

Second Vatican Council, the language and the concept was changed and the updated expression is the Mystery of the Anointing of the Sick. All too often family and loved ones wait until the last minute to call for the priest to anoint a person who is seriously ill. All the Mysteries are loving encounters with God and this particular Mystery is meant to join us in a special way to Christ in His suffering and His Passion as He undergoes His death and Resurrection.

BISHOP ANDRIY'S OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HOLODOMOR- GENOCIDE MUSEUM.

This year we will be commemorating 88th anniversary of Holodomor (Famine) in Ukraine. Though it happened a while ago the wounds of many are still open, many victims remain unknown, and the truth of this

horror is yet to be told. The Ukrainian government and society are ready to invest time, efforts and some financial assistance to give proper remembrance and honor to those who were killed during that time, study and investigate

the Holodomor by completing the Memorial and museum in Kyiv. To create museum displays, conduct investigations and research about the victims and Holodomor in general will require adequate financial resources to complete it. International Charitable Fund for the Holodomor Museum was established back in 2019, which is managed by a board of directors. His Beatitude Sviatoslav is a member of the board and an ambassador to help raise money for the cause. The needed amount to raise is \$60 million USD. He asked clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to

support the effort. As of today, about 908,000 hryvnia (about \$35,000 USD) is collected. Recently His Beatitude Sviatoslav asked the Metropolia of Philadelphia to renew the effort and engage our clergy, monastics and laity in raising awareness about the project and Christian and moral responsibility to help. Beloved, if you want to help with this project, Write a check to «Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia», with a note «Holodomor Museum in Kyiv» and send it to Archbishop's Cancery, 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

THERE ARE SINNERS IN OUR CHURCH!

The world has this notion that to be a churchgoer, one must lead a sinless life. You may even be thinking, “When I get my life straightened out and become a good enough person, then I’ll go to church.” A lot of people feel this way.

But if anyone believes that they are already good enough, they’ve probably missed something. If the church was only for the sinless, it would surely be empty. But church

is for sinners and anyone honest enough to seek God’s help.

At church we deal with sin, its cause, and its cure. If you’d like to know more about how you can become the person God intends you to be, come to church more often.

Please share this invitation with someone you know who should be coming to church. God’s LOVE and forgiveness and restoration awaits them!

WHAT IS OUR RULE ABOUT FASTING BEFORE COMMUNION?

We all have a strict obligation to fast for one hour before receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. This means no eating or drinking at all for one hour before. Those who have medical conditions (diabetes, etc.) and must take medication or

eat at certain times are certainly exempted from this fasting rule. While a very beneficial spiritual practice, fasting and abstinence should never be practiced to the detriment of one's physical health and well-being.

DIVINE LITURGY STATISTICS

During the month of November, our Parish will do a statistical analysis of our Liturgy attendance for both Saturday and Sunday Services. This

information will be submitted to the Archeparchy per their request. Please come and BE COUNTED.

FALL FUNDRAISER

We're sponsoring another THANKS GIVING 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.

Sunday Collection for Nov. 6 & 7, 2021: \$

We thank everyone for the support of our Parish. For those of you who cannot attend the Services in our Parish, please consider mailing in your donation. Thank you!

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Reflection on the Good Samaritan

First, we must pity the ill fortune of the man who fell unarmed and helpless among robbers, and who was so rash and unwise as to choose the road in which he could not escape the attack of robbers. For the unarmed can never escape the armed, the heedless the villain, the unwary the malicious. Since malice is ever armed with guile, fenced round with cruelty, fortified with deceit, and ready for fierce attack...

He poured in wine, that is, the blood of His passion, and oil, that is, the anointing of the chrism, that pardon might be granted by His blood, sanctification be conferred by the chrism...

The wounded parts are bound up by the heavenly Physician, and containing a salve within themselves, are by the working of the remedy restored to their former soundness. Having

poured in wine and oil, he placed him upon His beast...

For the Inn is the Church, which receives travelers, who are tired with their journey through the world, and oppressed with the load of their sins; where the wearied traveler casting down the burden of his sins is relieved, and after being refreshed is restored with wholesome food. And this is what is here said, and took care of him. For outside is everything that is conflicting, hurtful and evil, while within the Inn is contained all rest and health...

He said, if you see any one oppressed, say not surely he is wicked; but be he Gentile or Jew and need help, dispute not, he has a claim to your assistance, into whatever evil he has fallen.

St. John Chrysostom