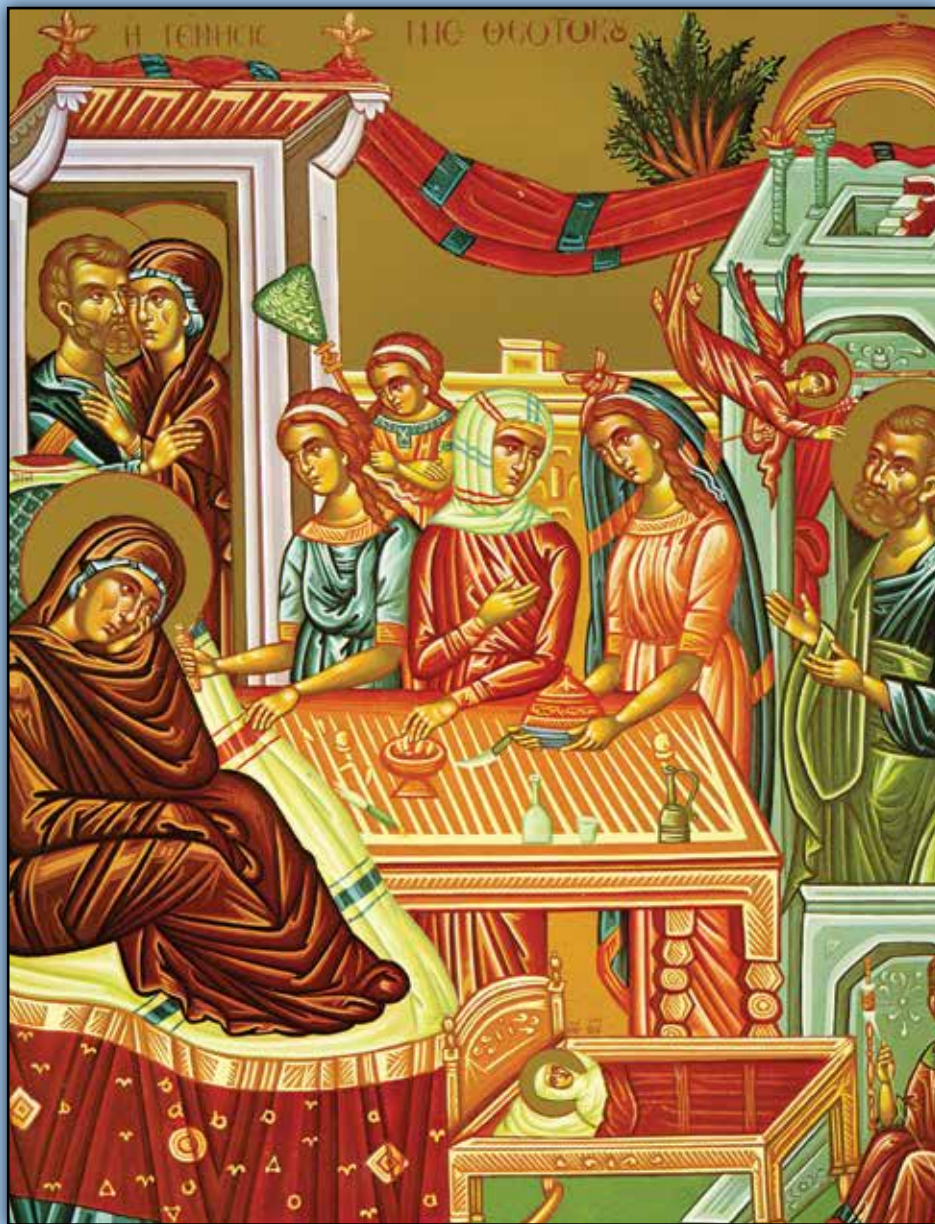


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos -- September 8th

September 5, 2021: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 2 Cor. 4: 6-15		Gospel: Mt. 22: 35-46
Mon., Sept. 6	9:00	+ Howard & Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
Tues., Sept. 7	10:00	Funeral: + Joseph Evanetski
Wed., Sept. 8	Nativity of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Fred Jacobs (Shirley Jacobs)
Thurs. Sept. 9	9:00	+ Fran Sember (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
Fri., Sept. 10	9:00	+ John & Nellie Priblo Family; + Spurge Chidillo (Dolly Daniels)
Sat., Sept. 11	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Victims of Terrorism
Sun., Sept. 12	10:00	+ Robert Harris (Wife, Jule)

THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

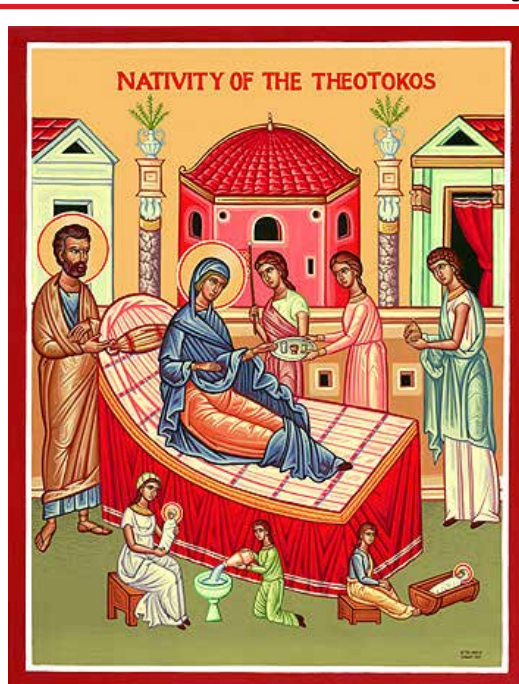
Background

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were un-

answered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a



child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal.

WORDS OF WISDOM

God is a good worker, but he loves to be helped. *Basque proverb.*

Give me the courage not to give up what I think is right, even though I think it is hopeless. *Admiral Chester Nimitz.*

You cannot always have happiness, but you can always give happiness.

Unknown

The Lord's Prayer may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learned by the heart. *F.D. Maurice*

The future starts today, not tomorrow. *St. John Paul the Great*

To change and to improve are two

different things. *Raymond Carver, author*

Jesus came not to eradicate suffering, but to fill it with his presence. *Paul Claudel*

Experience is not what happens to you, it is what you do with what happens to you. *Aldous Huxley, author*

Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, only with what you are expecting to give, which is everything. *Katherine Hepburn, actress*

Sorrow can take care of itself, but to get the true benefit of joy, one must share it. *Mark Twain, author*

Today is very fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them. *St. Mother Teresa*

Sin is not for hurtful because it is forbidden, but is forbidden because it is hurtful. *Benjamin Franklin*

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember in your prayers the souls of our Parishioners who recently fell asleep in the Lord.

- + **Roger Barren** was buried from St. Cyril's on Monday, August 16, 2021.

- + **Amanda Danylak** was buried from St. Cyril's on Saturday, August 28th, 2021.

May their memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022

Religious education for children attending grades one through eight will begin on Saturday, October 9, 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 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.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

We will be hosting the third of the 2021 Food Truck Festivals on Saturday, September 11th and Sunday, September 12th 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: R & R Potato Pancakes, Grumpy Grab, BellaRose, Murts Diner Truck, 2 Wayz/One Passion, Roseanna's Pizza, Pop-Pop's Grill, Lou's Funnel Cakes, and Murts Desserts. In addition to the food trucks, Capra Collina Winery will sell wines by the glass and bottle. Several craft vendors will offer various hand-made

items: Tammy's Pysanky, Wreaths by Cheryl, and Rose Glass by Mary Glen. For the children, there will be seven different games of chance, face painting and free balloons. This is a modern twist on the church picnics of years gone by arising out of accommodation to the pandemic. Raffle tickets will be available. DJ entertainment on both days, with live music on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00. Social distancing and masks are suggested. All are welcome. Please come and enjoy!

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help out with this Parish Fund-Raiser.

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.

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 Church will be held on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 at St. Cyril’s school gym and the driveway behind the rectory from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Schedules and information will be updated in the bulletin every week. The school gym will be CLOSED on Monday, September 6th, for Labor Day. Starting on Tuesday, September 7th, Wednesday, September 8th, Thursday, September 9th, and Friday, September 10th, the school gym will be open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will also be closed on Saturday, September 11, 2021, in respect of the 20th anniversary of 9-11. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or NYC cell 646-241-9443 for further information. All parishioners are welcome to be a volunteer along with family and friends of St. Cyrils Parish for this Church event. The men of the parish are always, welcomed!

The following week starting on Monday, September 13th, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will be CLOSED ONLY on Tuesday, September 14th. We will re-open the school gym on Wednesday, September 15th, Thursday, September 16th, and Friday, September 17th starting at 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily.

We are limiting the type of furniture we are accepting due to the extra work required for pick up and storing it all in the garage. Other merchandise/donations will be accepted, at the scheduled times listed above. Do not leave boxes outside, due to the weather. Call Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren to open the doors to the school gym to leave the merchandise inside. We have begun the setup and pre-rummage sale preparation for the FALL ‘21 Sale. Look forward to seeing you in the

next few weeks.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Michaelene Davis, and Gloria for the month of September 2021 Jablonski.
is Team #1: Jerry Sereditch,

Sunday Collection for Aug. 28 & 29, 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.)

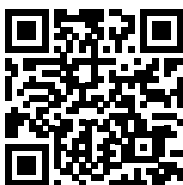
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Hail Theotokos!

We shall never cease to hymn to you as one
should, O Theotokos, and say: Hail, O Bride
and Maiden ever-pure!

Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!
Hail, O you, through whom the curse will
disappear!

Hail, O Restoration of the Fallen Adam!
Hail, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve!
Hail, O Peak above the reach of human thought!
Hail, O Depth even beyond the sight of angels!
Hail, O you who have become a Kingly Throne!
Hail, O you who carry Him Who Carries All!
Hail, O Star who manifest the Sun!
Hail, O Womb of the Divine Incarnation!
Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed!
Hail, O you through whom the Creator
becomes a Babe!
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

And why do we cry, "Alleluia?"

Hail, O hidden Sense of the Ineffable Plan!
Hail, O Belief in Silence That Must Be!
Hail, O Forecast of the Marvels of Christ!
Hail, O Fountainhead of truths concerning
Him!
Hail, Celestial Ladder, by whom God
came down!
Hail, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!
Hail, O Wonder, ever-thrilling to the angels!
Hail, O Wound, ever-hurting to the demons!
Hail, O you who gave birth to Light ineffably!
Hail, O you who told no one how it was done!
Hail, O you who surpass the wisdom of
the wise!
Hail, O you who enlighten faithful minds!
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

From the Akathist to the Theotokos