

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Protection of the Theotokos -- October 1st

September 26, 2021: 18th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11		Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11
Mon., Sept. 27	9:00	+ Eleanor Slachtish (Mary Ann Spryn
Tues., Sept. 28	9:00	+ Anna Marcinko (Andrea & Andy & Family)
Wed., Sept. 29	9:00	+ Louis & Julia Daniels (Dolly Daniels)
Thurs., Sept. 30	9:00	+ Amanda Danylak (Shirley Jacobs)
Fri., Oct. 1	Protection of the Mother of God	
	9:00	+ Carol & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)
Sat., Oct. 2	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm Confessions	
	4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Joyce Spencer)	
Sun., Oct. 3	10:00	For Our Parishioners



PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church, is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. It is recorded in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius were in church for services when they saw the Mother of God approach the altar, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. She knelt and prayed with tears in her eyes. Then she took the veil she was wearing and

extended it over her arms as a sign of protection. There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but always with Christ. To-

day, with her veil (omophor) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers of need and to take them to the Throne of God. We pray: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady, Virgin.

CATHOLICS THE MOST VACCINATED RELIGIOUS GROUP FOR COVID-19, NEW STUDY SHOWS

Catholics are the religious group most vaccinated against COVID-19 in the United States, according to a new national survey by the Pew Research Center.

The survey of 10,349 U.S. adults found that 82% of self-identified Catholics had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 75% of religiously unaffiliated adults and 73% of White Protestants. Hispanic Catholics were slightly more likely than White Catholics to have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Of the major religious groups in the United States, White evangelical Protestants had the lowest vaccination rate, with only 57% saying they have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Pew Research Center conducted the survey from Aug. 23-29, more than a year and a half into the pandemic.

The figures come as U.S. Catho-

lic bishops continue to issue policies regarding vaccine exemptions for religious reasons. Bishop John Stowe of Lexington said "there is no religious exemption for Catholics to being vaccinated," and required all diocesan employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment.

Some Catholics have raised concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines' remote connection to aborted fetal tissue, using cell lines derived from fetal tissue of babies believed to have been aborted in the 1970s.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has said that all three vaccines approved for use in the United States are "morally acceptable" for use because of their remote connection with abortion, but if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines should be chosen over the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna were

tested using the controversial cell lines, while the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was both produced and tested using the cell lines.

Pew's survey also found that 73% of Americans aged 18 or older have

received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The survey found lower vaccination rates among younger adults, as well as among those with lower family incomes and those living in rural areas.

THE HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Participation in the life of the Most Holy Trinity becomes a reality for us through the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist. In other words, we partake of God's life by being united to Christ, receiving the seal of the Holy Spirit, and sharing the Body and Blood of Christ in the community called Church. As a person after birth begins to breathe and then receives nourishment in order to live, so the newly baptized, born to new life in the baptismal font, begins to breathe by the

Holy Spirit and receives the nourishment of Holy Communion in order to grow in Christ. Through the prayers and sacred actions of the liturgical rite of each of these Mysteries, but Church leaves the faithful into an understanding of the Mystery and perceiving it as a single, unified action of God's grace. This is why in the tradition of the Eastern church, these three Holy Mysteries are celebrated together. *Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha, #408*

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

The 2022 Divine Liturgy Intention Book has arrived. Divine Liturgy Intentions may be offered for those who are deceased, ill or for family, friends and special occasions for loved ones. I noticed that many people in our parish often "order" the Divine Liturgy for their loved ones on Saturday or Sunday but NEVER come to church for the requested Liturgy, while there are

people who are asking for Liturgies on a weekend and want to come but those days are already taken by someone who called at the beginning of the year and "preordered" Divine Liturgies for the entire year.

In order to be fair to everyone, no more than 4 Intentions from a family will be accepted for the weekend Divine Liturgies per year. You are

always welcome to offer intentions for a weekday Divine Liturgy. There are

plenty of openings during the week.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Parishioners who have canes or walkers or are a bit unsteady on their feet, are invited to come up and stand inside the first pew on Mary's side of the Church to receive Communion. Father will come down to you. Perhaps a good time to come up to the first pew would be right after the Our Father, so you will be in place inside the first pew when Communion time arrives.

We don't want anybody to fall

and get hurt. Also, this helps prevent accidents with the Holy Eucharist.

And to ALL parishioners: please do not close your eyes when you receive communion. Just tilt your head back, open your mouth wide as though you are yawning, and do not touch the spoon or close your mouth or lips on the spoon. And **do not say "Amen,"** since the priest already says it for you during his prayers at the moment you are receiving.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022 UPDATE

Religious education for children attending grades one through eight will begin on Saturday, October 9, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am and will dismiss at 11:00 am.

Classes for grade one will take place in the rectory basement. Parents can enter through the gates in the back of the church and accompany their child to class.

Classes for children in grades three through eight will take place in the church by entering through the front door.

Please follow the wearing of face masks as required in your school districts.

If there are any questions please call Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 and she will be more than happy to help you.

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 5:00pm. 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!

PIG-IN-THE-BLANKET DINNER

Eureka Hose Company No. 4 will sponsor take-out only Pig-in-the-Blanket Dinner on Saturday October 23rd , 3 to 7 pm at the Fire Station 717

East Grant St. Olyphant. Limited \$10.00 tickets available from members. Dinner includes two piggies, potatoes, green beans and roll and butter.

OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND, FOR THE FALL ‘21 RUMMAGE/ FURNITURE SALE FUNDRAISER

4 more days until the 11th annual FALL ‘21 Rummage/Furniture Sale fundraiser for St. Cyrils Church, on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 only. Being held at St. Cyril’s school gym and the driveway behind the rectory. Starting at 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily. Save the date, stop by to do some shopping or volunteer.

The last days of preparation for the Fall ‘21 Rummage sale, we will begin to work on Monday, September 27th at 9:30 until 2:00 p.m.+ through Thursday, September 30th, 2021. These days will be setting up the furniture and items that will be outside in the rear of the Rectory and Father Nestors garage. Plus, last-minute setup and merchandising in the School gym. WE need you (especially the men of the parish) to volunteer for this event for the Church.

On October 1, and October 2nd the dates for the sale, everyone is welcome to help out: cashier, wrapping the items, jewelry table, selling 50/50 raffle, helping the customers, security, handing out boxes, info. on the outdoor Rent a John, just showing up and lending a helping hand throughout the sale. Arrive between 8:00

and 8:30 a.m. The sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Come for a few hours, all your time is appreciated. We will follow the guidelines regarding MASKS in Pennsylvania at this time.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Rummage Sale and save 50% off the ticketed price for specific items for the two-day sale, October 1st, and 2nd. Buy a ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Come and support this Church Event!!! To date, over the past 10 1/2 years, the Rummage Sales have successfully made over \$188,000.00 for the benefit of St. Cyril's Church.

Call Lauren Telep cell 646-241-9443 for any further information.

THIS IS NOT YOUR BABA'S RUMMAGE SALE!!!

This Rummage/Furniture Sale, FALL 2021 should be one of our best. We have the merchandise, by category, ticketed, and priced to sell. With dedicated volunteers, the school gym is ready to sell: furniture, bedroom, and living room items, dressers, tables, wall hangings, mirrors, vases, all the holidays, vacation souvenirs, sports, records, music media, dolls, dishes, china dishes, small kitchen appliances, pots and pans, small electronic items and accessories, birthday items, arts and crafts, ceramic and glass serving dishes, religious, vintage, metals, crystal, American theme items, health and beauty, exercise, pet items, purses, window shades, baskets, artificial flowers, toys, books, Ukrainian items, religious statues, jewelry, suitcases, bedding, curtains, tablecloth, placemats, Halloween items, NEW ITEMS, ... something for everyone!!!!

POST RUMMAGE SALE 2021:

We thank everyone who donated their time and dedication to the Rummage Sales of 2021. On Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 will be the Post-rummage sale re-organization of the school gym and Father Nestor's garage. All dedicated volunteers will work together again to get everything back in order. Starting at 9:30 a.m. until noon. Updates regarding rummage and furniture sale fundraiser for 2021/2022 will be updated in future bulletins. Contact Lauren Telep, Cell 646-241-9443.

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 Sept. 18 & 19, 2021: \$

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A Gift From God

It was mother's birthday and the whole family gathered while mother opened her gifts. As she unwrapped the paper and ribbons from her gifts, her four-year-old daughter picked up a discarded bow and placed it on her mother's head. She giggled and said, "Look! Mommy is a gift!" Everyone laughed until the truth of what the little girl said had been indeed realized: that mother is a gift, a gift from God!

Our Lord gives us many gifts during the course of our life. One precious gift that He has given to all mankind from one generation to the next is the gift of His own mother, the Holy Virgin Mary. Just as our own mothers love us, comfort us, and protect us from things that could harm us, so, too, does the Mother of God love us, protect us, and intercede for us

before her Son and our God.

On October 1st we celebrate the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. On this day, the Church remembers and celebrates the occasion when the Mother of God appeared in a vision to Saint Andrew in the church at Blanchernae in Constantinople. In this vision she appeared over the Holy City with her omophorion (mantle) outstretched in a protective manner, promising shelter from harm.

This image of the Holy Virgin has been emblazoned upon the hearts of all Christians since then. We can all turn to the Mother of God in time of distress and know that our prayers will always be heard. She is, indeed, one of our greatest gifts from God!