

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Transfiguration of Our Lord -- August 6th

August 7, 2022: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 3: 9-17		Gospel: Mt. 14: 22-34
Mon., August 8	9:00	+ Fr. John Wysochansky (Howard Smith)
Tues., August 9	9:00	+ Evelyn Yeck & John Yeck, Jr. (Bob & Joan Yeck)
Wed., August 10	9:00	+ John Yanochick (Bill & Jane Granza)
Thurs., August 11	9:00	+ Delores Wargo (Joan & Vince Narcoonis)
Fri., August 12	9:00	+ Mina Shumek (Michael Shumek Family)
Sat., August 13	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene)	
Sun., August 14	10:30	+ Bishop Walter Paska (Chancery)

First Antiphon

Sing joyfully to God, all you on earth;*
chant the glory of His name, give to Him noble praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*
Your voice thunders in the whirling wind,*
Your lightning enlightens the world and the earth trembles and shakes.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*
You are clothed in majesty and splendor;* robed in light as in a garment.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

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Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

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Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, * save us who sing to You "Alleluia."*

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Hymn to the Mother of God

Rejoice, O my soul, for the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor. You gave birth to God in purity. * He came forth in human flesh. * He was seen upon the earth, * and He conversed with men. * Therefore, O Mother of God, * with our hymns we praise you.

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Communion Verse

We walk in the light of Your countenance, Lord;*
and we rejoice in Your name forever.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please be on time for services; the living God.
those arriving late should not approach
the Chalice for Communion.

To receive Communion, one must
be a baptized/chrismated Catholic
Christian who has prepared by prayer,
fasting, alms giving, and regular con-
fession.

Men, women, and children: please
dress modestly for services. The gen-
eral rule for men and women is to
dress appropriately, modestly and re-
spectfully, because we stand before

The people of our church wear
everything from casual pants to suits,
long dresses to skirts, and shirts with
or without ties. Some women wear
head coverings, but this is not required.
Men are asked not to wear head cover-
ings (baseball caps, etc.) in the nave,
the main part of the church.

Please wait for the completion of
the service before leaving the Church.
Spend some time in thanksgiving with
God

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The First Antiphon is a musical re-
sponse from the Old Testament. It is

Psalm 103 sung alternately, verse by
verse, with refrains of Christian mean-

ings which refer to the fulfillment of the prophecies through the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ to save mankind. This Antiphon should bring to mind Jesus as a youth.

The Old Testament, as the Law, prepared the way of grace in the person of Jesus Christ. The Old Testa-

ment is read in Church, interpreted in the light of the New Testament for a complete understanding of Almighty God's age-long Divine Plan for the salvation of man.

There are special Antiphons for Holy Days.

THE PARABLE OF THE SPOONS

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, because the handle was longer than their

arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water.

The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other."

I HAVE NO HANDS BUT YOURS

A soldier in World War II was giv-

en the task of gathering up the piec-

es and fragments of a statue of Christ that was destroyed when the cathedral that housed it was destroyed by bombs and mortar. He found every piece and fragment, and they were turned over to an artist, whose labor of love it was to reconstruct the icon. Even though it took him months, he accomplished the work, and the statue was returned to its pedestal. One part of the Christ was missing, however. The soldier could not find the hands of Christ. Both the soldier and the artisan considered their

work incomplete without the hands. However, one day as the craftsman was viewing the statue with the missing hands, he got a wonderful idea. Instead of Christ's hands being raised in blessing, as they originally were, the craftsman placed an ornate, but simple, sign at the base of the handless replica. These were the words of the sign: "I have no hands, but yours." Will you give your hands – your time and abilities – to your church.

SOME HUMOR:

“THE CHURCH TREASURER RESIGNS”

The day the Parish treasurer resigned, the Parish asked the local grain elevator manager to take the position. He agreed under two conditions: That no treasurer's report would be given for the first year. That no questions would be asked about finances during the year. The people were surprised but finally agreed since most of them did business with him and he was a trusted man. At the end of the year he gave this report:

- The church indebtedness of \$228,000 had been paid.
- The minister's salary had been increased by 8%.
- The charitable gifts had been in-

creased by 200%.

- There were no outstanding bills.
- And there was a cash balance of \$11,252!

Immediately the shocked congregation asked, "How did you do it? Where did the money come from?" He quietly answered: "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. Throughout the year, I simply withheld 10% on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You didn't even miss it. Do you see what you can do for the Lord if you are willing to give at least the tithe to God, who really owns you?" And so the new treasurer made his point

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.

NORTH ANTHRACITE L.U.C. MEETING

Members of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, August 28th at 2:30 pm at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Center, Edwardsville PA.

*Reminder, Convention 2022 is hap-

pening, if you plan on going, reserve your room, etc. We are looking forward to see everyone: members, and guests.

Any questions contact our council president: Dorothy Jamula 570-822-5354

21ST ANNUAL LEBANESE-AMERICAN FOOD FEST

Dates: August 12, 13, 14, 2022

Time:

Fri. Aug 12 4 - 9pm; Sat. Aug 13 4 - 9 pm; Sun. Aug 14 1 - 7pm

Location:

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church
130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave (off lower Jackson St)
West Scranton, PA

Brief Description:

Take Out, Curbside or limited seating

Great Lebanese Food and pastries, Local picnic food favorites, variety baskets.

Visit - www.melkite.scranton.org or facebook.com/melkitescranton and check back in

August for menu

Contact: melkite.scranton@gmail.com or rectory 570-343-6092

JUNE 2022, ST. CYRIL'S FUNDRAISER RUMMAGE/FURNITURE SALE FINANCIAL REPORT

**We offered 50% off the ticket price, to clean up the school gym merchandise, due to the accumulation of items from the pandemic, (could not donate items) over the past 2 years. We did not have a 50/50 raffle, food sale, or raffle baskets for additional income. The donation \$ box for "Ukraine" was donated to the Philadelphia Archdioceses. The Church "Cash Raffle" tickets, (winner announced in July) were sold at this event.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the Barkofsky and Joe Smagula. month of August 2022 is Team #4: Ron

Sunday Collection for July 23 & 24, 2022: \$

Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We encourage you to share this bulletin with friends and family. Let all your loved ones know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant, PA.

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On the Mountain

He led them up to the mountain that He might also reveal to them Who this Son is, and Whose Son is He. For when He asked them: Whom do men say that the Son of man is, they said to Him: some Elias, some others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. And so He led them up into a high mountain, and showed them that He was not Elias, but the God of Elias; that neither was He Jeremias, but He that had sanctified Jeremias in his mother's womb; that neither was He one of the prophets, but the Lord of the prophets, and He that had sent them.

And He showed them also that He was the Creator of heaven and earth and the Lord of the living and the dead; for He spoke to the heavens, and they sent down Elias; He made a sign to the earth and raised Moses to life again... For God the Word dwelt in the womb of the Virgin: and the fire of His Divinity consumed not the members of the virginal body; and in that

dwelling place she kept watch over him for the space of nine months. He dwelt in the womb of the Virgin, not despising our nature; and from it God came forth clothed in human flesh, that He might redeem us.

He took them up into a high mountain apart, that He might also show them the glory of His Divinity, and that He might declare Himself the Redeemer of Israel, as He had foretold by the prophets, and so that they would not be scandalized in Him when they would see Him in the Passion He had taken upon Himself; and which for our sakes He was about to suffer in His human nature. For they knew that He was man, but they knew not that He was God. They knew Him as the Son of Mary, and as a man sharing their daily life in the world. On the mountain He revealed to them that He was the Son of God, and Himself God.

St. Ephrem the Syrian