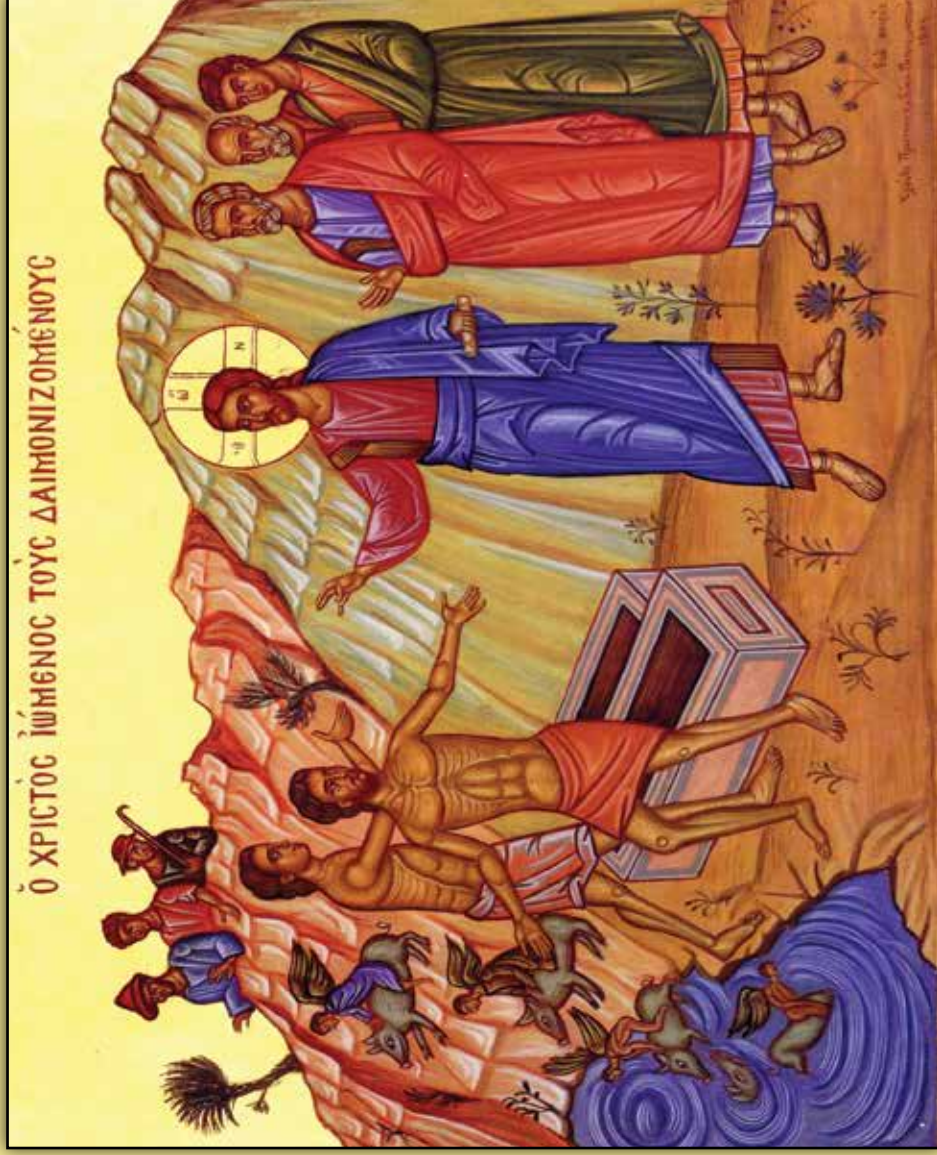


## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Casting Out the Gadarene Demons*

<b>July 10, 2022: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: Rom. 10: 1-10		Gospel: Mt. 8:28 - 9:1
<b>Mon., July 11</b>	9:00	+ Deceased of Kutsop Family (Legate)
<b>Tues., July 12</b>	9:00	+ Fran Sember (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Wed., July 13</b>	9:00	+ Agnes Uhrin (Legate)
<b>Thurs., July 14</b>	9:00	+ Ona C. Yankow (Husband, Jerry)
<b>Fri., July 15</b>	9:00	+ Margaret & Frank Evanitsky (Michaelene Davis)
<b>Sat., July 16</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00	<b>Confessions</b>
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
<b>Sun., July 17</b>	10:30	Professor Nicholas Martynuk & Wife Stephania (George & Rosemary Marynuk & Family)

## WHAT DOES THE CHURCH BUILDING REPRESENT?

The church building represents the meeting of God and man. Essential elements of the church structure are: nave, narthex, and altar. The nave is the center of the church building. It represents creation as it was originally intended to be, that is, in communion with God. Therefore it is the place of the faithful, those who have shared in salvation through Baptism, and who are still seeking that salvation. The narthex, or vestibule remains outside the church proper. It represents the word which has not yet found its salvation. For instance, this

is why today the celebration of Baptism begins in the narthex, outside the area of the faithful. The candidate for the Baptism has not yet been baptized, he is not yet a part or the community of believers. The altar is separated from the nave as befitting God's place. It is on the raised platform, set back from the rest of the church and has an Icon Screen (Iconostas) in front of it. All this serves to remind us that we are not God, and God is not us. Out of His love for us God comes to us and becomes one of us, but He still remains forever beyond us. As

He has willed to come down to us, so His Word is read in the middle of the congregation, and the gifts are brought out to the people both at the Great En-

trance and for Communion, for God must come to us; we cannot go to Him without His help.

## ASK THE PASTOR

**QUESTION:** *Did Mary the mother of Jesus Christ, have other children after Jesus?*

**ANSWER:** The short answer to this question is “No.” But let’s explore further. Most likely you are asking this question because some Scripture passages seem to suggest that Jesus had brothers and sisters. For example, here are two such passages: Mark 6:3 – Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” Matthew 13:55-56 – Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us?

So should we conclude from these passages that Jesus had brothers and sisters in a literal way, meaning Mary and Joseph had other children in addition to Jesus? Certainly not. Scripture is quite clear that Mary conceived Jesus in a virginal way – by the Holy Spirit. Additionally, it is the constant teaching of the Church

that she always retained her virginity. She had no other children and never engaged in the marital act with Joseph. Sometimes this is confusing since there are references in the Scriptures to Jesus’ brothers and sisters. But this language was commonly used in reference to cousins. So this shouldn’t confuse us if we understand the language of the time. In fact this is still a common practice in other cultures of our day. For example, those from various African countries commonly refer to those within their own village as their brother or sister when they are with them outside of that village. It was God’s plan that Mary only have one Son for various reasons. It was especially so because of the fact that we are all called to become brothers and sisters of Christ through spiritual adoption. Therefore, if Jesus had blood brothers or sisters it would have undermined his spiritual brotherhood with them. It would have made their relationship with Jesus different. But God desires this deeper spiritual

relationship with all people. Mary is the only blood relation to Jesus, thus, she shares a special bond with Him that no one else does. But it had to be that way if God was to become true man. Interestingly, though, even Mary's deepest bond with Jesus does

not come as a result of her physical blood relationship. It comes, first and foremost, by her spiritual motherhood. She is united with her Son primarily by her perfect faith and obedience. It is this bond that surpasses the natural one.

## LOVE MATTERS MORE THAN MATERIAL ITEMS

Some time ago, a man punished his young daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became angry when the child tried to decorate a box with gold wrapping. Nevertheless, the girl brought the gift to her father on his Birthday and said, 'This is for you, daddy.' The man became embarrassed by his over-reaction a few days before, but his rage continued when he saw that the box was empty. He yelled at her, 'Don't you know, when you give someone a gift, there's supposed to be something inside?' The little girl looked up at her

dad with tears in her eyes and cried; 'Oh, daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, daddy.'

The father was devastated. He put his arms around his daughter, and begged for her forgiveness.

A little while later, the girl died in an accident. Her father kept the gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was feeling down, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there."

## OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember in your prayers the soul of + **Julie Pish** who fell asleep in the Lord on June 25<sup>th</sup>. + Julie was buried from

St. Cyril's on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. May her memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**Mark Wehrenberg**, the son of Mark and Robbin nee Higgins Wehrenberg,

will contract marriage with **Allison Carey**, the daughter of Joseph Carey

and Christina Turko, on July 30, 2022. If anyone is aware of any impediments to this marriage, please contact Fr.

Nestor. This is the first announcement of Banns for this marriage.

## **ST. CYRIL'S FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS**

The second of our 2022 St. Cyril's Food Truck Festivals IS HERE. Since the May basket raffle was so popular,

we will host another one, this one to benefit our parish. Flyers for the Festival are in the vestibule.

## **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 fi-

nancial 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.

## **Annual Parish Raffle**

It has been a while since we mailed tickets for the Annual Parish Raffle to our parishioners. The prizes were increased this year. Please make your

raffle returns as soon as possible. The drawing is scheduled for Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember, if you don't participate, you have no chance of winning.

## **CHICKEN DINNER**

"Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near

the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Dinners will be \$15 and will include; a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place

your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tick-

ets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

## **88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEMINARY DAY**

This event will be held Sunday, July 31, 2022 at St. Nicholas Church picnic grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their pastors. Plans

for the day already include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the clergy of the deanery at 11 A.M. and the Food Sale will start at 1 P.M. with delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery.

## **21<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://www.melkite.scranton.org) or [facebook.com/melkitescranton](https://facebook.com/melkitescranton) and check back in August for menu

Contact:

[melkite.scranton@gmail.com](mailto:melkite.scranton@gmail.com) or rectory 570-343-6092

## **WE PAY IT FORWARD!!! AT ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH**

As in the past, items were always donated after every St. Cyril's Rummage sale event:

2020 (one sale) and 2021 (3 sales). But due to the Pandemic, non-profit organizations were not accepting items for two years. Now is the time to move forward, donate the old items, and prepare for Fall 2022. ( Donated items went to Friends of the Poor, Gino Merli Veteran Center, St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Allied Services-Vocation Department, United Neighborhood of Scranton, Women's Services, Goodwill Industries, and St. Joseph's Center Festival) .

**Volunteers**, (everybody, somebody, anybody, nobody) can come on Tuesday, July 12, and Wednesday, and July 13, and Thursday, July 13th Starting at 10:00 a.m and usually until 12:30 p.m We will be organizing the school gym in preparation for the September sale. Volunteers with a truck or hatchback are needed to drop off boxes at Goodwill, Scranton Carbondale Highway, Dickson City. Steve Cucura will be there and say "Give 2 hours to help out the church" Contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren Telep cell 646-241-9443. WE "Pay it Forward"

Donations can be made when the St. Cyrils school gym is open or call Lauren to set up another time. We accept items due to renovation, cleaning out the attic, basement, and garage, downsizing, moving, and selling the homestead. Share this information with family, friends, and neighbors. All donations are appreciated as this fundraiser benefits St. Cyril's Church.

BOXES (Amazon, chewy, UPS Boxes) AND LARGE TRASH BAGS, NEWSPAPER ARE NEEDED You could drop them off (anytime) on the back porch of the rectory (behind the church), in case of rain. Or Call or text Lauren (646-241-9443) if you have a lot of boxes, to open in the school gym. Thank you, very much!!

### **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and the month of July 2022 is Team #3: Cheryl Matuszewski.

**Sunday Collection for July 2 & 3, 2022: \$**



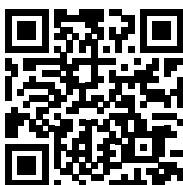
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *Lighting Our Lamp*

God is fire and He is so called by all the inspired Scripture (cf Heb 12:29). The soul of each of us is a lamp. Now a lamp is wholly in darkness, even though it be filled with oil or tow or other combustible matter, until it receives fire and is kindled. So too the soul, though it may seem to be adorned with all virtues, yet does not receive the fire – in other words, has not received the divine nature and light – and is still unkindled and dark and its works are uncertain. All things must be tested and manifested by the light (cf. Eph 5:13). The man whose soul's lamp is still in darkness, that is, untouched by the divine fire, stands the more in need of a guide with a shining torch, who will discern his actions. As he has compassion for the faults

he reveals in confession he will straightway straighten out whatever is crooked in his actions. Just as he who walks in the night cannot avoid stumbling, so he who has not yet seen the divine light cannot avoid falling into sin. As Christ says, "If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees this light. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because he has not the light in him" (Jn 11:9-10). When He said "in him," he meant the divine and immaterial light, for no one can possess the physical light in himself.

*St. Symeon the New Theologian*

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