

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men

July 24, 2022: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Rom. 15: 1-7		Gospel: Mt. 9: 27-35
Mon., July 25	Dormition of St. Anna	
	9:00	+ Delores Wargo (Marcella Gawron & Family)
Tues., July 26	9:00	+ Connie Yaninek (Marlene & Robert Zelno)
Wed., July 27	9:00	Health of Mary Ann Spryn (St. Cyril's FTF Volunteers)
Thurs., July 28	9:00	+ Roger Barren, Sr. (Jean & Giles Morgan)
Fri., July 29	9:00	+ Dorothy & Andrew Chezik (Chezik Family)
Sat., July 30	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	1:00	Wedding: Mark Wehrenberg & Allison Carey
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., July 31	10:30	+ Johnathan Sawka (St. Cyril's Choir)

THREE PARTS OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

1. THE PROSKOMEDIA. It is the first part of the Liturgy, and the faithful do not participate in this rite. It is performed by the Priest before the faithful come to Church. Its name came from the custom which prevailed among the first Christians of bringing the bread and wine for the Mystery of Holy Communion, and for that reason, the bread itself is given the Greek name of "Proskhophora" which means "bringing." The PROSKOMEDIA consists of preparing the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and is

done at the side Altar which is called the Table of Oblation. The PROSKOMEDIA symbolizes the Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem and reminds us that Jesus spent part of His life secretly, away from the busy world.

2. LITURGY OF THE CATECHUMENS (TEACHING). This is the part of the Liturgy we first see and hear which illustrates the public life of Jesus and is primarily instructive in its content.

In the early Church, the Catechumens were those being instructed in the teaching of the Christian Faith

and preparing for Baptism and they could stay for this part of the service ONLY.

There are no Catechumens now - but it serves to remind us of the honor we have to take part in the entire DIVINE LITURGY and to unite us with Christ the Lord.

3. LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL. It is so called for during this part of the Liturgy only the faithful may

participate in it. In this part of the Divine Liturgy the Holy Eucharist if being fulfilled, the bloodless Sacrifice is offered and the faithful receive Holy Communion.

In this part of the service, with its rites, the Sufferings, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus are illustrated. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.

LITURGICAL Q & A

QUESTION: Why does the priest have his back to the congregation?

ANSWER: Actually, he is facing to pray in the same direction as the worshipping faithful. The priest, according to our Ukrainian (Eastern) Catholic tradition, is the representative of the congregation. The sanctuary and tabernacle are the heavenly throne of God, so the priest faces God, the object of our prayers, and he speaks to God on our behalf. Also, by facing God, and have his back to the congregation, has a symbolic meaning that the priest leads his people towards God as a shepherd leads his flock to a safe place.

QUESTION: What is the architecture of the Eastern Catholic Church building?

ANSWER: There are three divisions to a traditional Christian church: narthex, nave, and sanctuary. The narthex is the entrance hall, where the faithful greet God. The nave is where the faithful gather to worship God. Nave comes from a Greek word, "naos", meaning "ship." It signifies the fact that salvation is a life-long process of becoming God-like. It is a journey towards God. The Sanctuary is the abode of God, the Holy of Holies. Hence, its name comes from the Latin "sanctus," meaning "holy." It is where the clergy offer the Bloodless Sacrifice, the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion. It signifies Paradise or Heaven. It is demarcated from the nave by the iconostasis, or icon-screen, which does not separate the faithful from God, but rather, announces in holy im-

ages the presence of God. Notice that the sanctuary is higher and faces East, the direction from which the Star of Bethlehem came announcing the Ad-

vent of the Messiah and from which the Lord will appear in Glory at the Second Coming.

VISITORS IN CHURCH

It may happen that, especially during the warm summer months, vacationers may appear in our parish. They may be from anywhere in the Archeparchy, or from across the country – even from abroad. They may even be local members of our community, wishing to simply join you in prayer – even on a long-term basis.

Whatever the circumstances, welcome them, share the unity of the Trinity with our guests! They've come to meet Christ among us. Show Him

to them – if necessary, guide them in following the pew book. Being inviting is every Christian's "job."

The impression you make on visitors will travel on with them – at home, and everywhere else they go! It may be that someone who is searching for a Church will find it by what YOU do, not what the priest says. Your welcome may be what opens the eyes, ears and heart of the searching soul to the Gospel.

PARISH RAFFLE

We thank everyone who participated in our Parish Raffle this year. The winners in the Parish Raffle this year were:
1st Prize (\$500.00) Barbara Krenitsky;

2nd Prize (\$300.00) Rich Lochie); 3rd Prize (\$200.00) Darlene Lucas. Congratulations to our winners.

Parishioners Ticket Returns: \$2,610.00

Other Sales*: \$1,635.00

Total Sales: \$4,245.00

Prizes: (\$1,000.00)

Postage: (\$174.72)

Net Profit: \$3,070.28

**Other sales were made at Truck Sales, Rummage Sales, and to others.*

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 third announcement of Banns for this marriage.

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.

88TH ANNUAL SEMINARY DAY

This event will be held next 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. Proceeds benefit our St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, D.C.

ST. MICHAEL'S, PITTSTON CELEBRATES 25TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET / ETHNIC FOOD / ZITI DINNER

The parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Church,

205 N. Main Street, Pittston, are pleased to host their Annual Flea Market, Eth-

nic Food Event & Ziti Dinner on Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7 -- 9 a.m. start time.

This parish fundraiser features an indoor flea market and favorite Carpatho-Rusyn ethnic food. Stuffed cabbage rolls (halupki), pierogi, halushki, potato pancakes are on the menu. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will also be available. You can take out a

ziti and meatball dinner starting at noon Saturday and 10 am Sunday; purchase tickets at the door (\$13 adults and \$8 children). Baked goods will be on sale Saturday. There is something for everyone! For details, follow the link to the Flea Market page on the parish website: <https://stmichaelsbyzantine.com>. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

ONE DAY AT A TIME...PREPARATION FOR FALL 2022, ST. CYRIL'S RUMMAGE.

*****Donations for St. Cyril's Fall/September 2022 Rummage Sale: Donations can be dropped off when the St. Cyril's school gym (133 River Street, Olyphant) 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.

Items accepted: Clean, Saleable, and Works: Furniture, household items, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, living room, basement, tools, garden, crafts, office supplies, books, toys, games, DVDs,

CDs, all holiday decorations, jewelry, handbags, music media, records, sports, walking canes, vintage/antiques, religious, Ukrainian items, new/unused items, etc...

Therefore, We do not sell certain items, or legally we are not allowed to sell: NO baby car seats/carriers, NO cribs, NO mattresses, also NO TVs, NO clothes, NO shoes, NO VHS tapes, NO cassettes, NO exercise equipment, NO computers, NO bowling balls, NO ski/boot equipment, NO encyclopedias, NO outdated/text/medical/school books, NO broken/nonworking electronic items, No Large/Heavy China Buffets, NO worn baseball caps, NO printers, NO medical equipment/commodores/crutches, NO junk!!!!!!!!!! NO items that smell or are dirty.

With all the years of experience, we need to specify what we can and cannot accept for St. Cyrils Rummages Sale. Otherwise, some items have to be recycled and require a fee (for example TVs) or They just don't SELL!!!! Call Lauren Telep at (cell) 646-241-9443 for additional information.

***We will be reinstating our Basket Raffle, (None during the Pandemic) for the Fall 2022 Rummage Sale. We ask you to kindly donate a raffle basket, lottery tickets etc... As in the past 10 years, we have asked you to contact local restaurants, and retail stores, for gift certificates and merchandise. Contact Jeanne Cucura at 570-489-0733 for additional information. We have free empty baskets available to you, at the school gym, if needed for a raffle basket.

***Volunteers are always welcomed at St. Cyril School Gym:

Come and volunteer on Monday evening, July 25th, starting at 5:00 p.m. and then in the mornings on Tuesday, July 26, and Wednesday, and July 27, and Thursday, July 28 Starting at 10:00 a.m. and usually until 1:00 p.m. Now we have one evening and 3 mornings available for you to lend a helping hand. The School gym will be open 12+ hours a week, plan to volunteer an hour or so to help out.

At this time boxes and bins are opened, ticketed, and placed on the tables and shelves. If you volunteered in the past, you know how we are organized to get the job done. Plus, we must keep up with basic maintenance: cardboard boxes, wrapping newspaper, trash, plastic bags, etc... As we unwrap items, the paper and boxes accumulate and need to be removed from the gym. Men of the parish, we need your help, in keeping the school gym clean and a safe place to work.

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 16 & 17, 2022: \$

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They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers