

# SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*

<b>June 12, 2022: Sunday of All Saints</b>	
Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11	Gospel: Jn. 7: 37-52 & 8:12
<b>Mon., June 13</b>	9:00 + Joe & Evelyn Lesnefsky (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
<b>Tues., June 14</b>	9:00 + Stephen & Amelia Malinchak (Jule Harris)
<b>Wed., June 15</b>	9:00 + Cindy Flaten (John B. Telep)
<b>Thurs., June 16</b>	9:00 + Mary & Walter Lesnefsky (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
<b>Fri., June 17</b>	9:00 + Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
<b>Sat., June 18</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 <b>Confessions</b> 4:00 pm + George & Mary Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)
<b>Sun., June 19</b>	10:30 + For Our Parishioners

## **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS CELEBRATED BY THE EARLY CHURCH ON THE SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understand-

ings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dio-

ceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74<sup>th</sup> homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a

special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***Q: What is an Eastern Catholic Church?***

**A:** Many people think of the Catholic Church as a monolithic structure with a clear leadership and traditions. People also mistakenly refer to the whole as the Roman Catholic Church. But this is not quite accurate.

The Catholic Church actually

comprises twenty-two particular Churches in full communion with one another. There are twenty-one Eastern Catholic Churches, and one Latin Catholic Church (i.e., the Church of Rome). Each of these particular Churches is self-governing (the term in Latin is *sui iuris*, "of their own law"), even while being in communion with

the Church of Rome.

Each of these particular Churches is self-governing (*sui iuris*) because they have their own hierarchy. In other words, what makes a particular Church self-governing (*sui iuris*) is that each particular Church has its own leaders which govern all the faithful Christians belonging to that particular Church. These hierarchs (whether Patriarchs, Major Archbishops, Metropolitans, Bishops, or otherwise) are in communion with one another, and with the Church of Rome. The correct term is to be in communion with Rome, and not “under the Pope” (as many people will mistakenly say).

Eastern Catholics are the minority in terms of the number of Catholics worldwide. However, they are the vast majority in terms of diversity within the Catholic Church (twenty-one to one!). Eastern Catholics are distinct from the Latin Church in that they have four distinguishing characteristics. They have their own (1) theology, (2) spirituality, (3) canon law, and (4) liturgy. In other words, the Eastern Churches have their own theological way of understand the mysteries of God, their own spirituality and devotional practices, their own laws and customs, and their own styles of

liturgy. This is what distinguishes them from the Latin Church.

People mistakenly refer to the Eastern Catholic Churches as ‘Eastern Rite Roman Catholics’, or simply as ‘The Eastern Rite,’ as if there is only one. There are many rites within the Catholic Church, and what makes an Eastern Church is more than simply its liturgical rite. An Eastern Church also has its own theology, spirituality, and canon law. Even the term ‘The Eastern Church’ is wrong, since there are more than one Eastern Churches.

Almost all Eastern Catholic Churches have counterparts in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches. In fact, those with counterparts all came from their mother Orthodox Churches throughout the past four hundred years or so. Therefore, many Eastern Catholics choose to identify themselves as ‘Orthodox Christians in communion with Rome,’ since Eastern Catholics are meant to be an example of how to be fully Eastern, and yet fully in communion with Rome.

Eastern Catholic Churches are traditionally found in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and India. However, nowadays we can find Eastern Churches throughout

the world, speaking a multitude of languages, and serving a vast array of people.

ALL of the particular Catholic Churches share “equal dignity, so that none of them is superior to the others as regards rite, and they enjoy

the same rights and are under the same obligations, also in respect of preaching the Gospel to the whole world (cf. Mark 16:15)...” (*Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches*).

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

The second of our 2022 St. Cyril’s Food Truck Festivals is quickly approaching: Saturday and Sunday, July 9th and 10th. Since the May basket raffle was so popular, we will host another one, this one to benefit our parish. Anyone able to donate a basket should contact Michaelene (570) 209-2026. Flyers for the Festival are in the vestibule. Please help to spread the word about our FTF by distributing flyers among your relatives, neighbors, friends, mechanics, gyms, beauticians, physicians, etc.

The following is the MAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL FINANCIAL REPORT:

## **Annual Parish Raffle**

It has been about a month 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.

## **HUMOR... WRONG E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

A couple was going on vacation but the wife was on a business trip so the husband went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before.

When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

*Dearest Wife,*

*Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.*

*P.S. Sure is hot down here.*

## **LASAGNA DINNER**

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, June 15, 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 generous portion of meat lasagna, garden salad, bread and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!

## **VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY PLANS MEDIA SALE**

Join us for the Friends of the Valley Community Library's Media Sale at our library, 739 River Street in Peckville. This mini sale will be held inside the Valley Community Library

on June 17th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. for the public. Active Friends Group members will have a special Pre-Sale Day on June 16th from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.

This fundraiser will have many



DVDs, Blu-Rays, CDs, Audiobooks, and more available for purchase. NO BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. For more information, contact the library at 570-489-1765.

The Valley Community Library, which is a member of the Lackawan-

na County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in Archbald, Blakely, Dickson City, Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## **RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. CYRIL'S, JUNE 10, AND 11TH.**

St. Cyril's 12th Annual Furniture/Rummage Sale is here this weekend. We thank all the volunteers (parishioner, family and friends) and all the donations we have received from the community. We are looking forward to the Fall 2022 Sale in September. On June 11th, the sale is still on, after the Divine Liturgy, until 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers will still be needed on Saturday, June 11th, after the Divine Liturgy, 5:00 pm. We will start to move any items from the driveway back into the garage or St. Cyril's school gym. On Monday (June 13) and Tuesday (June 14) we will be boxing up items for the non-profit organizations, starting at 10:00 a.m. As we "PAY IT FORWARD", we need your help in helping out the organizations. Contact Lauren cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor 570-291-4451 for further information, especially any groups/families you may know, that are in need of household items.

Information about clearing out (3) St. Cyril's garages, will be available in future bulletins.

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

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of June 2022 is Team Shumek.  
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

**Sunday Collection for June 4 & 5, 2022: \$**

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### ***Examples for Us***

Every year, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Sunday of All Saints. After we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, we remember those men and women who have shone forth over the history of the Christian Church as bearers of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is where the Incarnation is headed, the movement is always toward the descent of the Holy Spirit – after Christ redeems our fallen nature on the Cross, the Holy Spirit is sent to guide us into all truth.

God wants to live in us, to join us to Himself. This was the Divine Will from the moment of creation, finally realized on the day of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles to live in them. He fills them with power from on high, He grants them spiritual gifts,

and enables them to walk in the commandments of Christ.

For us today, the Saints are proof of Pentecost, testimony to the ongoing Pentecost in the Church. There continue to be people whose lives are transformed in Christ, who exude the love of God, who walk faultlessly in the commandments of Christ, filled with the divine gifts of the Holy Spirit. The resurrection of Christ is the proof of His ministry, St. Paul says.

And the existence of the Saints is the continuing proof of both the work of Christ, and the activity of the Holy Spirit in the world today. And since they attain to the life that we are called to, the Saints of the Church are wonderful examples for us today.