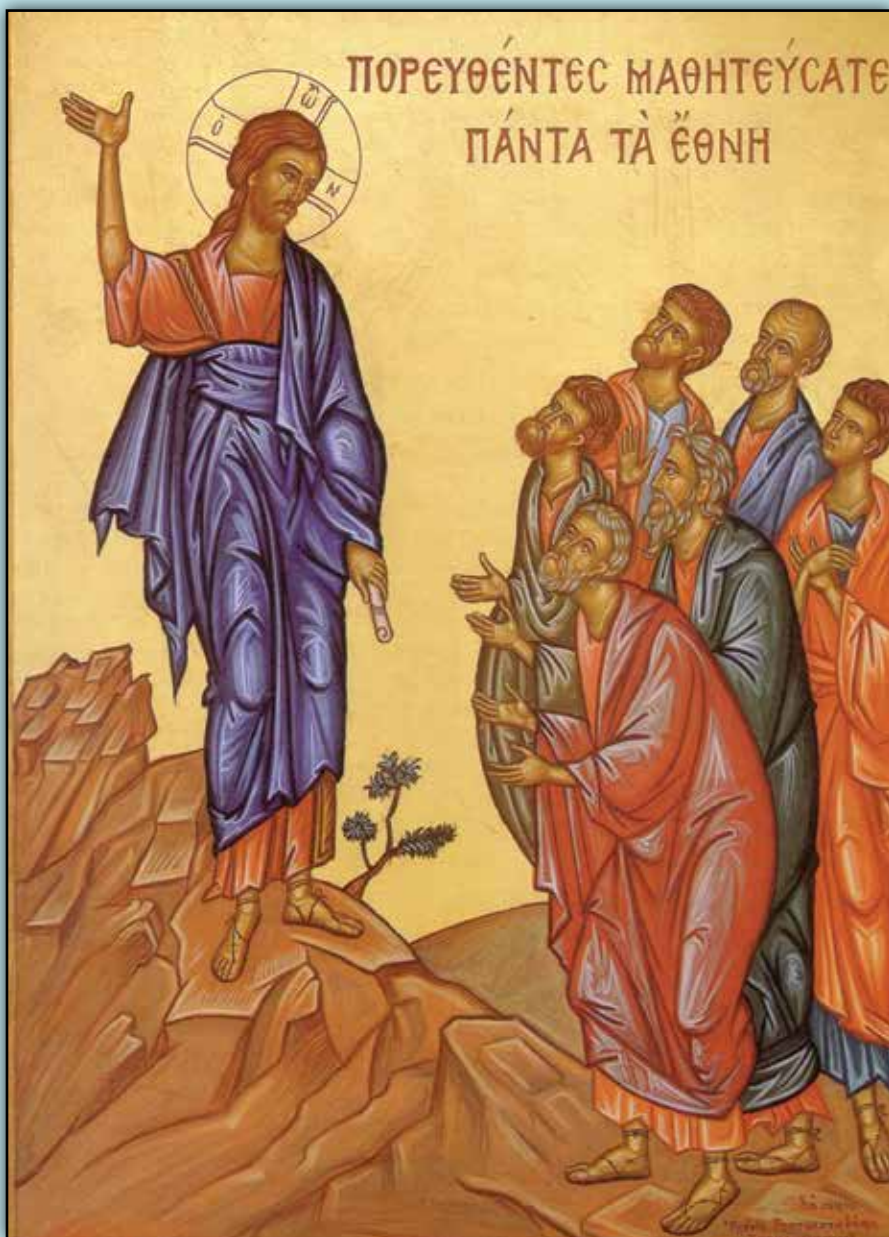


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Jesus preaching to His Disciples

June 26, 2022: Third Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Rom. 5: 1-10		Gospel: Mt. 6: 22-34
Mon., June 27	9:00	+ Helen & Andrew Kollar (Family)
Tues., June 28	9:00	+ Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)
Wed., June 29	Ss. Peter and Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	9:00	+ John Sokirka (Family)
Thurs., June 30	9:00	+ George & Sophia Danylak (Leo Danylak)
Fri., July 1	9:00	+ Myroslaw Iwasiw (Father Nestor)
Sat., July 2	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ John, Anastasia & Paul Maslar; + Marie Burdyn (Family)
Sun., July 3	10:30	For Our Parishioners

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Commemorated on June 29th

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the “Leaders of the Apostles” in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a

Disciple. “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mt. 4: 19). After Jesus’ Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ’s divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the gospel in Asia at Antioch (Ga. 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before

his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly min-



istry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of

the New Testament canonical writings.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to represent the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majes-

tically, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "rock of faith" and Paul "pride of the universe." Together they are celebrated as "luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun and pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ."

(adapted from God With Us Icon Series)

CHURCH TRADITIONS & ETIQUETTE

Modern culture is rather casual in its approach to worship and sacred space. In our Church we adhere to long-standing traditions that express the reverence which is due to God, to each other, and to ourselves. Respect for God and His house translates to respect for all of His creation. The following guidelines are customs and traditions of etiquette that we need to be aware of as Catholic faithful. Please read the following information prayerfully and with an understanding for the Church's obligation to shepherd with love and compassion for all the faithful.

Entering the Church. Arrive on Time - The time to arrive at church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy has begun, try to enter the church quietly and at the appropriate moment. We must not be walking in or around the church when the Gospel is being read, when a procession is taking place, or at any time that the priest is facing the congregation.

Fast before the Liturgy. It is a Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to

help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the church – it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk - do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important. Sssshhhhh.

Leave quietly. We encourage you to visit with others, but once you are outside of the church you won't disturb others who want to stay and pray. So, please leave quietly and then visit afterward.

Cell phones should never be used in Divine Liturgy for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones) and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. Also, if you are using the phone for readings or prayers, this is appropriate, but try to be discreet.

Proper Church Attire. Church is a sacred place with its traditions. When we come to worship we should respect those traditions. Our clothes should be modest and tasteful. Inappropriate attire such as tight pants, mid-thigh dresses and skirts, low cut blouses can be perceived as disrespectful and

could be offensive to other worshippers. Thank you for your consideration.

BABA'S WISDOM

When I asked Baba why she loved the Mother of God so much she would tell me this story. I never got tired of hearing it.

“One day, Our Lord was sitting at the gates of heaven on His Judgment Seat. He decided that he needed a day off, so He called St. Peter and asked him to cover for Him. Our Lord gave St. Peter a list of names of those He expected and after each name he had noted the eternal destination of the person coming. St. Peter said that he understood the directions and he took over the job. When Our Lord returned at the gates later in the day, He asked St. Peter how things had gone. St. Peter assured Him that everything had gone very well. But when Our Lord took a look around, He noticed some-

one who was not destined for heaven on the list He had given St. Peter. He figured St. Peter had made a mistake. But as he looked further, He saw more and more people who were not supposed to be admitted to heaven. So Our Lord asked St. Peter for an explanation. St. Peter said: ‘Every so often when I told someone that they could not be admitted, they would go to the side door and Your Mother would let them in.’ Baba’s devotion to the Mother of God might seem naïve to many, but Baba knew that she needed help to get into heaven as we all do. She would say: “When you want something important, you ask your friends to pray for and with you. Well, I figure the best person to pray with and for me would be Jesus’ Mother.”

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

During June, our Archeparchy will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war,

oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the special “Peter’s Pence” envelope in your donation envelope packet box to make your offering. It is not too early to already submit your offering.

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.

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 over 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.

88TH 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.

ST. CYRIL'S SALE 2022, PAYING IT FORWARD! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are always so thankful to the community for their donations to our sales. As we have done in the past years, we are "Paying it Forward" to Non-profit organizations from St. Cyril's Rummage Sale.

This week, "Paying it forward" to the Woman's Resource Center in Scranton, and 2nd truckload of books to St. Joe Center, Dunmore for their Festival July, 29, 30, 31 2022 As Steve says "....Give 2 hours and help out the church...." Contact Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren Telep cell at 646-241-9443

The final donations of merchandise will be to the United Neighborhoods of Scranton. Volunteers are needed on Monday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. we will be boxing and bagging items for the Center. The delivery will be made on Tuesday, June 28th, at 10:00 a.m. As we have done in the past 10 years, Trucks and cars are needed to transport (to 410 Olive Street, Scranton) all the items. Volunteers are needed to help load the trucks. Steve Cucura will be there with his truck and again say "Give 2 hours to help out the church" Contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep. WE "Pay it Forward" and there is never use of a dumpster!! We are organizing the school gym in preparation for the Fall Sale, (September 23-23, 2022)

BOXES AND LARGE TRASH BAGS 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!!

"Pay it Forward" (is an expression for describing the beneficiary a good deed repaying the kindness of to others instead of to the original benefactor... alternative giving!!!!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael for the month of June 2021 is Team Shumek.

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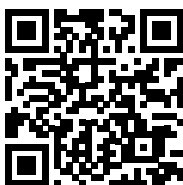
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Prove Your Faith by Your Trust

“Look at the birds of the air,” says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence bestows an un-failing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people’s supply running short is human greed. The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. “Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these.

If God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!”

Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

St. Ambrose of Milan