

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Raising the Daughter of Jairus

November 6, 2022: 22nd Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18		Gospel: Lk. 8: 41-56
Mon., Nov. 7	9:00	+ Michael Evanina (Howard Smith)
Tues., Nov. 8	Feast of the Archangel Michael (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Michael Korzemba, Jr. (Legate)
Wed., Nov. 9	9:00	+ Paul Homick (Koslab Family)
Thurs., Nov. 10	9:00	+ Anne Kawa (Bob & Marlene Zelno)
Fri., Nov. 11	9:00	+ Margaret & Frank Evanitski (Michaelene Davis)
Sat., Nov. 12	No Morning Divine Liturgy.	
	2:00 pm Confessions.	
	4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., Nov. 13	10:30	+ Anne Kawa (St. Cyril's Religious Ed Program)

DECREE LIFTING DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND LITURGY

On March 12, 2020, His Grace, Most Reverend Andriy Raby, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy, issued a Decree (222/2020 O) dispensing the obligation of attending Divine Liturgies for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This was due to the Coronavirus epidemic and in conjunction with other Dioceses and Eparchies in the United States.

Since the weekend of June 6th-7th, 2020, parishes were allowed to reopen for public worship in accordance with local health department

regulations.

Significant time has passed and even though there are still people contracting and suffering from this virus, public life has basically been restored and most restrictions have been lifted.

With this in mind, this Decree is issued in order to lift the Dispensation granted on March 12, 2020.

Beginning at the Philip's Fast (Advent) on November 15th, 2022, the obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is restored. (c. 881 §1

CCEO)

Please be reminded that those not obligated to attend Divine Liturgies are those who are:

1. Sick or have a vulnerable health condition.
2. A caregiver for those who are sick or suffering from a vulnerable health condition.
3. Those confined to their home or care facility (hospital, nursing

home, rehab center, etc.).

4. Those who have a serious reason to be excused or dispensed.

Pastors are reminded to still practice safe measures to ensure the safety of those attending Divine Liturgies by utilizing the practices implemented during the pandemic when and if necessary. Pastors are encouraged to work with the parish Pastoral Councils to meet the needs of each parish.

THERE'S MORE TO ANGELS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Angels were the first of God's creation. As the Apostle Paul tells us "By Him all things created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers." (Col. 1:16)

The work of the Angels is twofold: in heaven to glorify God, and on earth to carry out God's orders concerning men. The word "angel" itself means herald or a messenger.

You might have noticed they are often referred to as the "Bodiless Powers." Even though angels are bodiless and invisible to our physical eyes, every day during Divine Liturgy we affirm their existence. In the Creed we say, "I believe in one God... Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things

visible and invisible."

We often don't pay attention to the words of the prayers our priests recite in silence, although they are printed in our prayer books, yet during the prayer of the Anaphora, in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the nine ranks of angels which were revealed to us are recalled: Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many eyed Cherubim and Seraphim.

In the Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the priest says, "... there stand before You thousands of archangels, and tens of thousands of angels, ... six-winged and many-eyed hovering aloft on their wings."

Our Church dedicates every Monday to the holy angels. We are remind-

ed of the holy angels with praise and prayer in other ways, too: “He makes the spirits His angels, and flaming fire His ministers.” (Ps. 104:4)

Angels are active, intelligent spiritual beings with will and knowledge. They serve God to carry out His will and glorify Him. They have no bodily needs or desires and passions, no cares about food, drink, clothes or shelter. Although God created them before mankind, they are neither aged or aging, but unchangingly youthful, beautiful and strong.

Of these nine ranks, we are most familiar with the Cherubim and the Seraphim. The Seraphim, which means “flaming,” are burning with love for God and kindle others to such love.

They are closest to God as the prophet Isaiah says: “And the Seraphim stood around Him, each having six wings” (Isaiah 6:2).

After the Seraphim are the many-eyed Cherubim, which means “great understanding.” They are aglow with the knowledge of the mysteries of God and the depths of His Wisdom. Through the Cherubim wisdom is sent down to others and spiritual enlightenment is given. The Cherubic Hymn is the song of the angels, sung during every Divine Liturgy of the year except those of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. It occurs after the Gospel reading, and before the Gifts are brought to the Holy Table.

-- by Phyllis Muryn Zaparaniuk

ELECTION DAY

While walking down the street one day, a politician was tragically hit by a car, and died.

His soul arrived in heaven and was met by Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates. “Welcome to heaven,” said St. Peter. “Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We weren’t expecting you, and we weren’t prepared – so we’re not sure what to do with you. “No problem, just let me in,” said the politician.

“Well, I’d like to, but I have orders from my higher ups. What we’ll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose for yourself where to spend eternity.” “Really? But I’ve made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,” said the politician. “I’m sorry, but we have our rules.” And with that, St. Peter escorted him to the elevator and he descended down, down, down to hell.

The doors opened and he found

himself in the middle of a lush green golf course. In the distance was a clubhouse and standing in front of it were all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone seemed very happy and in formal evening attire. They ran to greet him, shook his hand, and reminisced about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people.

They played a friendly game of golf and then dined on lobster, caviar, and the finest champagne. Also present was the devil, who was really a very friendly guy, having a good time dancing and telling jokes. They were all having such a good time that before the politician realized it, it was time to go. Everyone gave him a hearty farewell and waved while the elevator rose out of sight. The elevator went up, up, up and the door reopened in heaven, where St. Peter was waiting for him – “Now it’s time to visit heaven.”

So, 24 hours passed with the politician joining a group of contented souls, moving from cloud to cloud, playing harps and singing. They had a good time and before he realized it, the 24 hours had gone by and St. Peter returned. “Well, then, you’ve spent a day in hell and another in heaven.

Now choose your eternity.”

The politician reflected for a minute, and then answered: “Well, I would never have said it before; I mean, heaven has been delightful, but from what I saw, I think I would be better off in hell.” So, St. Peter escorted him to the elevator and the politician went down, down, down to hell.

Then the doors of the elevator opened and he found himself in the middle of a barren land, covered with foul smelling waste and garbage. He saw all his friends again, but now they were dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash kept falling to the ground. The devil came over to him and put his arm around his shoulders.

“I don’t understand,” stammered the politician. “Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there’s just a wasteland full of smelly garbage, and my friends look miserable. What happened?” The devil smiled at him and said, “Yesterday we were campaigning; today you voted!”

**Tuesday is election day, so
CHOOSE WISELY!**

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by each and every member of the Armed Forces, who have served or who are serving now and who bear the wounds of war.

To these brave men and women we say: **Thank you for your service!** Please spend a moment in silence to pray for each of them, especially those wounded and ill warriors still suffering for our freedom.

Our Condolences

In your Christian Charity, please remember in your prayers + **Anna Mae Krisanda** who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. +

Anna Mae was buried from St. Cyril's on Saturday, November 5, 2022. May her memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

SS. PETER AND PAUL DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Simpson, PA will be sponsoring a Designer Purse Bingo on Sunday, November 13, 2022. It will be held at the Trinity Banquet Hall, 37 Prospect Street, Simpson. The Bingo Games begin at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Special bingo jackpot games, raffle baskets tickets, snacks, and a cash bar will be available.

The Church's other fundraiser is the "The Daily Number" from The Pennsylvania State Lottery, Daily number at 7:00 pm. (6 months from January 1, 2023, until June 30th, 2023) are available for purchase at \$20.00 a card.

For additional information contact Mary 570-282-5680 or Linda 570-282-0796.

ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY DRIVE THRU

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church is having their Feast Day Drive -Thru Dinner on Sunday Nov. 13th from 12 to 3pm.

Featured this year will be an Eth-

nic Piggie & Kielbasa Dinner. The Dinner will include 2 Piggies, Kielbasa, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, and dessert.

The Price will be \$15.00 per adult

and \$12.00 per child. Also, for sale: Pirohi \$10.00 dozen and Halushki at \$8 a Qt. Please order in advance by

calling Michael at 570-704-6520.

We are also accepting monetary donations for Ukraine relief.

Community Service Event at St. Cyrils Church October 2022

We are very thankful to our Parishioners and friends for all the donated items to the Clothing and Food Drive at St. Cyril Church. On Monday, October 24, 2022, Father Nestor and Lauren Telep delivered hanging clothes and bags of clothes to the United Neighborhood Center (UNC) in Scranton. Steve Cucura and Tony Zedar delivered boxes of clothes in the afternoon. UNC was desperate for clothing and very thankful for the truckload and 2 carloads of clothes.

United Neighborhood Center (UNC) of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton, offers community services. All services are provided FREE of charge. Also known as "Angel's Attic, (UNC) offers FREE clothing, FREE food, and FREE household

items for people in need.

Food and clothing donations are always welcomed. Donations are accepted at 410 Olive Street, Scranton Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. Phone 570-343-8835 (Year-round)

Neighbors helping neighbors! Pastor Jack Munley accepted the 2 grocery carts of food on Monday, October 24th. The food will be used for distribution at the "Rescue and Restore Church" on Willow Street, Olyphant, on November 7, 2022.

We plan to have another Food and Clothing Drive in Spring 2023 for St. Cyril's Community service event. In the meantime, you can always donate items to UNC or Food to Rescue and Restore Church, anytime throughout the year.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2022 is

Team #3: Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for Oct. 29 & 30, 2022: \$

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Twelve Years

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter will live," she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "I can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before

everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.

St. Ephrem the Syrian