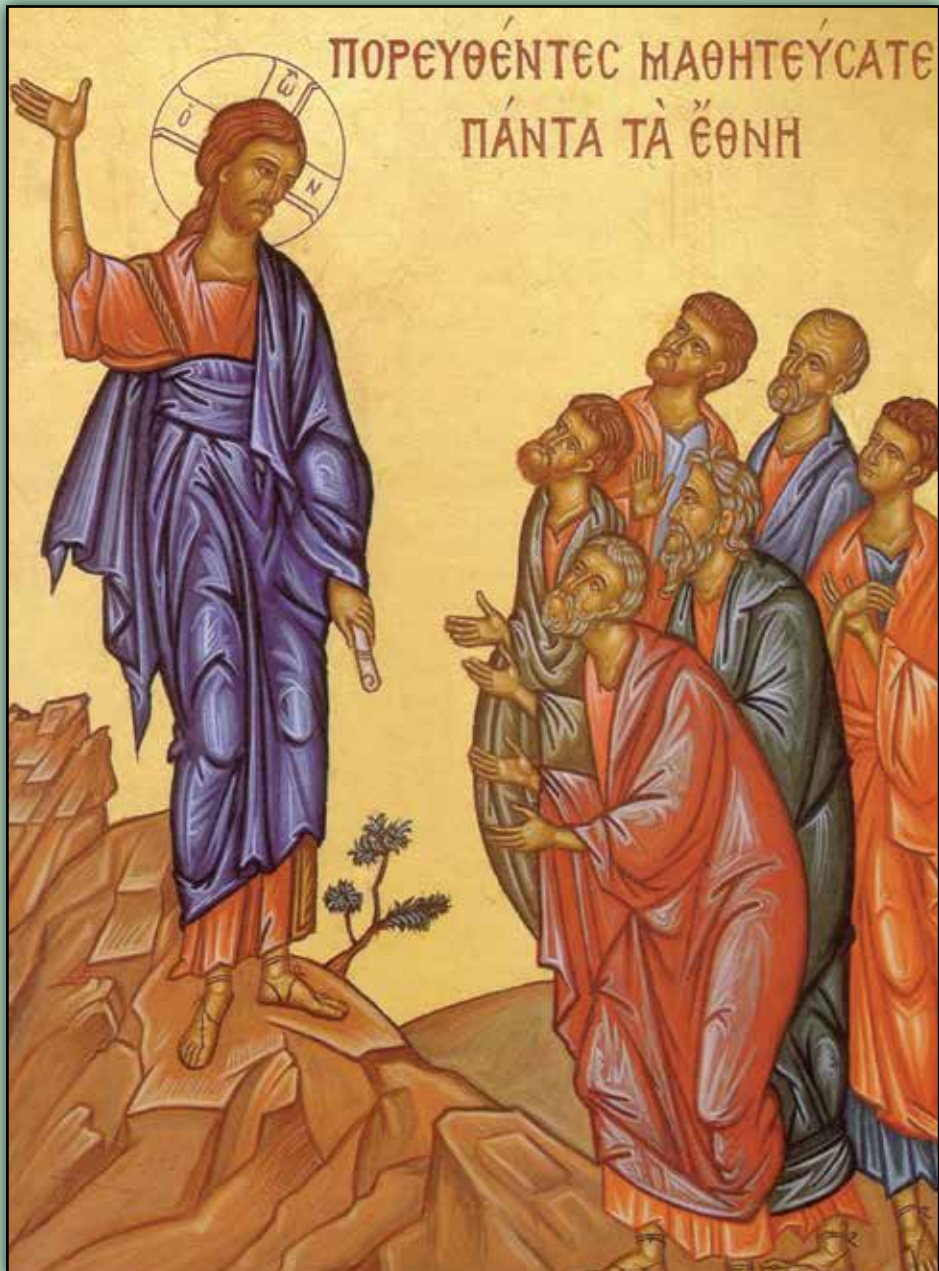


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching His Disciples

October 2, 2022: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16 - 7:1

Gospel: Lk. 6: 31-36

Mon., Oct. 3	9:00	+ Andrew & Julia Evanina (Family)
Tues., Oct. 4	9:00	+ Louis & Julia Daniels (Dolly Daniels)
Wed., Oct. 5	9:00	+ John Sedlak, Jr. (Lauren Telep)
Thurs., Oct. 6	9:00	+ Anne Kawa
Fri., Oct. 7	9:00	+ Leonard Chesnaky (Sandra & Nikki Berta)
Sat., Oct. 8	No Morning Divine Liturgy. 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Carol, Joseph, & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)	
Sun., Oct. 9	10:30	For Our Parishioners

WHAT IS AN ICON SCREEN AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

The iconostasis is a central feature of Eastern Churches that has a rich history and symbolism. For many Eastern Christians, the primary piece of architecture within their churches is an icon screen, also called an iconostasis. It is typically a large wall that separates the sanctuary from the main part of the church where the people stand.

On that wall are many different icons, and a holy door through which the clergy make processions during the Divine Liturgy. The icon screen

has developed over time and became what it is now by the 16th century.

In its architecture, the entire building represents the theology of our Church. The Sanctuary represents The Church Triumphant (Heaven). The Nave represents The Church Militant (Earth). Heaven is linked to earth by the Iconostasis, which is the successor to the curtain that delineated the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Temple, as described in the Old Testament.”

In the book of Exodus, God

instructed Moses to place a veil in front of the Ark of the Covenant, and only the High Priest was allowed to pass through it to the inner chamber. This place became known as the “Holy of Holies” and was replicated in the Temple constructed in Jerusalem. Eastern Christians have incorporated elements of the Temple into the architecture of their churches, respecting the Old Law, while being faithful to the New Law in Jesus Christ.

At first glance the icon screen appears to be a barrier that is meant to separate. Yet, according to Eastern Christians, it is meant to be a sign of unity with Heaven and earth. As one Byzantine church explains, “The icon screen is never a barrier to worship. Some may be inclined to think it restricts what can be seen during worship services. Instead, it is a unifying element, bridging the holy sanctuary and the nave. Together, these symbolically and in reality form the Body of Christ, the Church — the Kingdom of God. As the icon screen signifies this uniting of heaven and earth, in Eastern Churches the priest and faithful also unite their prayers and hymns of praise. Together, they direct their attention to God, towards the altar which faces east. This is the

direction cited in Holy Scripture of the Second Coming of Christ. The focus of Liturgy is the divine eternal and timeless sanctity of praise to God, which is why it is called ‘Divine Liturgy.’”

Additionally, the icon screen serves as a strong reminder of the communion of saints. It often features an entire row of icons with pictures of various saints and angels, reminding the faithful that these holy men and women are united with them, most especially during the Divine Liturgy. The Incarnation and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ are also central parts of many icon screens, featuring the Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus as well as a prominent icon of Jesus Christ, the Pantocrator, pictured as a Judge at the end of time.

Eastern Christians are instructed that the icons are not to be worshiped, but are used as “windows to Heaven,” gateways to another spiritual realm. Icons are made for this specific purpose, typically never signed by the artist, and painted in such a way they invite worship of God. Everything in an Eastern church is oriented toward God and has the primary purpose of lifting up a soul from the mundane of this world to contemplate the beauty of Heaven.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Religious Education for the school year 2022/23 will begin Saturday, October 8, 2022. Grades 3 through 8 will take place in the Church as in previous years beginning at 9:00 am and dismissing at 10:00 am.

To receive First Penance, all children must attend two years of Religious Ed classes. Please contact Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 to register your child who should be coming to our first grade program.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

The 2023 Divine Liturgy Intention Book has finally arrived. Divine Liturgy intentions may be offered for those who are deceased, ill or for family, friends and special occasions for loved ones. I have noticed that many people in our Parish “order” the Divine Liturgy ONLY on a Saturday or a Sunday. Meanwhile, there are other people who are asking for a Divine Liturgy on a weekend but those days are already

taken by someone who called earlier and “preordered” Divine Liturgies for the whole year.

In order to be fair to everyone, and in order to try to accommodate everyone, no more than 4 Intentions from a family will be accepted for the weekend Divine Liturgies per year. You are always welcome to offer intentions for a weekday Divine Liturgy. There are plenty of openings during the week.

STEAMTOWN MARATHON

Just a little reminder: the Steamtown Marathon takes place next Sunday, October 9th. As we know, this Marathon shuts down half the Valley and

makes it difficult for some people to get to Church. Please plan accordingly so as not to be “trapped” by the Marathon.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

The theme of this year’s Pilgrimage is “Mary, Mother of God, Our Protectress, Protect Ukraine.” The Di-

vine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Grace, the Most Rev. Borys Gudziak and the homily will be delivered by the

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, the Eparch of Stamford. Moleben will be celebrated by His Grace, the Most Rev. Borys Gudziak and Fr. Volodymyr Radko will deliver the homily.

A flyer is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Vestibule of the Church. For further information about the Pilgrimage, call Maria Panczak at 215-379-3998 x. 17.

Harvest Festival

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township, Sunday, October 2, from noon to 5:00p. Due to supply issues this year we will have a Pork Dinner drive-thru take out. The meal includes pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, applesauce, our

homemade sauerkraut relish, pie & roll. Dinners are \$15. Outdoor booths will include a huge bountiful baskets stand, wreath stand, bake stand and raffles including a \$5,000 raffle. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND THE WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

SUPPORT THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak cordially invites you to support the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia at the first Benefit Luncheon taking place on Sunday, October 9 in Jenkintown, PA.

This reporting and fundraising event will help the Archeparchy serve its faithful in America and aid humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Guests will enjoy delicious food, receive exciting updates about the Archeparchy and efforts to help

Ukraine, and hear from engaging speakers, including members of the hierarchy. His Excellency Nelson Perez, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia, will be the guest of honor. And Fr. Ron Popivchak will receive the Metropolitan's Service Award for his long years of service to the Archeparchy.

We hope you will attend – or if you are unable to make it in person, that you can pray and make a contribution for the Archeparchy's work.

Thank you for your generosity!

HALLOWEEN FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Coming in just a few weeks is our last of the year Food Truck Festival fundraiser.....Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th. It will have a Halloween theme, with new games for kids of all ages, a Halloween photo backdrop with props for picture taking, eight food trucks, eight food/drink vendors, nine crafters, basket raffle, entertainment, etc. Flyers are available in the vestibule. Please take a few and distribute them to help with spreading the word.

DONATIONS REQUESTED.

We are requesting assistance with a few areas of the Halloween Food Truck Festival: volunteers to help set up, take down and work at the festival; donation of gift baskets, and donation of baked goods.

BASKET RAFFLE: donations of baskets for the Food Truck Festival raffle are needed. Please contact Michaelene at (570) 209-2026 if you can donate a gift basket to help with this project. Baskets should be delivered no later than Friday, October 15th.

BAKE SALE: St. Cyril's will have a stand offering home-baked items for sale. Any items donated will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Theresa Schlacta (570) 575-4902 or Jule Harris (570) 357-6171 if you can bake something. Items should be delivered to the Church Hall on Friday, October 15th, between 4:30 and 7:00. (Please note that "Ginger's Pies" will be a vendor. Baking a pie is not recommended.)

WHITE CANE DAYS

One of the Olyphant Lions Club's main means of raising funds to support Community projects is the "White Cane Days." The Lions solicit funds at various community sites. The Oly-

phant Lions Club will be conducting this activity at our Parish on the weekend of Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd. Thank you for your continued support.

PASTA DINNER

The Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on North St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual Pasta Dinner, Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Penne with meatballs, salad, bread, dessert will be available in the

hall for Takeout or Curbside. 4pm to 6 pm. Adults are \$9.00 and children age 5-11 are \$4.00. Tickets at the door or Call ahead/email to preorder for takeout or curbside 570-343-6092, melkite.scranton@gmail.com. See us on facebook or melkitescranton.org.

St. Cyrils Post Rummage Sale Organization

On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. volunteers are asked to gather to re-organize the garage and St. Cyrils school gym. e are all grateful to everyone for their support of this CHURCH EVENT (volunteering, donations: merchandise and money, buying raffle tickets at St. Cyrils Rummage Sale.)

Special Note: an envelope was given to one of our parishioners on Sunday, and requested it is given to "St. Cyrils Rummage Sale". Inside was a letter stating they were undercharged and enclosed \$220.00 in cash. We know the Nintendo Magazines were "missing" in the 1st hours of being open on Friday. This has undoubtedly restored our faith in human kindness.

One of our parishioner's extended family drove up from Wild Crest, New Jersey to attend St. Cyrils Rummage Sale. That is truly great support and they even lent a helping hand for a few last-minute details for the St. Cyirls Church Event

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2022 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 24 & 25 2022: \$

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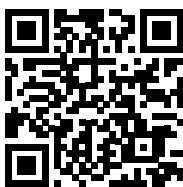
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Loving Our Enemies

Those who close their eyes to the demands of love fall asleep in the desire for worldly pleasures. Therefore, be watchful. Eating, drinking, carousing, gambling, and hunting are pleasures, but evils of every kind follow in the wake of these vanities. No one can deny that they are enjoyable, but love of God's law must come first, for to love God means to keep His commandments. Which commandments? You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and you must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

My brothers and sisters, to widen our hearts, we need not depend upon ourselves. Ask God to help you love one another – to love everyone without exception, not just your friends, but enemies as well; not because they are your brothers and sisters in Christ, but so that they may be. Pray that you may

always have a warm, fraternal love for other people, both for those who have become your brothers and sisters, and for your enemies, that they may become such. Whenever you love brothers or sisters you love friends, for they are already with you, joined to you in faith unity. If they live virtuously you love them as people who have been changed from enemies into brothers and sisters. But suppose you love people who do not yet believe in Christ, or if they do, yet believe as the devil believes – they believe in Christ, but still do not love him. You must love just the same, you must love even people like that, you must love them as brothers and sisters. They are not such yet, but you must love them so that they may become such through your kindness. All our love, then, must be fraternal.

Saint Caesarius of Arles