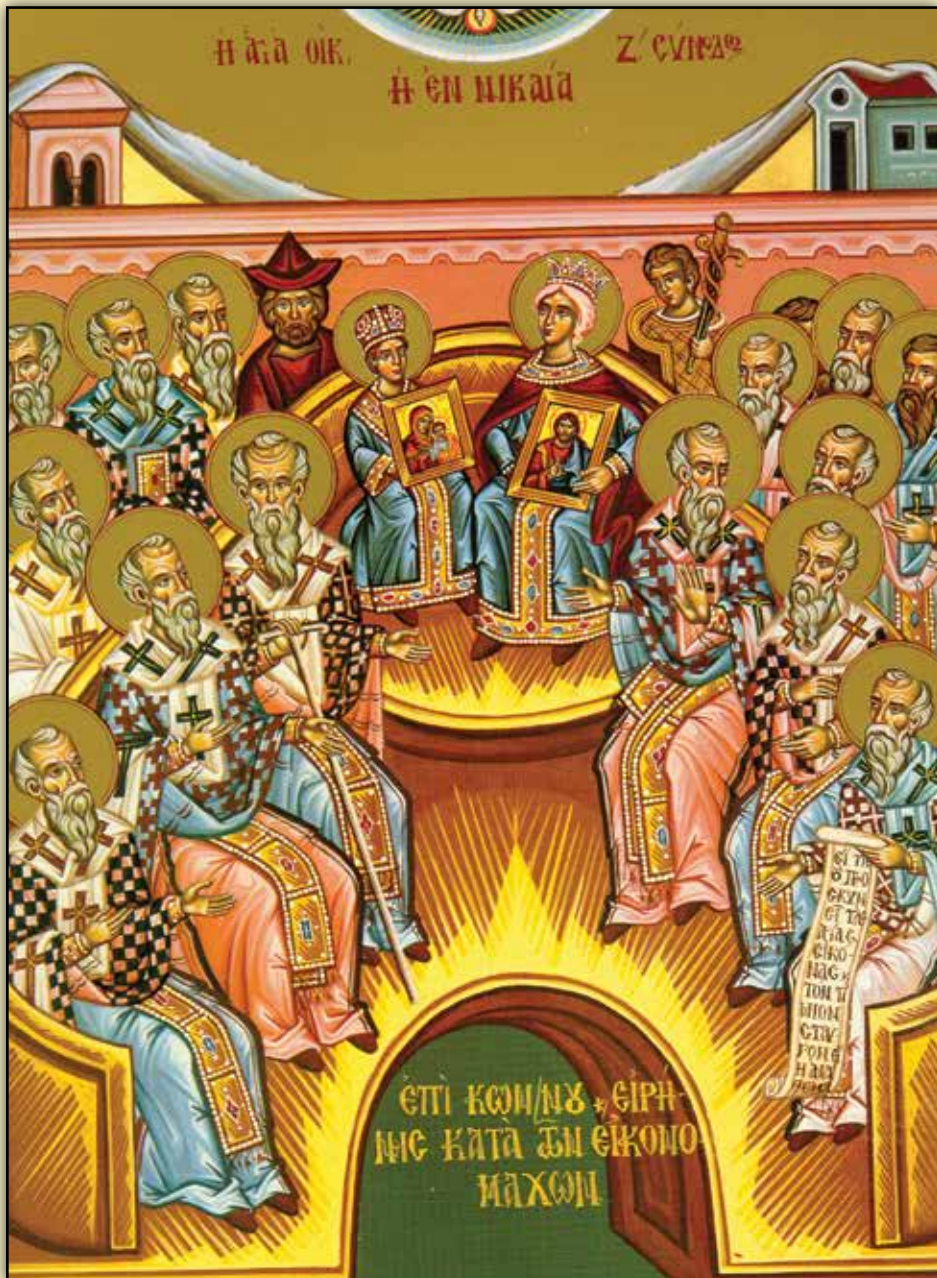


SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Oct. 16, 2022: Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Council		
Epistle: Heb. 13: 7-16		Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-13
Mon., Oct. 17	10:00	Funeral: + Marlene Nestor
Tues., Oct. 18	10:00	Funeral: + Daniel Novitsky
Wed., Oct. 19	9:00	+ Andrew, Pauline & Andy Fedorchak (Daughter, Rosemary & Grandson, Tom)
Thurs., Oct. 20	9:00	+ Mary Evanina (Howard Smith)
Fri., Oct. 21	No Divine Liturgy Today	
Sat., Oct. 22	No Morning Divine Liturgy. 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., Oct. 23	10:30	+ Evelyn Yeck (Bob & Joan Yeck & Grandchildren)

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Today is a commemoration of an historical event — which, to allay all critics — is not found “in the Bible” — because it observes the fact which happened after the written part of our Tradition was closed to further addition. The living Tradition of the Church is that experienced by those people who follow the norms of Scripture and are thus sanctified by these writings, and give witness to ways of interpreting them for their lives — and a proof of the invaluable worth of the Scripture. Such is the case of celebrating the Sunday of the Fathers

of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. During the early development of the codification of the Christian Doctrine and clarification of the elements of the Truth to be found — sometimes hidden — in the Sacred scripture, there were at times people who would profess ideas which were not in conformity with what was and is written. The Fathers of the Seventh Council who battled the heretical thought are honored in the Liturgy in the Tropar while the Kondak of the feast proclaims the Truth over which they so valiantly — even physically — fought.

WHAT IS THE JESUS PRAYER?

The Jesus Prayer is a short mental prayer or chant used repetitively to help one “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), to focus one’s thoughts on Jesus, to tap into divine power, or (in Hesychasm) to attain union with God. The Jesus Prayer - “*O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner,*” is particularly popular in Eastern Orthodoxy, although Catholics use it, too. It is believed that this prayer was first used by the ascetic or hermit monks of the Egyptian desert in the fifth century A.D. Saint Paul urges us to “pray without ceasing,” and this prayer is one of the best ways

to start doing so. It takes only a few minutes to memorize, after which you can recite it whenever you remember to do so. According to Christian belief, if you fill the empty moments of your day with the holy name of Jesus, you will keep your thoughts focused on God and grow in His grace. The “Jesus Prayer” is mirrored in a prayer offered by a tax collector in the temple in a parable that Jesus tells about the Publican (tax collector) and the Pharisee (religious scholar) in Luke 18:9-14: The tax collector said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” This sounds resoundingly close to the “Jesus Prayer.”

ABOUT THE THREE-BARRED CROSS

The Three-barred Cross is common to most Slavic lands. The smaller upper bar represents the sign placed above the Lord’s head, which read, “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”. The slanted lower bar reflects the fate of the thieves crucified on either side of the

Lord: one side pointing up to Paradise, the other downward to Hades. On either side of the Cross are often images of the spear used to pierce the Lord’s side, and the pole with the sponge used to give Him sour wine to drink.

Be Happy With What You Have

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, remember the homeless family without beds to sleep in. Should you find yourself frustrated, stuck in traffic, don’t despair. There are people

in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship

gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day seven days a week to feed her children. Should your car break down, leaving you miles from any assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take a walk. Should you notice a few gray hairs in the mirror, think of the can-

cer patient undergoing chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking “what is my purpose”, be thankful. There are those who didn’t live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people’s bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember the souls of the following Parishioner who recently fell asleep in the Lord:

+ **Morris Kashuba** passed away on Saturday, October 8th. + Morris was buried from St. Cyril’s on Friday, October 14th.

+ **Marlene Nestor** passed away

Monday, October 10th. + Marlene’s Funeral will take place on Monday, October 17th.

+ **Daniel Novitsky** passed away on Saturday, October 8th. + Daniel’s Funeral will take place on Tuesday, October 18th.

May their memory be eternal!
Vichnaya Pamyat.

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 every-

one, 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.

HALLOWEEN FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Our last of the year Food Truck Festival fundraiser is this weekend, Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th. It has a Halloween theme, with new games for kids of all ages, a Hal-

loween photo backdrop with props for picture taking, eight food trucks, eight food/drink vendors, nine crafters, basket raffle, entertainment, etc.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the United Nations Association will hold its 2022 United Nations Day Celebration on Thursday, October 20th at the St. Mary's Center in downtown Scranton.

The celebration will begin at 9AM with a breakfast. We hope to include a musical tribute to the courageous people of Ukraine. Our audience will consist of community leaders and students from across Northeastern Pennsylvania. Several students from Ukraine will be in attendance as well as students from other war-torn countries throughout the world.

The theme of 2022 United Nations Day is "Nourishing Peace" to show solidarity with nations devastated by war and violence. The guest speaker will be Michael Fairbanks, an international development specialist and Uni-

versity of Scranton alumnus, who has worked in Rwanda, El Salvador, Cuba, Serbia and other countries, helping to rebuild their economies and civic institutions destroyed by war and genocide.

Today, as our divided world is consumed by conflict, the theme of "Nourishing Peace" is more important than ever. One of the major goals of the UN Celebration is to encourage a dialogue of peace in our community. Students from area high schools and colleges will be made aware of how service to their local community positively impacts their global community.

The people of Northeastern Pennsylvania and all over the world are inspired by the courage and resilience of the people of Ukraine. While it is crucial that young people understand the cruelty and destruction of war, it is

even more important that they realize the power of humanity in the midst of such horror.

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.

AUTUMN HARVEST TAKE-OUT DINNER

Autumn Harvest Take-Out Dinner – Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church of Scranton, Sunday, October 23 featuring roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetable, dinner roll with butter, dessert and bottled water. \$15.00 by advance or-

der only. Pickup between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Parish Center 428 North Seventh Avenue. Basket raffles and 50/50 drawing available. To place order: phone 570 504-1514 no later than Tuesday October 18.

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.

HALLOWEEN AND PAY IT FORWARD! CLOTHES AND FOOD DRIVE AT ST. CYRILS CHURCH 2022

St. Cyril Church, Olyphant donated Halloween items to The United Neighborhood, Olive Street, Scranton,

PA. from their recent Rummage Sale. "Paying it forward" St. Cyrils Church will re-introduce its Clothing Drive on

October 19, October 22, and October 23, 2022. (It was canceled due to the Pandemic). Clothes and accessories for all seasons: Men, ladies, children, and baby clothes will be accepted and delivered to United Neighborhood in Scranton.

Also at this time, non-perishable foods will be accepted. For St. Cyril's Food Drive, items can be dropped off at St. Cyrils School gym, at the same time as dropping off clothing. Father Nestor, suggested the food will be delivered to our back door neighbor, at "Restore and Rescue" Church on Willow Street, Olyphant to Pastor Jack Munley.

Items will be accepted at St. Cyril's School Gym, 133 River Street, Olyphant (Side door, no steps, or behind the Rectory at the school gym/kitchen doors). Wednesday, October 19, from 6:00 p.m until 7.00 p.m. then on October 22, Saturday, before, during, and after the 4:00 p.m Divine Liturgy (3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and

Sunday, October 23, 2022, Before, during and after the 10:30 a.m Divine Liturgy. (10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.) ALL parishioners can participate and donate clothes or non-perishable food for this community Church event.

Clothes can be left on hangers or bagged or boxed. Clothes must be CLEAN and wearable. Do not donate old musty clothes, torn, or smelly. items. Give clothes as if you would wear them yourself, right off the rack! This is not a dump site for bags of garbage clothes.

For any questions contact Lauren Telep cell (646)-241-9443 or Father Nestor, 570-291-4451 Clothes will be delivered on Monday, October 24th to the United Neighborhood Center, Scranton. Volunteers will be needed!!!! to move the merchandise from St. Cyrils School Gym to the cars. We will fill any cars/trucks that are available to drive to Scranton at approximately 11:00 a.m. for this community 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 Oct. 8 & 9, 2022: \$

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A Word of Warning

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy expectations, but failed to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not follow along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of its

perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolved to undertake some good work, but soon as difficulties begin to arise and hinder them, they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heaven burden of afflictions.

Saint Gregory the Great