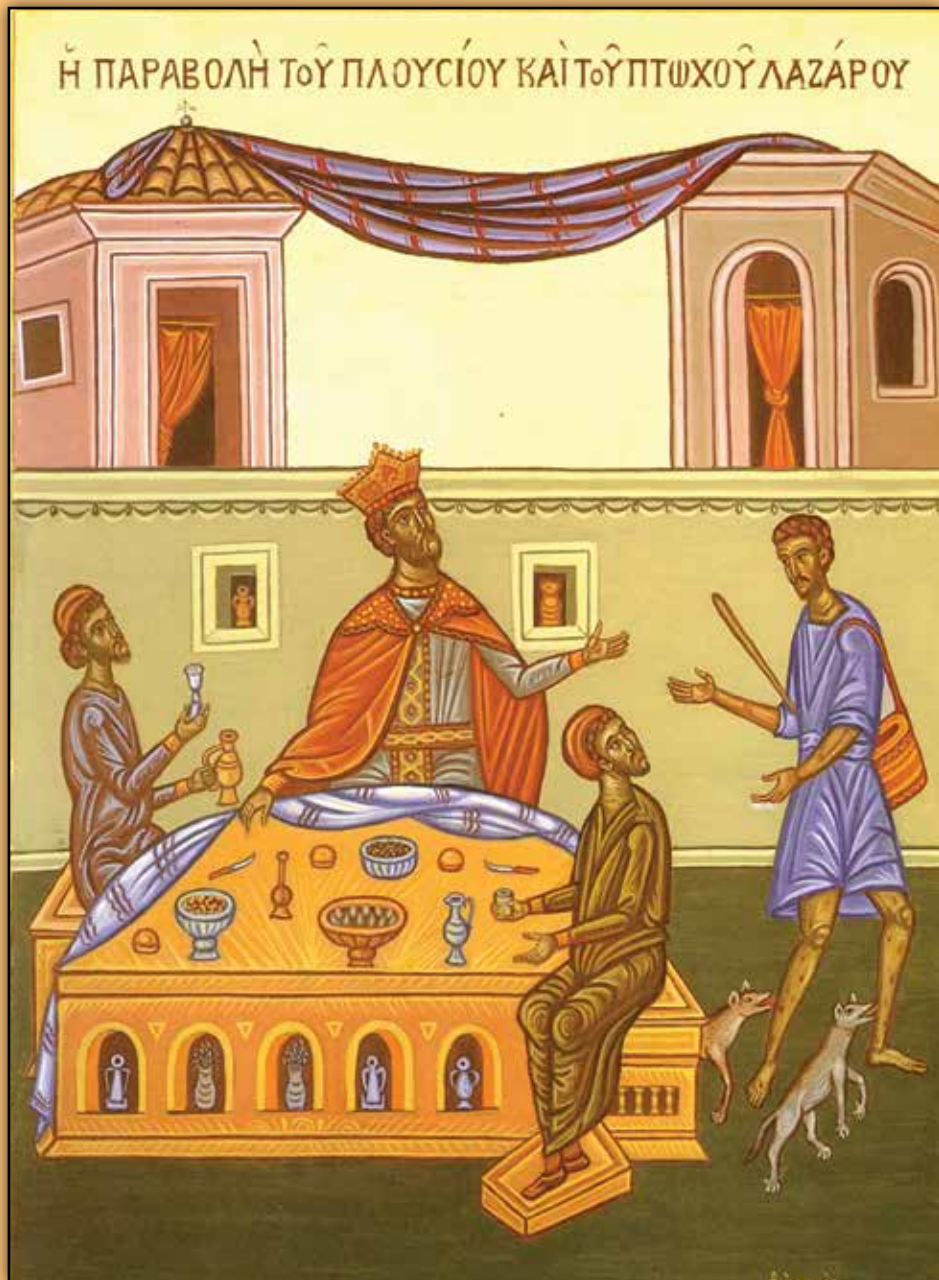


## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus*

<b>October 23, 2022: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: Gal. 1: 11-19		Gospel: Lk. 16: 19-31
<b>Mon., Oct. 24</b>	9:00	+ Paul Homick (Frederick & Tyna Beerse)
<b>Tues., Oct. 25</b>	9:00	+ Mary Abrahamsson (Lauren, John & Duane Telep)
<b>Wed., Oct. 26</b>	9:00	+ Demetrius Tehensky (Chezik Family)
<b>Thurs., Oct. 27</b>	9:00	+ Joe Berta (David & Sandra Janesky)
<b>Fri., Oct. 28</b>	9:00	+ Souls in Purgatory (Joseph Nasevich Family)
<b>Sat., Oct. 29</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy.</b> 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
<b>Sun., Oct. 30</b>	10:30	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

## MY SINCEREST THANKS

*Thank  
you*



My sincerest thanks and gratitude goes out to everyone who remem-

bered me on my birthday last Sunday. I especially appreciated all the well wishes, the birthday cards, the Birthday Cake at the Food Truck Festival and the gifts. It is greatly appreciated. I will continue to remember all of you in my prayers, and I ask for your continued prayers too. May God bless all of you!

## IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

How well do we remember the instruction our Sunday School teach-

ers gave us? After you receive Holy Communion, go back to your place.

Stand, say prayers of thanks to Jesus for the great gift you have received. Times have changed and, unfortunately, so have the traditions. Now almost everyone in the church, prepared and unprepared, fasting and nonfasting, go up for communion almost every Sunday. Following the reception of the Holy Gifts many go back to their places and plop down in the pew. Those who have not received are not standing as previously in the presence of the Eucharist – they are sitting relaxed or whispering with someone near them. What is indeed sinful is conversation with someone while in line to receive

Communion. If you have fallen into this habit, break it now for St. Paul warns that you will be judged for this. A reminder – it is proper – the teaching has not changed to stand with respect once the priest comes out of with the Holy Gifts and until he returns with them to the altar. Whether you commune or not, you should pray or meditate. Bring your prayer book to church, use the pew book provided. What can be said about those who leave the church immediately following the reception of the Very Body and Blood of Christ without giving a word of thanks?

## JESUS IS ALL MERCY

When we take up our cross, we discover that it is freeing, that the yoke is easy and the burden light, just as Jesus promises. Isn't this what Jesus meant when, on the night of his passion, he offered his great Priestly Prayer to our heavenly Father: "...so they may share my joy completely." (John 17:13)

Pope Francis must have had this prayer in mind when he wrote his book, *The Joy of Discipleship*. Jesus is all mercy, all love, Francis writes. In his eyes, each of us is the little lost lamb, the mislaid coin, the child who

squanders an inheritance on illusions of happiness.

The Pope writes that God does not forget us, never abandons us. He is a patient father, always waiting for us. He respects our freedom, but he remains faithful forever. When we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases to wait for us with love. And his heart rejoices over every child who trusts in his divine mercy and returns to him and asks his forgiveness.

Our prayer today: *Jesus, I pray for the courage and faith to take up my*

*cross daily and taste its freeing sweetness for myself.*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The churchgoer who never misses Sunday liturgy may spend as much as 78 hours per year in corporate prayer to God. Sound like a lot? An average American spends more than 2,900 hours per year in front of some kind of screen. So for every hour we spend

praying with God's people and getting to know Him better, we spend more than 37 communing with rectangles with moving pictures. It's no wonder that we know far more about politics, sports, fashion, soap operas and science fiction than we do about God.

## MAKING YOURSELF AVAILABLE

A man was going up to bed, when his wife told him he'd left the light on in the garden shed – she could see it from the bedroom window. But he said that he hadn't been in the shed that day. He looked, and there were men in the shed, stealing things. He rang the police, but they told him that no one was in his area, so no one was available to catch the thieves. He said OK, hung up, counted to 30 and rang the police again. "Hello. I just rang you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now, I've just shot them all."

Within five minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an Armed Response unit, the works.

Of course, they caught the burglars

redhanded. One of the policemen said to this man: "I thought you said you'd shot them!" He replied, "I thought you said there was no one available!"

The same thing happens frequently in our life. Someone asks us to do something and we respond, "I don't have the time." Often, what we mean by that is, "I don't regard this as important enough."

The truth is, we find (or make) the time to do whatever we regard to be important. Someone has said you can tell a person's priorities by looking at his checkbook. There is a great deal of validity to that. We are willing to spend money on the things we think are important. But perhaps a greater indicator of our priorities would be our planning books – a record of how

our time is spent. For all of us, choices must be made. We don't have time to do everything, so we must choose those things which are of greatest importance to us. Just be careful that your choices are those things which are also most important to God.

The greatest men and women in the Bible were not those with the greatest resources or talents, but they were men

and women who made themselves available to be used by God whenever He called. May God never hear us say, "Sorry God, but I'm not available!" "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Ephesians 5:15-17).

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## **TRICK OR TREAT IN OLYPHANT**

“Trick or Treat” is sponsored by The Olyphant volunteer firemen of Hose Co #2/Ladder #26. On Halloween, October 31, 2022, Monday, the Firehouse located at 590 Burke-by-pass in Olyphant, PA will be handing out

candy, hot dogs, and hot chocolate to all kids in costumes. This event starts at 5:00 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m. All kids are welcome to come, open to the public.

## **ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER**

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Pick-ups will be from 12:00 (noon) to 4:00 pm. The event will feature our traditional tur-

key dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry.”

## **FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE AT ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY EVENT 2022**

**“Paying it forward” St. Cyrils Church will re-introduce its Clothing and Food Drive on October 22, and October 23, 2022. (It was canceled due to the Pandemic).** We are accepting all clothes and accessories

for all seasons: Men, ladies, children, and baby clothes will be accepted and delivered to United Neighborhood in Scranton.

**St. Cyril's Clothing Drive:**  
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 unwearable clothes.**

**St. Cyril's Food Drive**, non-perishable food items can be dropped off at St. Cyril's School gym. Father Nestor, suggested the food will be donated to our back door neighbor at "Rescue and Restore" Church on Willow Street, Olyphant to Pastor Jack Munley. If every parishioner donated a few items, (non-perishable food) it would help so many individuals and so greatly appreciated by Pastor Munley.

**Food and clothing 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) 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.)** Volunteers can help out by accepting items during these times.

**Last Minute drop-offs are accepted on Monday, October 24,** from 10:00 a.m to 10:45 a.m. All Parishioners can donate food and or clothing for St. Cyrils Community Event, as we "Pay it Forward."

For any questions contact Lauren Telep at (646)-241-9443. Clothes will be delivered on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to the United Neighborhood Center, Scranton. Volunteers will be needed to move the merchandise from St. Cyril's 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. 15 & 16, 2022: \$**



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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### ***Adorn the Church but Do Not Neglect the Poor***

Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not neglect him when he is naked. Do not honor him here inside with silken robes but neglect him outside as he is perishing of cold and nakedness.

The one who said, "This is my body," and established the fact by his word, is also the one who said, "You saw me hungry and did not give me to eat," and "As much as you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do to me." The body of Christ in the Eucharist has no need of garments but of a pure soul; the body of Christ outside needs much care.

Let us learn how to become wise and to honor Christ as he wishes. Thus, render him the very honor which he himself prescribed by spending your wealth on the poor. God has no need of golden vessels but of golden souls.

Now in saying this, I am not hindering you from making such votive offerings as these. I am insisting that, along with these and before these, you give alms. He accepts the former but is much more pleased with the latter. Do not decorate this house and neglect your suffering brother. He is more truly a temple than this building.

*From a Homily of St. John Chrysostom*