

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



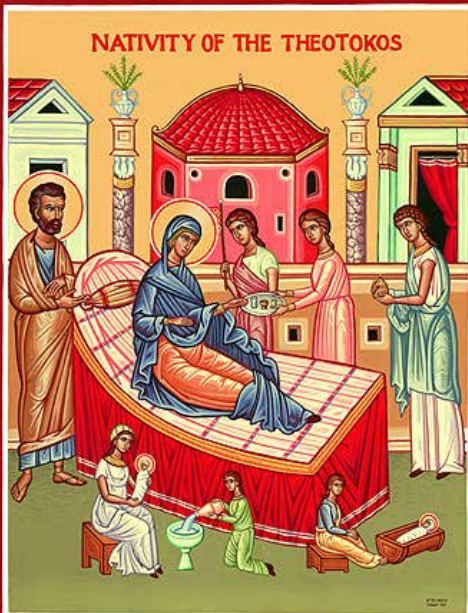
Icon of the Tenants Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)

September 4, 2022: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16: 13-24

Gospel: Mt. 21: 33-42

Mon., Sept. 5	9:00	+ Howard & Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
Tues., Sept. 6	9:00	+ Helen & Andrew Kollar (Family)
Wed., Sept. 7	9:00	+ Paul Homick (Mary Ann Spryn)
Thurs., Sept. 8	Nativity of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)	
	9:00	+ Fred Jacobs (Family)
Fri., Sept. 9	9:00	+ Richard H. Arnold (Duane Sprovach)
Sat., Sept. 10	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., Sept. 11	10:30	+ Victims of Terrorism



THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY Background

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in

this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos presents to us the central figures of Saints Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents. Anna is surrounded by attendants who have assisted with the birth.

The icon directs attention to Mary as the central figure in this feast. It also acknowledges the joy that was felt by Joachim and Anna as new parents with a child received through a promise from God. The liturgical texts of the feast acknowledge this joy and confirm the special role of Mary as the Mother of the Incarnate God, Jesus Christ. In this event, another step is made in sacred history in preparation for the entrance of Christ into the world.

The icon and the feast also acknowledge a transition from barrenness to life. This was but another foreshadowing of what would be offered through Christ, the transformation from death to eternal life.

TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC GREETING

Ukrainian Catholics have a great tradition of greetings in our Church. Our greetings and responses all revolve around the liturgical calendar

and can be used to greet friends, family, and strangers! Sometimes, we all forget which greeting to use so here's a general list to guide you:

For During the Year

Greeting: *“Glory be to Jesus Christ!”*

G: *“Slava Isusu Khrystu!”*

Response: *“Glory be forever!”*

R: *“Slava na viky!”*

During the Divine Liturgy

G: *“Christ is among us!”*

G: *“Khrystos posered nas!”*

R: *“He is and always will be!”*

R: *“Ye, i bude!”*

During the Easter Season (From Easter Sunday to Ascension)

G: *“Christ is Risen!”*

G: *“Khrystos Voskres!”*

R: *“Indeed, He is Risen!”*

R: *“Voistynu Voskres!”*

During the Christmas Season (December 25 to February 1)

G: *“Christ is Born!”*

G: *“Khrystos Razhdayet’sya!”*

R: *“Glorify Him!”*

R: *“Slavite Yoho!”*

THE LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us! My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, really friendly. So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what

I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage (frustration, anger, and disappointment, etc.). As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they’ll dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take

over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right &

pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

WORDS OF WISDOM

God is a good worker, but he loves to be helped. *Basque proverb.*

Give me the courage not to give up what I think is right, even though I think it is hopeless. *Admiral Chester Nimitz.*

You cannot always have happiness, but you can always give happiness. *Unknown*

The Lord's Prayer may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learned by the heart. *F.D. Maurice*

The future starts today, not tomorrow. *St. John Paul the Great*

To change and to improve are two different things. *Raymond Carver, author*

Jesus came not to eradicate suffering, but to fill it with his presence.

Paul Claudel

Experience is not what happens to you, it is what you do with what happens to you. *Aldous Huxley, author*

Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, only with what you are expecting to give, which is everything. *Katherine Hepburn, actress*

Sorrow can take care of itself, but to get the true benefit of joy, one must share it. *Mark Twain, author*

Today is very fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them. *St. Mother Teresa*

Sin is not for hurtful because it is forbidden, but is forbidden because it is hurtful. *Benjamin Franklin*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Religious Education for the school year 2022/23 will begin on 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.

Grades 1 and 2 will take place in the rectory basement. Grade 1 will begin at 10:30 am and dismiss at 11:30 am. Grade 2 will begin at 9:00 am and dismiss at 10:00 am. All children already registered in our program are

expected to return.

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.

SCHEDULING DIVINE LITURGIES FOR 2023

Recently we have received some requests to schedule certain Divine Liturgies in 2023. **We have not yet received the Calendar Scheduling Book for 2023**, and therefore, we do not yet have anywhere to schedule

them. As soon as the book arrives, notice will be made in the Church Bulletin. **Please wait until then to submit your requests for 2023.** Thank you for your understanding.

FALL PYSANKY EGG WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 17 / 2:00 P.M. / Carbondale Public Library

As part of the Pysanky Egg Series, Tammy Budnovitch will teach participants how to create a Fall-themed Ukrainian pysanky egg at the Library. The workshop is limited to 10 participants. Registration is \$30 per person,

and is required to attend.

For more information, contact the Library at 570-282-4281.

This is not the workshop that is held in our Parish Hall. It is a different workshop sponsored by a different organization and at a different location.

VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S FAMILY FUN DAY

The Valley Community Library will be holding its inaugural Family Fun Day event on September 18, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be food, face painting, games, and more! Rob the Juggler will have a special performance at 4:00 P.M., along with music by DJ Donna Diva.

Tickets for this event are on sale now at the Library or online through Eventbrite. Prices are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door, with kids 2 & under free. Follow our event page on Facebook for ongoing updates on the event. For more information, please call the Library at 570-489-1765.

The Valley Community Library, which is a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in Archbald, Blakely, Dick-

son City, Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

The annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Mary, Mother of God, Our Protectress, Protect Ukraine." The Divine 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.

FROM THE CHANCERY: SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, PA.

Please join Metropolitan Borys Gudziak for this fundraising event as the Archeparchy continues to serve its faithful and support humanitarian

efforts in Ukraine.

More information will be available soon. A portion of the proceeds of this event will be given to His Beatitude Sviatoslav for his highest priorities in the Church.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2022 is

Team #4: Ron Barkofsky and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for Aug. 27 & 28, 2022: \$

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He Who is not With Me is Against Me

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like

the prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.