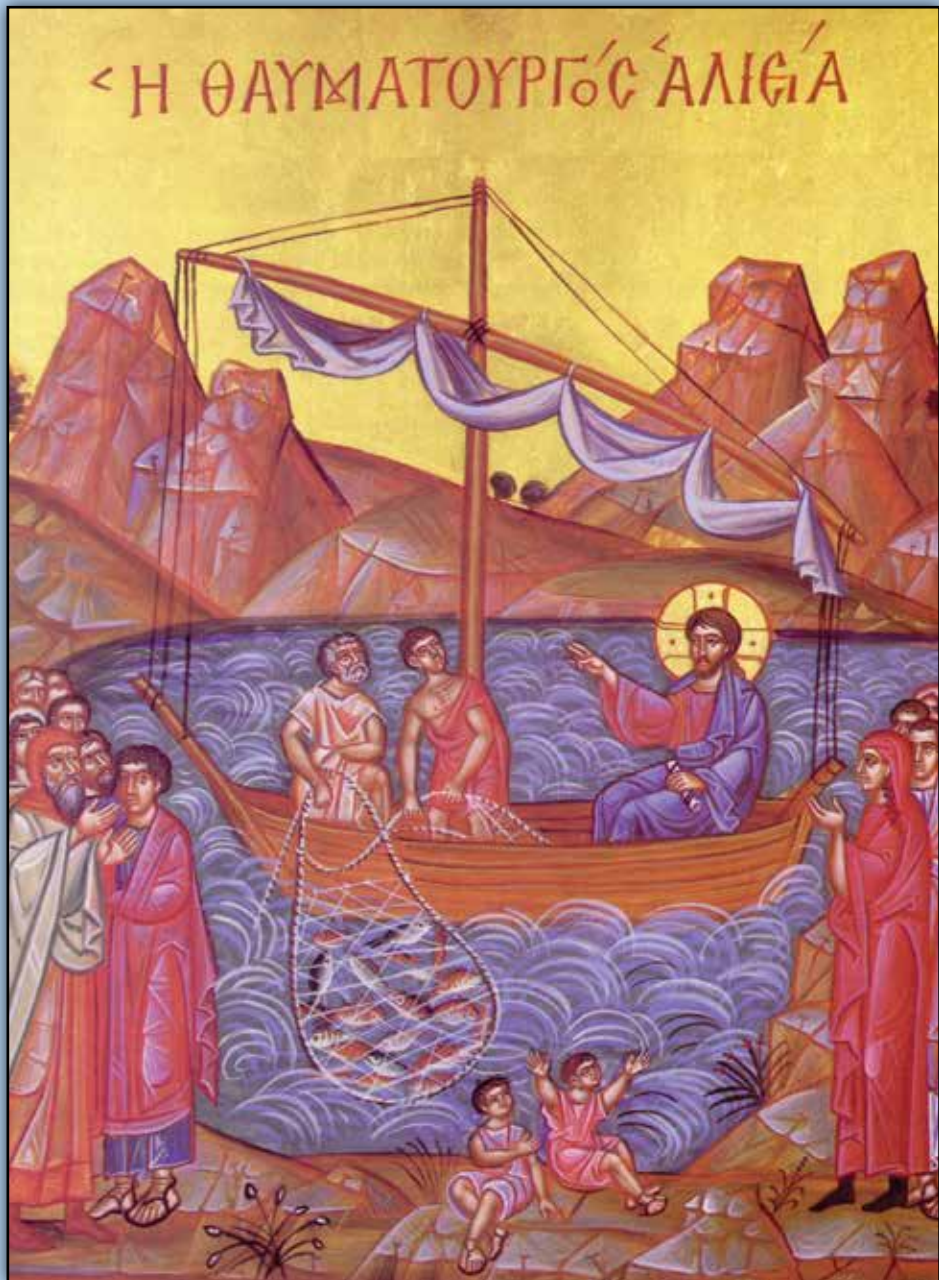


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



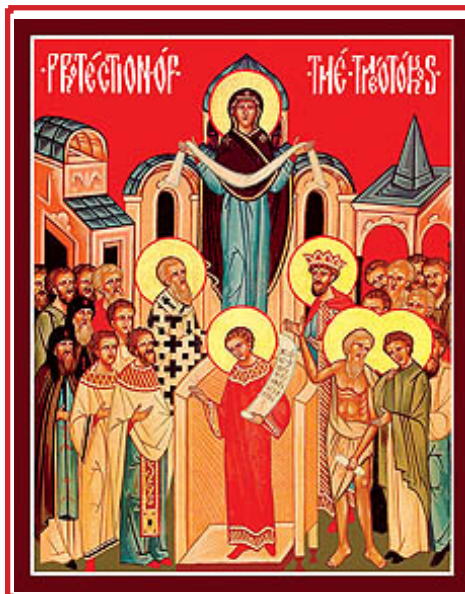
Icon of the Great Catch of Fish

September 25, 2022: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6: 1-10

Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11

Mon., Sept. 26	9:00	Special Intention of Andy Wisniewski (Rosemarie Sember)
Tues., Sept. 27	9:00	+ Emmett & Zenia Hooper (Family)
Wed., Sept. 28	9:00	+ Paul Homick (Helen Ann Pronko)
Thurs., Sept. 29	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Michael Roberts (Rosemarie Sember)
Fri., Sept. 30	9:00	+ Joe Berta (Paul & Melanie Mohila)
Sat., Oct. 1	Protection of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Souls in Purgatory 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Husband, John)	
Sun., Oct. 2	10:30	For Our Parishioners



PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church, is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. It is recorded in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius were in church for services when they saw the Mother of God approach the altar, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

She knelt and prayed with tears in her eyes. Then she took the veil she was wearing and extended it over her arms as a sign of protection. There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but al-

ways with Christ. Today, with her veil (omophor) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers of need and to take them to the Throne of God. We pray: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady, Virgin.

WHY DOES THE WEST USE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHEREAS THE EAST USE LEAVENED? WHAT CAME FIRST?

It should be emphasized that both methods are correct. Unleavened bread was used in the Old Testament during the Passover meal. The tradition of using leavened bread, risen bread, symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus.

In 1439, at a council of Florence, the church fathers confirmed that both traditions were correct and the churches adhered to their traditions.

Church historians say that church-

es in the East and West both used leavened bread until the seventh century. In 1054, when a great schism arose, the Western Church accepted only unleavened bread.

After the Second Vatican Council in some European countries in Roman Catholic Churches, some priests served Mass for youth and used leavened bread.

-- Fr. Mihajlo Planchak

STAY FOCUSED

A lady went to the Pastor and said ... "I won't be attending Church anymore."

He said, "May I ask why?"

She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain't living right, they are all just hypocrites."

The Pastor got silent and he said, "Ok... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"

She said, "What's that?"

He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the Church 2 times and don't let any water fall out the glass."

She said, "Yes I can do that."

She came back and said "It's done."

He asked her 3 questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?

2. Did you see anybody gossiping?

3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God, so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me.' He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on God."

DOCTOR'S SERVICE!

A doctor quickly entered the hospital after being called in for an urgent surgery. He changed his clothes and went directly to the surgery block. He saw the boy's father walking back and forth in the hall waiting for the doctor.

Once seeing the doctor, the dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have the sense of responsibility?"

The doctor smiled and said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital and I came the fastest I could... now, I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work."

"Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what will you do?" said the father angrily.

The doctor smiled again and replied: "I will say what is said in the

Holy Bible 'From dust we came and to dust we return, blessed be the name of God.' Doctors cannot prolong lives. Go and intercede for your son, we will do our best by God's grace."

"Giving advice when we're not concerned is so easy" murmured the father.

The surgery took some hours after which the doctor went out happy, "Thank God! Your son is saved!"

And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any question, ask the nurse."

"Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state?" commented the father when seeing the nurse minutes after the doctor left.

The nurse answered: "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was in

the burial when we called him for your son's surgery."

HOLY HUMOR

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and the substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make

the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up!"

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE

Bishop Joseph Bambera invites everyone to a Prayer Service for Ukraine. The service will take place on Sunday,

September 25th at 2:30 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire an end to the violent confrontation and killing in Ukraine. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles, and religious liberty to their troubled land.

God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen

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 dis-

miss 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.

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, Dickson 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 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.

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 sau-

erkraut 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!

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 September 2022 is Team #1:

Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 17 & 18 2022: \$

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Christ Continues to Catch People in the Nets of Preaching

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a catch. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen.

But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder

had made them mute, they beckoned to their partners, to those who shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey. For many have taken part with the holy apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

St. Cyril of Alexandria