

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th

August 13, 2023: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 9: 2-12

Gospel: Mt. 18: 23-35

Mon., Aug. 14	9:00 + Howard Smith (Son, Howard)
Tues., Aug. 15	Dormition of the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:00 For Our Parishioners
Wed., Aug. 16	9:00 + Jenny Mitchko (Leonard Mitchko)
Thurs., Aug. 17	9:00 + Matt Beckage (Howard Smith)
Fri. Aug. 18	9:00 + Marlene Nestrick (Mary Ann Spryn)
Sat., Aug. 19	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Robert Harris (Wife, Jule)
Sun., Aug. 20	10:30 For Our Parishioners

POST-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Antiphon 1

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendour; You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

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Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain. Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh, and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.*
We will walk in the light of Your face, O Lord,* and rejoice in Your name
forever.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION

It should be no surprise that one of the most prominent icons found within the Church depicts the Theotokos with the Christ child, that is, serving as the bridge that brings the Divine into the world. As such a bridge, she holds a place of honor in both the Church and in our hearts. And, it is on the fifteenth of August that we commemorate her falling asleep in the Lord. This occasion is a solemn time for Eastern Christians. In fact, in preparation for the Dormition of the Theotokos, we

fast from certain foods (meats and dairy products) and we offer prayers for her intercessions throughout the first fourteen days of August. It is a time of personal reflection and a time for us to offer thanksgiving that we have as an intercessor the one with the Motherly favor! Extra biblical sources (information not of the Bible) suggest the Theotokos was a tireless servant of Christ. Throughout her life, she served the Lord with commitment, with love, and with faith; modeling the virtues

that each is called to possess. Her words and her actions, that is, her life, taught the early Christians of Jerusalem much. The Theotokos continues to serve her son by offering Him prayers

on behalf of humanity. Similarly, she continues to teach the faithful much, who look to her virtuous example as a model for their own lives. As such, she is the Mother of all His Creation!

RELIGIOUS Q & A

QUESTION: Do I really have to go to Church and celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Sunday?

ANSWER: “Remember the Sabbath”, and the Church has taught since the beginning that, at minimum, we are to fulfill this commandment by going to Church every Sunday. (Interesting fact, Sunday actually begins with sunset on Saturday evening.) On Sunday, nothing should come in the way of the worship of God, service and relaxation. For more information, see (CCC 2185) Catechism of the Catholic Church or CCC for short. We know this can be tough at times. There are many demands and opportunities that

come up on Sunday that can conflict with Sunday Liturgy. Just ask yourself, “If they were serving my favorite dessert, wouldn’t I try to get there?” or “If they were handing out free gift cards to my favorite grocery store to everyone in attendance, would I make an effort to get it?” If you would make it for that and not the Eucharist, what does that say about where God is first into your list of priorities? In addition, God desires to share with us something far greater than merely material things and possessions. He offers us His very self - present in the Holy Eucharist - His Body, Blood and Divinity. What treasure on earth could ever compare?

SCHEDULING DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

The Divine Liturgy Scheduling Book has arrived. If you wish to schedule any intentions, please do so as soon as possible. The schedule fills up very quickly.

Also, as weekends are very popular, and in order to try to accommodate

everyone, we ask that you limit your requests for weekend Liturgy intentions to no more than 4 per year. If you would like to have more Divine Liturgies, please schedule them for a week day.

OUR THANKS

We wish to thank Billy Krenitsky of **QUINN'S MARKET** for donating two cases of delicious fruit, which we blessed on the Feast of the Transfigu-

ration of our Lord. Thank you for your continued generosity. We all enjoyed the tasty fruit.

IT'S VACATION TIME... (BUT NOT FOR CHURCH BILLS)

It's that time of year again... Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and

financial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE during summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, don't forget about YOUR CHURCH! You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL TAKEOUT FOOD

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold the 3rd and last of their Why Cook Wednesday Dinners for the Summer with an a La Carte, Ukrainian Festival Food, Take-Out Dinner on Wednesday, August 16th. Order from a menu of festival foods including; holubtsi (piggies)...\$3/each, pyrohy (pierogies)...3 for \$3.00, kovbasa & kapusta (kielbasa & sauerkraut)...\$5.00/each, halushki (cabbage & noodles)...\$3.00/pint and Pagash (potato pizza)...\$2.00/

cut. Pick-Ups from 4:00 to 7:00pm in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Bake Sale items available and tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember... When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE FOLK FESTIVAL

On Sun., Aug. 27, at 12:00 PM, the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (County Line and Lower State Rds., Horsham, PA) invites you to the Ukrainian Independence Folk Festival 2023. Commencing at 1:30 PM, enjoy “A Celebration of Liberty, Bravery and Unity”, a vibrant Outdoor Summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance, Music and Song, celebrating the 32nd anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence, the Unity of her People and their Struggle for Freedom, Prosperity and Dignity. The performers -- “Voloshky” and “Carpathia” Ukrainian Dance Ensembles, violinist “Innesa”, “Ariana Lem Joy Trio”, singer “Yuliya Stupen” and “Vox Ethnika

Orchestra” -- have created a dynamic, integrated concert program for your delight. This Year’s Special Guest Performers are Ukrainian Superstar singer-songwriter “Iryna Lonchyna”, “Efsane” Crimean Tatar Ensemble and the “Ferko Mummies String Band”. Live, vibrant music by the “Vox Ethnika Orchestra” will follow the concert and play on until 8:00 PM. Ukrainian ethnic foods and baked goods, a BBQ and cool refreshments for all ages will be plentiful. Visit vendors’ mall and the Ukrainian Arts and Crafts market. Admission: \$15; Free for kids to age 14. Info: 267-664-3857; info@tryzub.org; www.tryzub.org. \$2 of each paid admission goes to Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine.

22ND ANNUAL LEBANESE-AMERICAN FOOD FEST

Dates: August 11,12,13, 2023

Time: Fri. Aug 11 4 - 9pm; Sat. Aug 12 4 - 9 pm; Sun. Aug 13 1 - 7pm

Location: St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church
130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave (off lower Jackson St)
West Scranton, PA

Brief Description: Great Lebanese Food and pastries, Local picnic food favorites, variety baskets.

For more info: Web: melkitescranton.org; Facebook.com/melkitescranton;

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for #4: Ron Barkofsky, Steve & Jeannie the month of August 2023 is Team Cucura.

Sunday Collection for August 5 & 6, 2023: \$



AUGUST 17 6:00 P.M.

Doors — 5:30 p.m., **free admission**
Mairian Chapel/ Swartz Center for Spiritual Life,
1 O'Reilly Circle, Dunmore, PA 18509

St.Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton Represents

CHARITY CONCERT BY LIUDMYLA CHYCHUK

Liudmyla Chychuk is a Ukrainian concert pianist, renowned educator and founder of «Power of Art» project that introduces Ukrainian music, literature, art, and folk traditions to audiences in Ukraine and around the world. She has been teaching at Mykola Lysenko Kyiv State Music Lyceum for twenty years. As a concert pianist, she regularly performs classical, jazz, and folk music throughout Ukraine and abroad. Since the Crimea annexation in 2014, Liudmyla has brought the power of music to help Ukrainian affected by russian invasion. She gave numerous charitable concerts helping the war victims and supporting defenders on the frontline.

The concert program:

Myroslav Skoryk (1938-2020)
«Partita № 5»

Oleksandr Saratsky (1961)
Jazz arrangement
of «Ukrainian folk songs»

Myroslav Skoryk (1938-2020)
«A melody»

Le Van Khoa (1933)
Four pieces from piano album composed
in various pentatonic scales

«The dragonfly», «Evening breeze»,
«A night in Vietnam», «Beautiful
bamboo»

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Falling Asleep, You Have Not Forsaken the World

At the time of her death, so it is believed, the Mother of God was living in the house of St. John on Mount Zion. The Twelve were preaching the Gospel in different parts of the world. But so that they might see the Virgin once again before her death, all of them except Thomas were carried miraculously on clouds to the Holy City. Besides the Twelve, the Apostle Paul, together with the bishops Dionysios the Areopagite, Hierotheos, and Timothy, were also present at her bedside. As they stood round her, the Holy Virgin commended her spirit into the keeping of her Son and God. He Himself descended from heaven and took her soul up with Him in His arms. Led by Peter, the apostles sang funeral hymns in her honor, and carried her body down to the valley of Cedron, close to Gethsemane, where she laid in a tomb specially

prepared for her. The Jews tried to interrupt the funeral procession, one of them even attempting to upset the bier. His hands were cut off by an angel, but he was subsequently healed. Thomas arrived on the third day after the burial. Since he was anxious to look for a last time on the Theotokos, the apostles opened the tomb – and found it empty.

Without insisting on the literal truth of every element in this account, Eastern tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul.

Bishop Kallistos of Diocletia

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