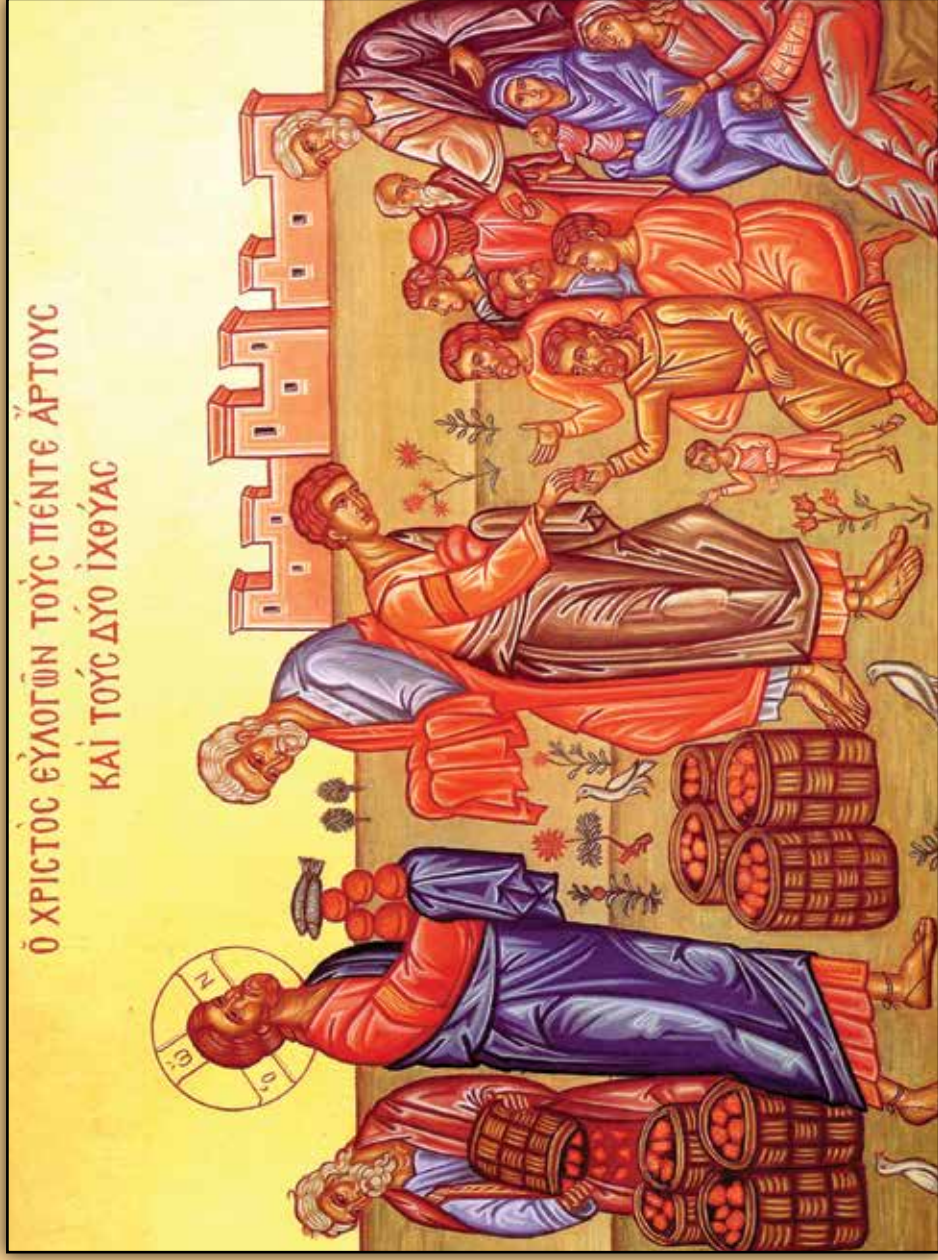


## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand*

<b>July 23, 2023: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b>		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 1: 10-18		Gospel: Mt. 14: 14-22
<b>Mon., July 24</b>	<b>No Divine Liturgy Today</b>	
<b>Tues., July 25</b>	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Dwayne (Food Truck Festival Committee)
<b>Wed., July 26</b>	9:00	+ Ona C. Yankow (Husband, Gerald Yankow)
<b>Thurs., July 27</b>	9:00	+ Roman Kushner (Marcella Gawron & Family)
<b>Fri. July 28</b>	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Gene Beggin (Dolly Daniels)
<b>Sat., July 29</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Andrew, Pauline & Andy Fedorchak (Rose Marie & Tom Drakes)
<b>Sun., July 30</b>	10:30	For Our Parishioners

## THREE PARTS OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

**1. THE PROSKOMEDIA.** It is the first part of the Liturgy, and the faithful do not participate in this rite. It is performed by the Priest before the faithful come to Church. Its name came from the custom which prevailed among the first Christians of bringing the bread and wine for the Mystery of Holy Communion, and for that reason, the bread itself is given the Greek name of "Proskhoma" which means "bringing." The PROSKOMEDIA consists of preparing the bread and wine for the

celebration of the Holy Eucharist and is done at the side Altar which is called the Table of Oblation. The PROSKOMEDIA symbolizes the Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem and reminds us that Jesus spent part of His life secretly, away from the busy world.

**2. LITURGY OF THE CATECHUMENS (TEACHING).** This is the part of the Liturgy we first see and hear which illustrates the public life of Jesus and is primarily instructive in its content.

In the early Church, the Catechumens were those being instructed in the teaching of the Christian Faith and preparing for Baptism and they could stay for this part of the service ONLY.

There are no Catechumens now - but it serves to remind us of the honor we have to take part in the entire DIVINE LITURGY and to unite us with Christ the Lord.

**3. LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL.** It is so called for during this part

of the Liturgy only the faithful may participate in it. In this part of the Divine Liturgy the Holy Eucharist if being fulfilled, the bloodless Sacrifice is offered and the faithful receive Holy Communion.

In this part of the service, with its rites, the Sufferings, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus are illustrated. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.

## LITURGICAL Q & A

**QUESTION:** Why does the priest have his back to the congregation?

**ANSWER:** Actually, he is facing to pray in the same direction as the worshipping faithful. The priest, according to our Ukrainian (Eastern) Catholic tradition, is the representative of the congregation. The sanctuary and tabernacle are the heavenly throne of God, so the priest faces God, the object of our prayers, and he speaks to God on our behalf. Also, by facing God, and have his back to the congregation, has a symbolic meaning that the priest leads his people towards God as a shepherd leads his flock to a safe place.

**QUESTION:** What is the archi-

tecture of the Eastern Catholic Church building?

**ANSWER:** There are three divisions to a traditional Christian church: narthex, nave, and sanctuary. The narthex is the entrance hall, where the faithful greet God. The nave is where the faithful gather to worship God. Nave comes from a Greek word, "naos", meaning "ship." It signifies the fact that salvation is a life-long process of becoming God-like. It is a journey towards God. The Sanctuary is the abode of God, the Holy of Holies. Hence, its name comes from the Latin "sanctus," meaning "holy." It is where the clergy offer the Bloodless Sacrifice, the Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion. It signifies Paradise or Heav-

en. It is demarcated from the nave by the iconostasis, or icon-screen, which does not separate the faithful from God, but rather, announces in holy images the presence of God. Notice that the sanctuary is higher and faces East,

the direction from which the Star of Bethlehem came announcing the Advent of the Messiah and from which the Lord will appear in Glory at the Second Coming.

## FIVE TIPS ON HOW TO ACT IN CHURCH

**1. Remember Whose house you're in!** You are in Heaven on earth! Here, we stand with faith, reverence and joy, just like we would – and hopefully will – in the eternal Heaven. Church hymns instruct us to do this also when they say: “When you stand in the temple, think that you are standing in Heaven!”

**2. Look ahead... or above... not around!** When you stand in Church, don't look to the left or right; don't look at how others are standing and praying, so that you will be blessed like the Publican and not cursed like the Pharisee who spent all his time in the Temple comparing himself to other people! You only need to watch yourself before God. Look **up**, at the icons! Look **ahead**, at the Altar, where God, who will eventually judge each of us, is present – and repeat within yourself like the publican, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

**3. Focus!** Focus your mind – and your mouth – on **God**. Pray along with the prayers. Sing along with the hymns. If you are tempted to talk to others, then open your prayer book and follow the prayers. If someone else talks to you, keep your answer brief and go back to your prayer book. Remind yourself that you can talk with other people – get your business done, and so on – after the Divine Liturgy.

**4. Remember the dead, your own death, and the living who need prayers.** While in Church, remember the dead and think of the day when you will join them – your body will go into the earth, but your soul – very much alive and aware – will go before God. Pray for the dead, ask God to have mercy on them, offer Divine Liturgies for their intention, and light candles for their souls. Thinking of your death will help you pray more sincerely and

to lead your life in a more Christ-like way. Remember also, when you are in Church, your loved ones who are alive – your parents, children, relative, friends, the poor, and the sick; light candles for their health and salvation.

**5. Don't just HEAR the Gospel... LIVE the Gospel!** When hearing the Word of God being read, sung, or preached in Church, strive to fulfill

it, and always look for ways to do so in your everyday life. Otherwise, you will be condemned for knowing what to do but not doing it. "Blessed are those who hear God's word and keep it" (Lk. 11:28). Remember, God has invested His whole Life in you by dying on the Cross... and one day, He will ask you for the return on His investment.

## VISITORS IN CHURCH

It may happen that, especially during the warm summer months, vacationers may appear in our parish. They may be from anywhere in the Archeparchy, or from across the country – even from abroad. They may even be local members of our community, wishing to simply join you in prayer – even on a long-term basis.

Whatever the circumstances, welcome them, share the unity of the Trinity with our guests! They've come to meet Christ among us. Show Him to

them – if necessary, guide them in following the pew book. Being inviting is every Christian's "job."

The impression you make on visitors will travel on with them – at home, and everywhere else they go! It may be that someone who is searching for a Church will find it by what YOU do, not what the priest says. Your welcome may be what opens the eyes, ears and heart of the searching soul to the Gospel.

## UPCOMING PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS

- July 24th, **Deacon Andrii Rubel** will be ordained at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am.
- August 15th, **Deacon Paul Spotts** will be ordained at St. Michael's Church in Frackville at 2:00 pm.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity please remember the soul of + **Nicholas Chaykosky** who fell asleep in the Lord last Monday morning. + Nicho-

las was buried from St. Cyril's. May his memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamyat!

## 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 accommo-

date 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.

## ST. CYRIL'S SUMMER RAFFLE

Our St. Cyril's Summer Raffle brought in a net profit of \$1,337.00 for the Parish. We thank the John Turko Funeral Home for sponsoring the tickets, San-

dra Berta for processing the tickets, and everyone who either bought or sold tickets. Thank you to all.

## 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.

## **VFW CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER**

The Shopa Davey VFW will hold a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday July 30, 2023, Serving 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. "Take outs" only at the VFW Post at 123 Electric Street, Peckville. Cost per ticket/dinner, \$12.00. Tickets

are available at the post, pre-dinner, and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Veterans intersted in joining the VFW can contact Commander Puhulla Sr. at 570-383-0501.

## **ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY**

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will

go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 89 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

## **22<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://melkitescranton.org); Facebook.com/melkitescranton;

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of July 2023 is Team #3: Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

**Sunday Collection for July 15 & 16, 2023: \$**

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### ***They All Ate and Were Satisfied***

Our Lord in a desert place changed a few loaves into many, and at Cana turned water into wine. Thus before the time came to give men and women His own Body and Blood to feed on, He accustomed their palates to His bread and wine, giving them a taste of transitory bread and wine to teach them to delight in His Life-giving Body and Blood. He gave them things of little value for nothing to make them understand that His supreme gift would be given yet more freely. He gave them for nothing what they could have bought from Him, what in fact they wanted to buy, to teach them that He asked them for no payment. When it was not permitted them to give Him the price of bread and wine, which they could have

done, they certainly could not pay Him for His Body and Blood.

Moreover, as well as giving freely He lovingly coaxed us, offering us these small things without charge to attract us and cause us to go and receive something greater and beyond all price. He awakened our desire by things pleasing to the palate in order to draw us to that which gives life to the soul. He gave a sweet taste to the wine he created to show how great is the treasure hidden in His Life-giving Blood.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

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