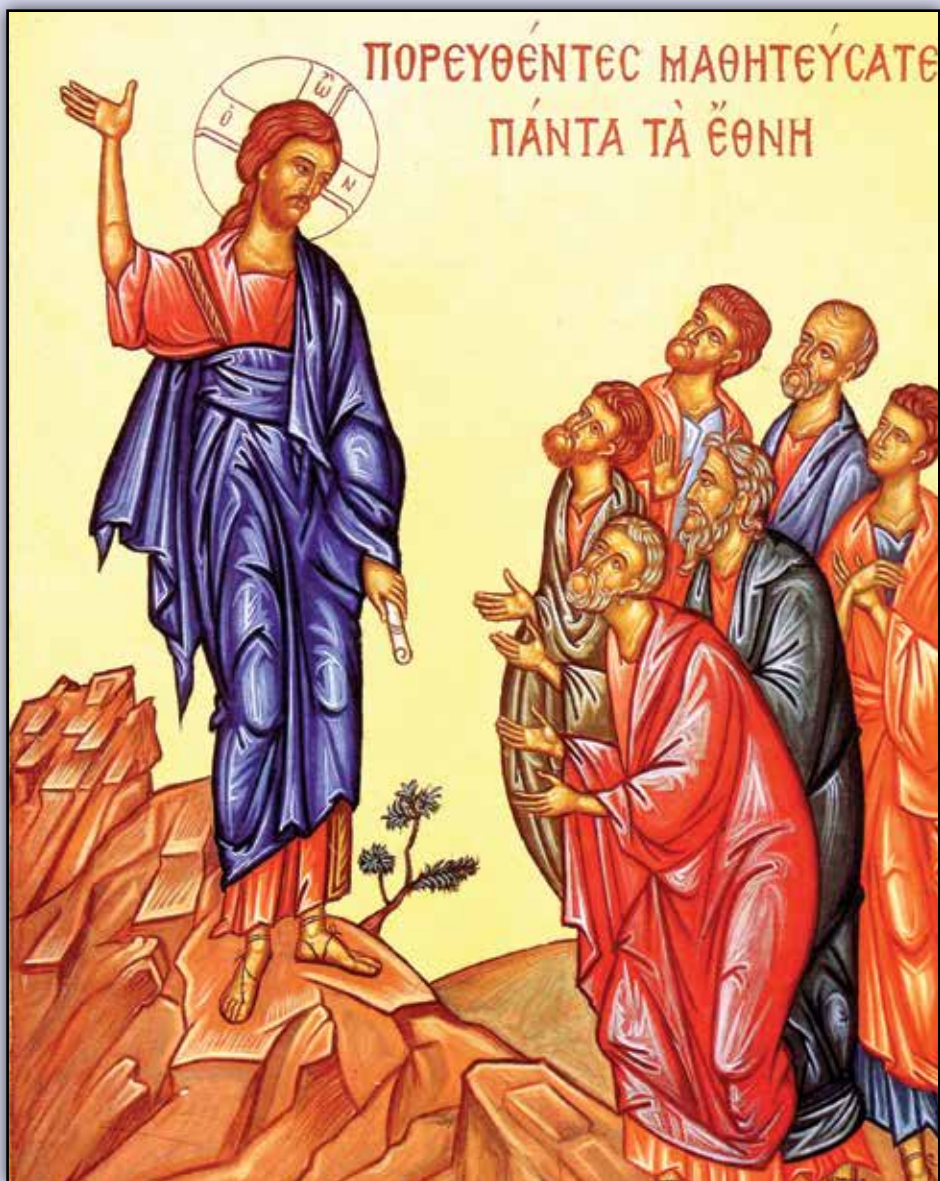


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching the Apostles

October 1, 2023: Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11

Gospel: Lk. 6: 31-36

This Weekend 4:00 For Our Parishioners
10:30 + Carol, Joseph & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)

Mon., Oct. 2

to

No Divine Liturgies

Fri., Oct. 6

Sat., Oct. 7

No Morning Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm + Robert Westington & Alexandra Westington
(Wife & Grandmother Ilona)

Sun., Oct. 8

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 always 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."

WELCOME MITRED ARCHPRIEST PETER WASLO

We extend a warm welcome to Mitred Archbishop Peter Waslo who is substituting for me this weekend as I recover from my total knee replacement. Mitred Archbishop Peter is stationed in Philadelphia at the Archbishop's Chancery. He is a native son of St. Peter and Paul Church in Ambridge, PA (where Father Walter Wysochansky resides). However, he also has

family ties to our area.

As a reminder, there are no daily Divine Liturgies until further notice. The weekend Divine Liturgies will take place as usual with a substitute priest coming in.

In case of an emergency or a Funeral, Father Myron Myronyuk has agreed to cover for me. He can be reached in Scranton at 570-342-7023.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Religious Education for the school year 2023/24 will begin on Saturday, October 14, 2023. 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.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

On October 13, 1884, after finishing the celebration of Mass, Pope Leo XIII had a remarkable vision in which he heard Satan threatening the Lord with the destruction of the Church through “those who will give themselves over to my service.” Going immediately from the chapel to his office, the pope composed the famous Prayer to Saint Michael, with instructions it be said after all Masses everywhere. Although this practice was discontinued in 1970, in 1994 Pope St. John Paul II urged Catholics to recite this prayer to Saint Michael once again, “in order to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and the spirit of this world.” In these unusual times we do not need to look far to see the

unmasked faces of those who wish to destroy our faith and blot out its presence in the world. So let us call upon our heavenly protector Saint Michael the Archangel, that he may be our protection!

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly
pray;
and do thou, O Prince
of the heavenly host,
by the power of God
cast into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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."

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township, PA 18447 (Montdale), Sunday, October 1, from noon to 5:00 pm. The Turkey Dinner will be a drive-thru take out that includes all of the "fixins". Dinners are \$15. Outdoor

booths under a tent (12pm-4pm) will include a huge Bountiful Baskets Stand, wreath stand, baked goods, raffles including a \$5,000 raffle and more. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND THE WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

This year's 92nd annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Our Lady, Our Protectress and Refuge" with emphasis on calling upon the Mother of God to protect Ukraine during this time.

The day will begin with the Mystery of Reconciliation starting at 9:00 am. The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am preceded by a procession.

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak will be the main celebrant with other hierarchy and clergy concelebrating. Lunch, featuring traditional Ukrainian food, will be available afterwards. There will be Spiritual programs, Rosary and Stations of the Cross for Ukraine. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto and blessing of vehicles followed by departure.

For further information, please call 215-379-3998 ext. 17 or visit the Sisters' website at www.stbasils.com

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Society of SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham St. Plymouth, PA will sponsor their annual Rummage Sale in the Church Hall – Friday, October 6, 2023 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, October 7, 2023 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There is a lot of fine items for your shopping.

A variety of homemade soup and haluski will be available for take outs only. Both the soups and the haluski is \$8.00 a quart and \$4.00 a pint. A Basket Raffle will also be presented and the proceeds from the Raffle will be donated to Humanitarian in Ukraine. Come shop and enjoy. A follow up Sale will be held Friday, October

20, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM,
Saturday, October 21 – 9:00 am to
2:00 PM and Sunday, October 22
– 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM. A Piggie

take out will be available at this
sale.

Any Questions call Ann 570-
829-4202.

FAMOUSLY DELICIOUS ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. James - St. George Episcopal
Church, located at 398 Washington
Ave. in Jermyn, invites everyone
to their Famously Delicious Roast
Beef Dinner on Saturday, October

28, 2023 from noon til 4:00 pm.
Take out only. Cost: \$15.00 for
adults and \$5.00 for children under
12. For more information call 570-
876-4896.

FALL FUNDRAISER

Our parish will be hosting a
Halloween Food Truck Festival on
Saturday and Sunday, October 14th
& 15th. As usual, volunteers will be
needed for the following: set-up on
Friday & take-down on Sunday;
and assistance with the bake-sale,
basket raffle, pizza stand, big 6
wheel, and kids' games.

The basket raffle and bake sale

were very profitable in the past.
Anyone able to donate a basket,
please call Michaelene (570)
209-2026. We will appreciate all
donations of baked goods for the
two-day sale. Please call Jule (570)
357-6171 or Mary Ann (570) 489-
4648 if you will be able to bake
something. (Leaving a message is
fine if you get the machine.)

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for
the month of October 2023 is Team
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael
Shumek.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 23 & 24, 2023: \$

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful

Perhaps no other attribute of God, besides His love, attracts us to Him as does His mercy. This quality distinguishes Him from all false gods. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, the endless procession of saints extols His mercy, repeating the refrain: "His mercy endures forever!"

His mercy caused Him to devise a plan of redemption that would reach every human being, moved Him to give His only Son as a ransom for all sinners, established His kingdom and His Church, inspired the Scriptures, provided the sacraments, forgives all our transgressions and heals our diseases, and gives us peace, joy, and hope and time for repentance. Great is His mercy!

That indescribable, overflowing, and undeserved mercy melts away all our pride and arrogance, fills us with gratitude, and gives us a new birth, a new life, a new will, and a new viewpoint. Now we look at our fellow inhabitants of the earth with the eyes of our merciful Father.

And so the chain reaction goes on from God to us to others. As His mercy endures forever, so may our mercifulness – as that of His children – be likewise enduring.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endures forever. Amen.

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