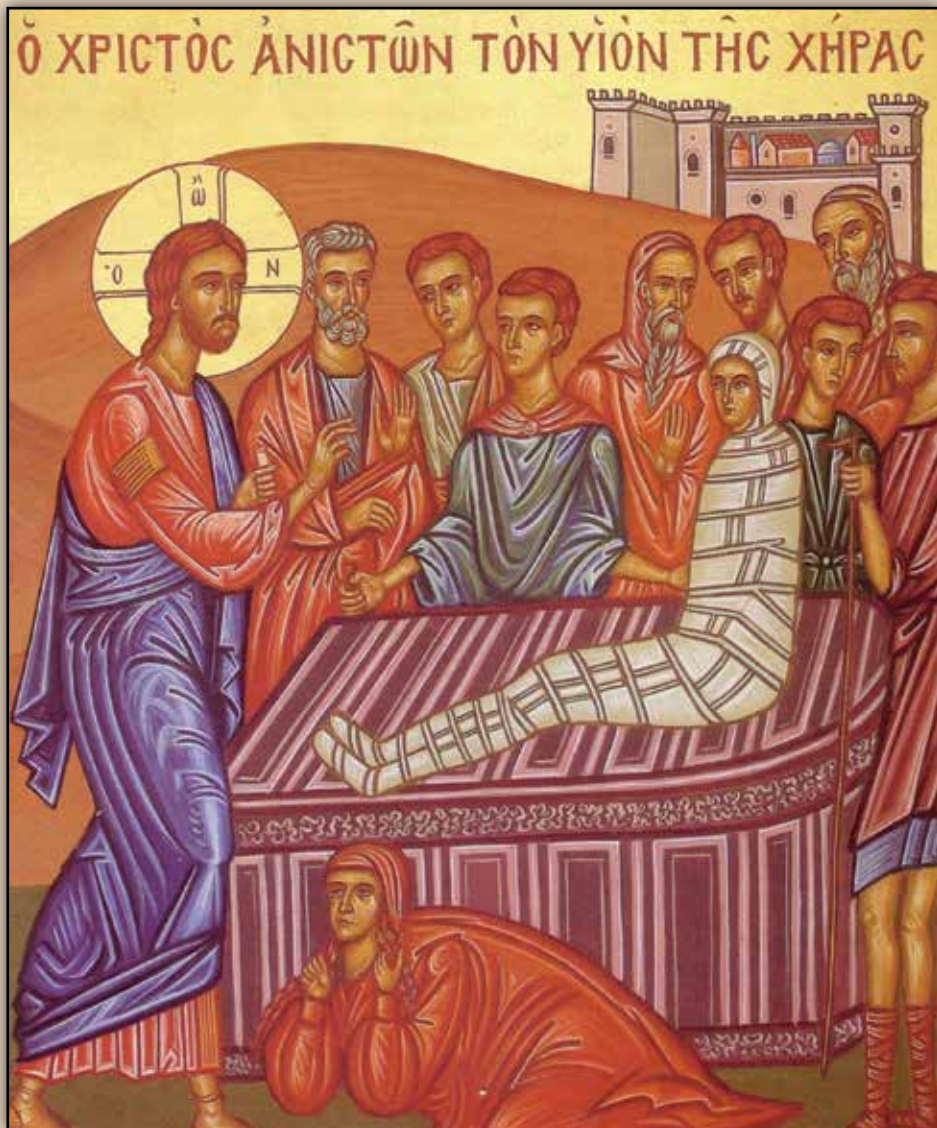


## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Raising the Widow's Son*

## **October 8, 2023: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31 - 12:9

Gospel: Lk. 7: 11-16

<b>This Weekend</b>	4:00 + Robert Westington & Alexandra Westington (Wife & Grandmother, Ilona) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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<b>Mon., Oct. 9 to Fri., Oct. 13</b>	<b>No Divine Liturgies</b>
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<b>Sat., Oct. 14</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 4:00 pm + Douglas Kanuik (Mother, Marian Kanuik)
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<b>Sun., Oct. 15</b>	10:30 For Our Parishioners
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### **WELCOME FR. VOLODYMYR RADKO**

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Volodymyr Radko who is substituting for me this weekend as I recover from my total knee replacement. Father Volodymyr is the Vocations Director for our Archeparchy. Some of you may remember him from the previous times that he visited our Parish as the Archbishop's Deacon. Since then he was ordained by the Archbishop

in Ukraine.

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.

### **TEN SPIRITUAL REMINDERS**

1) Time is a special gift from God. Use your time wisely and it can bring you eternal rewards. Time wasted is gone forever.

2) Be sincere, be humble in all that you do for the greater glory of God, the good of the Church, the salvation of souls, for "What a

person is in the eyes of God -- that he/she is, and no more.”

3) Always do your work neatly, accurately, honestly and to the best of your ability.

4) Avoid the near occasions of sin, i.e., certain persons, places, or things that can easily lead you into sin. But, if a temptation suddenly comes your way, don't let it stay; get rid of it right away! Instantly, keep giving the temptation the 1-2 punch: saying a little prayer, turning your attention elsewhere! Then, God's actual grace will come quickly to help you win and not commit a sin!

5) Each day try to be kind, helpful, patient. Furthermore, never hold a grudge or seek revenge against a person, always remembering what we say to God the Father in the Lord's Prayer: “and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

6) In word and deed, always

give good example. Personal good example is the prime requisite for being a good teacher.

7) “Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you” (Mt. 11:28). Accept this perennial invitation of the Lord.

8) Receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist worthily, fervently, and frequently.

9) Knowledge always comes before love. The more you know about the Catholic Faith, the more you will love and appreciate it; the more you will benefit from it; the better prepared you will be to defend it and to teach it to your children/students.

10) “Life is God's gift to you. What you do with your life – is your gift to God.” Meditate well on this oftenquoted passage, and end up with a good resolution.

*By Msgr. John Squiller, STL*

## **BURNING CANDLES IN THE CHURCH**

One of the devotional practices in our Church is the beautiful custom of burning candles in front

of sacred shrines, icons or relics. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of the Christian soul in order to shine

with divine graces, confident in the example and intercession of the saints. So the candle burns itself up to give out light. Light symbolizes Christ, "The Light of the World." When attending the Divine Liturgy

on Sunday or any Worship Service, the believer may light a candle(s) in front of the church, accompanied by a donation. The faithful will then make the sign of the cross, say a prayer and return to the pew.

### **BE HAPPY WITH WHAT YOU HAVE**

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, remember the homeless family without beds to sleep in. Should you find yourself frustrated, stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day seven days a week to feed her children. Should your car break

down, leaving you miles from any assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take a walk. Should you notice a few gray hairs in the mirror, think of the cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking "what is my purpose", be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

### **OUR CONDOLENCES**

In your Christian Charity, please remember the soul of + Barbara

Chmil who fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday morning, September

24<sup>th</sup>. + Barbara was buried from St. Cyril's on Wednesday, September

27<sup>th</sup>. May her memory be eternal!  
Vichnaya Pamyat!

## **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.

## **PASTIE SALE**

Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy is available for

\$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!"

## **VFW PECKVILLE "PIGS IN THE BLANKET DINNER" ON OCTOBER 15, 2023**

The VFW, Shopa Davey Post #6082, Peckville, will be having a

Fundraiser on Sunday, October 15, 2023 The “Pigs in the Blanket” dinner will be held at 123 Electric Street, Peckville, PA , Starting at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. “Eat in or Take out”, each dinner is \$12.00

per ticket. Open to the public and tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Post or the day of the dinner. Contact Commander Puhulla for joining the VFW at 570-383-0501.

### **ANNUAL PASTA DINNER**

The Women’s Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on North St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual Takeout Pasta Dinner, Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 4 pm to 6 pm. Penne with meatballs, salad,

bread, dessert will be served. Adults \$10/children 6-10 \$5.00. Tickets at the door or call ahead/ email to preorder 570-468-0529, melkite.scranton@gmail.com. See us on facebook or melkitescranton.org.

### **WHITE CANE DAYS**

Once again, the Olyphant Lions Club will be soliciting funds at St. Cyril’s for “White Cane Days” the weekend of Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The funds collected are used to provide people in our community

with eyeglasses and hearing aides who lack the funds to do so. Thank you for your continued support, allowing us to provide these services to those in need in our community.

### **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.

## **DUNMORE CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS/ BISHOP OHARA HS...50<sup>TH</sup> CLASS REUNION SET**

The class of 1973 from Dunmore Central Catholic HS/Bishop O'Hara HS will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Class reunion on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at LaBuona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore, PA. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person,

including Buffet, Dessert table, coffee, tea, soda with a cash bar, and entertainment by "EJ the DJ" Please respond before October 10, 2023. For additional info: contact Michele Gerrity Druther at 570-587-2867 or Lauren Telep 646-241-9443.

## **FALL FUNDRAISER**

Our parish will be hosting a Halloween Food Truck Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. 30 & Oct. 1, 2023:**

**\$**

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### *Jesus, the Lord of Life*

How do you respond to the misfortunes of others? In a number of places the gospel records that Jesus was “moved to the depths of His heart.” Our English word “compassion” is a weak translation of the Hebrew word for “sympathy.”

Why was Jesus so moved on this occasion? Jesus not only grieved the untimely death of a youth, but he showed the depth of his concern for a woman who lost not only a husband, but an only child as well. The scriptures make clear that God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (e.g., Ezekiel 33:11); God desires life, not death. Jesus not only had compassion, He also had power – the ability to restore life and make whole again. Jesus, however, incurred grave risk by approaching the bier, since contact with a

dead body made one ritually impure. His touch not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body.

This miracle is reminiscent of the prophet Elisha who raised another mother's son (see 2 Kings 4:18-37). Jesus claimed as His own one whom death had seized as its prey. By His word of power He restored life for a young man marked for death. Jesus is Lord not only of the living but of the dead as well. Jesus triumphed over the grave and He promises that because He lives, we also shall live in Him (John 14:19). Do you trust in the Lord's power to give life and hope in the face of misfortune and despair?

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