

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



*Icon of Parable of the Sower and Seed*

## **Oct. 15, 2023: Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

Epistle: Heb. 13: 7-16

Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-13

<b>This Weekend</b>	4:00 + Douglas Kanuik (Mother, Marian Kaniuk 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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**Mon., Oct. 16**

**to**

**No Divine Liturgies**

**Fri., Oct. 20**

**Sat., Oct. 21**

**No Morning Divine Liturgy**

4:00 pm For Our Parishioners

**Sun., Oct. 22**

10:30 + Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)

## **SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Today is a commemoration of an historical event — which, to allay all critics — is not found “in the Bible”— because it observes the fact which happened after the written part of our Tradition was closed to further addition. The living Tradition of the Church is that experienced by those people who follow the norms of Scripture and are thus sanctified by these writings, and give witness to ways of interpreting them for their lives — and a proof of the invaluable worth of the Scripture. Such is the case of celebrating the Sunday of the Fathers

of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. During the early development of the codification of the Christian Doctrine and clarification of the elements of the Truth to be found — sometimes hidden — in the Sacred scripture, there were at times people who would profess ideas which were not in conformity with what was and is written. The Fathers of the Seventh Council who battled the heretical thought are honored in the Liturgy in the Tropar while the Kondak of the feast proclaims the Truth over which they so valiantly—even physically — fought.

## WHAT IS THE JESUS PRAYER?

The Jesus Prayer is a short mental prayer or chant used repetitively to help one “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), to focus one’s thoughts on Jesus, to tap into divine power, or (in Hesychasm) to attain union with God. The Jesus Prayer - *“O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner,”* is particularly popular in Eastern Orthodoxy, although Catholics use it, too. It is believed that this prayer was first used by the ascetic or hermit monks of the Egyptian desert in the fifth century A.D. Saint Paul urges us to “pray without ceasing,” and this prayer is one of the best ways to start

doing so. It takes only a few minutes to memorize, after which you can recite it whenever you remember to do so. According to Christian belief, if you fill the empty moments of your day with the holy name of Jesus, you will keep your thoughts focused on God and grow in His grace. The “Jesus Prayer” is mirrored in a prayer offered by a tax collector in the temple in a parable that Jesus tells about the Publican (tax collector) and the Pharisee (religious scholar) in Luke 18:9-14: The tax collector said, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” This sounds resoundingly close to the “Jesus Prayer.”

## FROM OUR CATECHISM... ANGELS

In Holy Scripture, angels manifest the presence of God in the world, announcing to human beings the will of God. Holy Scripture refers to some of them by name: Michael (see Rev. 12:7; Jude 1:9), Raphael (see Tob. 12:15), Gabriel (see Lk. 1: 19, 26). Angels assist human beings in their spiritual growth (see Heb. 1:14). The Tradition of the Church teaches that God grants every human being a guardian angel: “You

appointed angels as guardians.” The unity of visible and invisible creation -- human beings and angels -- becomes manifest in the Divine Liturgy, where the earthly expresses the heavenly, and humans serve together with angels: “Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the lifegiving Trinity...” and “Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna

in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

*Catechism of the Ukrainian*

*Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha, #117*

## **WELCOME MITRED ARCHPRIEST PETER WASLO**

We extend a warm welcome to Mitred Archpriest Peter Waslo who is substituting for me this weekend as I recover from my total knee replacement. Mitred Archpriest Peter is stationed in Philadelphia at the Archbishop's Chancery. He is a native son of Ss. 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.

## **BRRR... ITS A LITTLE CHILLY IN CHURCH**

The gas valve on the Church boiler has failed and needs to be replaced. This part had to be ordered because it was not available locally. Once

it comes in, it will be installed and the Church will be warm again. We apologize for this unexpected inconvenience.

## **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.”

## **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](mailto:melkite.scranton@gmail.com). See us on facebook or [melkitescranton.org](http://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, coffe, tea, soda with a cash bar, and entertainment by "EJ the DJ" Please respond before October 10, 2023. For additonal info: contact Michele Gerrity Druther at 570-587-2867 or Lauren Telep 646-241-9443.

## **STS. PETER AND PAUL UGCC 2024-6 MONTH LOTTERY CALENDAR**

**Each \$20 Calendar includes two numbers for the Pick 3 Evening  
Drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery**

**Prizes include \$25 on weekdays, \$40 on Sundays, and Five \$100 prizes**

Calendars purchased by check will be mailed to return address. Make checks payable to SS. Peter and Paul UGCC, and mail to: P.O. Box 124, Carbondale, PA 18407

For more information contact Marge (570) 282-5680 or Dorothy at 570-282-2084

## **FALL FUNDRAISER**

Our parish will be hosting a Halloween Food Truck Festival. Due to the bad weather this weekend, **it has been rescheduled to next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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,

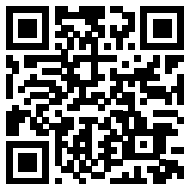
Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

**Sunday Collection for Oct. 7 & 8, 2023: \$**

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### *A Word of Warning*

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as difficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work

unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

*St. Gregory the Great*

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