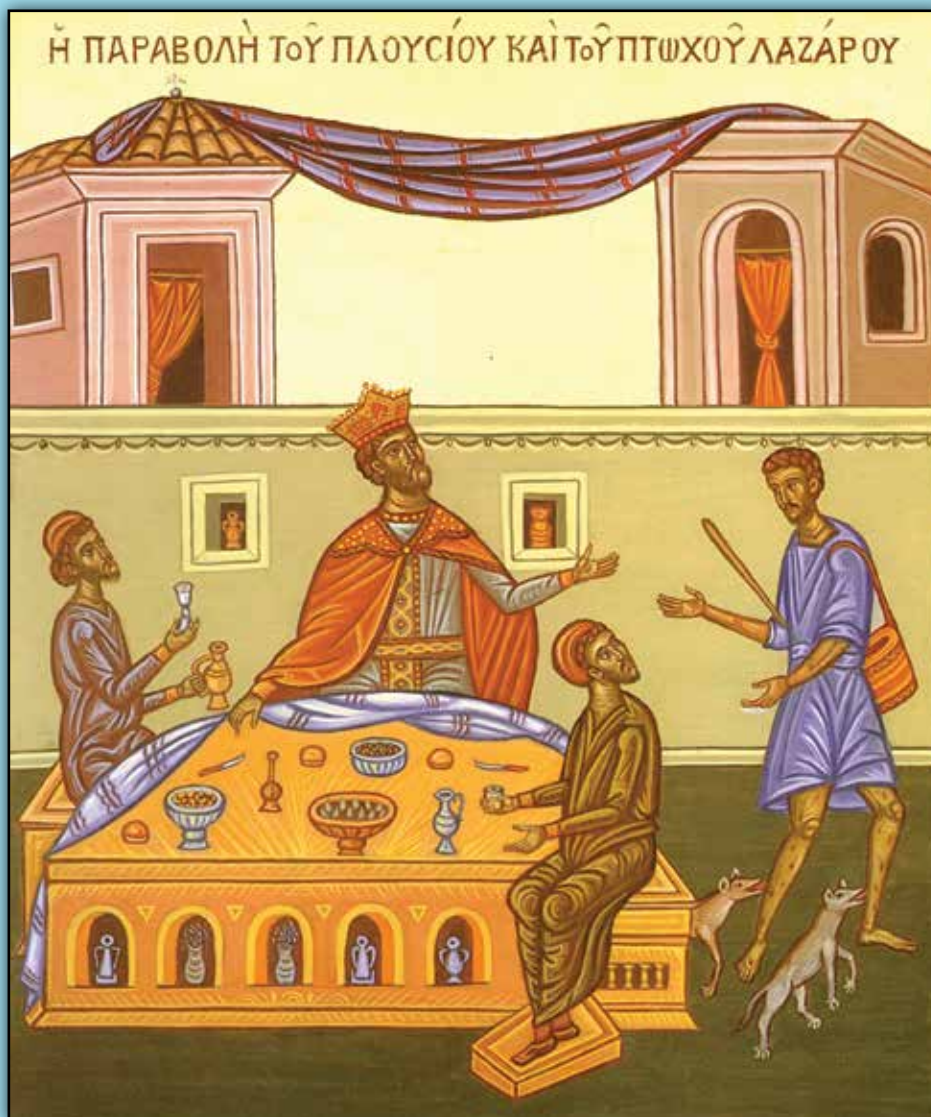


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Oct. 22, 2023: Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Lk. 16: 19-31

This Weekend	4:00 For Our Parishioners
	10:30 For Our Parishioners

Mon., Oct. 23

to

No Divine Liturgies

Fri., Oct. 27

Sat., Oct. 28

No Morning Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm For Our Parishioners

Sun., Oct. 29

10:30 + Anna Mae Krisanda (Lauren Telep)

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

How well do we remember the instruction our Sunday School teachers gave us? After you receive Holy Communion, go back to your place. Stand, say prayers of thanks to Jesus for the great gift you have received. Times have changed and, unfortunately, so have the traditions. Now almost everyone in the church, prepared and unprepared, fasting and nonfasting, go up for communion almost every Sunday. Following the reception of the Holy Gifts many go back to their places and plop down in the pew. Those who have not received are not standing as previously in the presence of the Eucharist – they are sitting relaxed or whispering with

someone near them. What is indeed sinful is conversation with someone while in line to receive Communion. If you have fallen into this habit, break it now for St. Paul warns that you will be judged for this. A reminder – it is proper – the teaching has not changed to stand with respect once the priest comes out of with the Holy Gifts and until he returns with them to the altar. Whether you commune or not, you should pray or meditate. Bring your prayer book to church, use the pew book provided. What can be said about those who leave the church immediately following the reception of the Very Body and Blood of Christ without giving a word of thanks?

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 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.

MAKING YOURSELF AVAILABLE

A man was going up to bed, when his wife told him he'd left the light on in the garden shed – she could see it from the bedroom window. But he said that he hadn't been in the shed that day. He looked, and there were men in the shed, stealing things. He rang the police, but they told him that no one was in his area, so no one was available to catch the thieves. He said OK, hung up, counted to 30 and rang the police again. "Hello. I just rang you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now, I've just shot them all."

Within five minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an Armed Response unit, the works.

Of course, they caught the burglars redhanded. One of the policemen said to this man: "I thought you said you'd shot them!" He replied, "I thought you said there was no one available!"

The same thing happens frequently in our life. Someone asks us to do something and we respond, "I don't have the time." Often, what we mean by that is, "I don't regard this as important enough."

The truth is, we find (or make) the time to do whatever we regard

to be important. Someone has said you can tell a person's priorities by looking at his checkbook. There is a great deal of validity to that. We are willing to spend money on the things we think are important. But perhaps a greater indicator of our priorities would be our planning books – a record of how our time is spent. For all of us, choices must be made. We don't have time to do everything, so we must choose those things which are of greatest importance to us. Just be careful that your choices are those things which are also most

important to God.

The greatest men and women in the Bible were not those with the greatest resources or talents, but they were men and women who made themselves available to be used by God whenever He called. May God never hear us say, "Sorry God, but I'm not available!" "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Ephesians 5:15-17).

THERE ARE SINNERS IN OUR CHURCH!

The world has this notion that to be a churchgoer, one must lead a sinless life. You may even be thinking, "When I get my life straightened out and become a good enough person, then I'll go to church." A lot of people feel this way.

But if anyone believes that they are already good enough, they've probably missed something. If the church was only for the sinless, it would surely be empty. But church

is for sinners and anyone honest enough to seek God's help.

At church we deal with sin, its cause, and its cure. If you'd like to know more about how you can become the person God intends you to be, come to church more often.

Please share this invitation with someone you know who should be coming to church. God's LOVE and forgiveness and restoration awaits them!

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DISCIPLE AND AN APOSTLE?

The word Disciple in Greek literally means “one who is being taught” or “one who is learning.” The word Apostle (Apostolos) on the other hand means “one who is sent.” Therefore, those who were once taught are now being sent into the world to teach others what they have learned. This is what is meant by the term “apostolic,” which is found within our Creed and is an important element to our theology, ethos, and stewardship. This is also why we celebrate with such enthusiasm the

Feast of Pentecost, which reminds us of this all-sacred ministry: “Just as the Father sent Me, so I am going to send you.” (John 20:21) Each and every member of Christ’s Church has the exacting duty to be both a disciple and an apostle to the Word of God. We must continuously learn and be taught about our Faith so that we can rightly go forth and proclaim it with truth, wisdom and above all – conviction; drawing others to the Gospel by our own commitment and example.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The churchgoer who never misses Sunday liturgy may spend as much as 78 hours per year in corporate prayer to God. Sound like a lot? An average American spends more than 2,900 hours per year in front of some kind of screen. So for every hour we spend praying with God’s people

and getting to know Him better, we spend more than 37 communing with rectangles with moving pictures. It’s no wonder that we know far more about politics, sports, fashion, soap operas and science fiction than we do about God.

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 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd. 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.

ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on Saturday, November 4th in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Pick-ups will be from 12:00 (noon) to 4:00pm. The event will

feature our traditional turkey dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry.

DUNMORE CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS/ BISHOP OHARA HS...50TH CLASS REUNION SET

The class of 1973 from Dunmore Central Catholic HS/Bishop O'Hara HS will celebrate its 50th 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 CANCELLATION

St. Cyril's Halloween Food Truck
Festival **has been cancelled** due
to the weather. Both weekends
that had been scheduled were
forecasted to be rainy, windy,
and cold. The baskets that were
donated for the raffle will be
held over until next year. We

do plan to have Food Truck
Festivals in 2024, the first one
being tentatively scheduled for
May 18th and 19th. Thank you to
everyone who already put some
effort into this event and to those
of you who planned to help in
any way with this fundraiser.

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. 14 & 15, 2023: \$

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The Rich Man vs. Lazarus

Lazarus, the beggar, is called by his name because he was a saint, but the man who is rich and proud is not deemed worthy of a name. ... The meaning of Lazarus' name is boethoumenos, one who has been helped; he is not a helper, but one who has been helped. He was a poor man and, in his poverty, the Lord came to his assistance. "Who lay at his gate, covered with sores." The rich man, in purple splendor, is not accused of being avaricious, nor of carrying off the property of another, nor of committing adultery, nor, in fact, of any wrongdoing; the evil alone of which he is guilty is pride. Most wretched of men, you see a member of your own body lying there outside at your gate, and have you no compassion? If the precepts of God mean nothing to you, at least take pity on your own plight, and be in fear lest you become such as he. Why do you save what is superfluous to your pleasures? Give in alms to your own

member what you waste. I am not telling you to throwaway your wealth. What you throw out, the crumbs from your table, offer as alms.

"Who lay at his gate." He was lying at the gate in order to draw attention to the cruelty paid to his body and to prevent the rich man from saying, "I did not notice him; he was in a corner; I could not see him; no one announced him to me." He lay at the gate; you saw him every time you went out and every time you came in. When your throngs of servants and clients were attending you, he lay there full of ulcers. If your eyes disdained to look upon putrid flesh, did not your ears, at least, hear his plea? "Who lay at his gate, covered with sores." He did not have just one sore, his whole body was sores, so that the magnitude of his suffering might arouse your utmost compassion.

St. Jerome

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