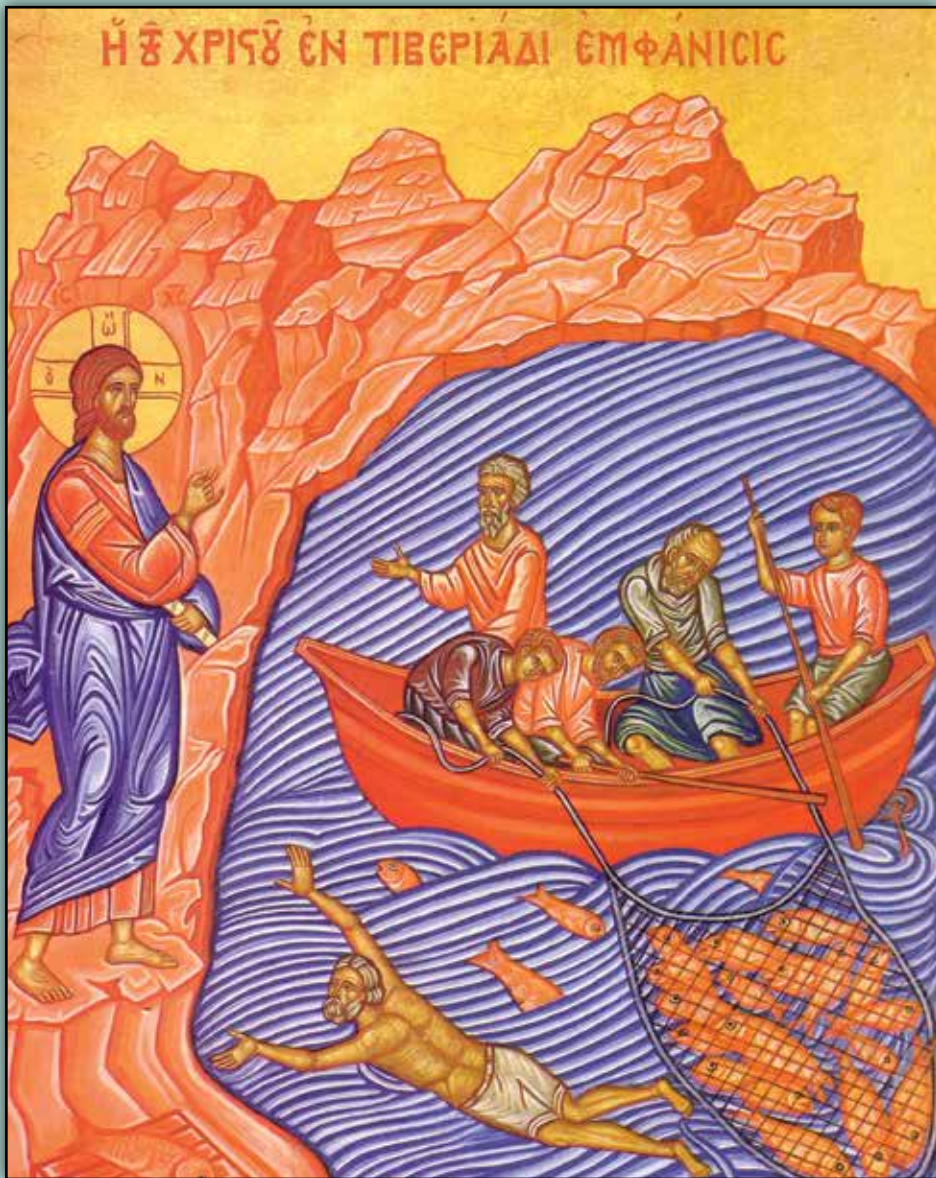


## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Catch of Fish*

## **Sept. 24, 2023: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16 - 7:1

Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11

<b>This Weekend</b>	4:00 + Joseph & Helen Sembrat (Sharon, Joseph & Jeannie) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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<b>Mon., Sept. 25</b>	9:00 Health & God's Blessings on Father Nestor (Dorothy Zinsky)
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<b>Tues., Sept. 26 to Fri., Sept. 29</b>	<b>No Divine Liturgies</b>
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<b>Sat., Sept. 30</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
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<b>Sun., Oct. 1</b>	10:30 + Carol, Joseph & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)
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### **UPDATE**

I will undergo a right total knee replacement on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep me in your prayers that I may have a successful surgery and a speedy recovery. Please pray for the surgeon and all of the medical staff.

For this reason, as of Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be 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.

*FATHER NESTOR*

### **WHAT DOES "GREEK CATHOLIC" MEAN?**

The term 'Greek Catholic' was originally coined by Empress Maria Theresa of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, to designate those Catholics

who followed the 'Greek' or 'Byzantine' tradition and liturgy. It had nothing to do with Greek ethnicity, just as 'Roman Catholics' don't have to come from

Rome! The Church of Kyiv united with Rome, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, is one of the Eastern Churches belonging to the 'Greek' or 'Byzantine' family of Churches. The

faithful of the Byzantine, or Greek, Churches in communion with Rome are collectively referred to as 'Greek Catholics' (especially in their countries of origin, e.g. Ukraine).

## **8 YEAR-OLD'S EXPLANATION OF GOD.**

*Written by an 8 year old from Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. Just a wonder if any of us could do as well?*

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way

to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him

he didn't have to go out on the road anyone. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach.

This is wrong and besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But... you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And this is what I know about God.

## **HOW A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE A PUMPKIN**

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts

the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

## **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 92<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 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 September 2023 is Team

#1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

**Sunday Collection for Sept. 16 & 17, 2023: \$**

## **A TIME TO CELEBRATE...**

*Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their birthday in September:*

George Chezik

Sonia Maslar

Michael Roberts

*Happy Anniversary and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary during September:*

Edmund & Ann Marie Borowski

John & Susan Sakson

Frank & Susan Lesnefsky

Bill & Michele Vervan

Paul & Rosemary Mizerak

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7:00 PM  
WHIPPANY, NJ

Education in the Archeparchy

The poster features a background image of a church interior with a large yellow diagonal banner reading "POSTPONED!". At the bottom, there are icons for a person and a book, and a small icon of a person holding a book.

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *Christ Continues to Catch People*

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder had made them mute, they beckoned to their partners, to those who

shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey. For many have taken part with the Holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*

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