

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Martyr Myron-- August 17th

August 17, 2025: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16

Gospel: Mt. 17: 14-23

This Weekend 4:00 pm + Robert Harris (Jule Harris)
10:30 For Our Parishioners

Mon., Aug. 18 9:00 + Marie F. Piercy (Terry Statuto)

Tues., Aug. 19 9:00 + Mary Patricia Brown (Rosemarie Sember)

Wed., Aug. 20 9:00 + Robert “Bob” Zelno (Andrea Novak & Family)

Thurs. Aug. 21 9:00 + Beverly Krisanda Pietrzykowski (Lauren Telep)

Fri., Aug. 22 9:00 + Frank Evanitsky (Daughter, Michaelene)

Sat., Aug. 23 **No Morning Divine Liturgy**
2:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm + George & Mary Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)

Sun., Aug. 24 10:30 For Our Parishioners

10 POWERFUL SAINTS EVERY STUDENT, TEACHER, & PARENT NEEDS FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

The school year brings new challenges and opportunities for any student, parent, or educator. Prayer is so important during this season of change!

It's also important to have a spiritual arsenal of saintly companions to help you on your journey. Their prayers are so powerful!

Here are 10 saintly friends to turn to as a student, teacher, or parent throughout the school year:

1) Saint Thomas Aquinas. This powerhouse saint and Doctor of the

Church is well-known for his academic endeavors and role as a patron saint of students and educators. His many works combine faith and reason, providing an example for students to involve their beliefs in their learning environment.

2) Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a go-to saint for educators because she established the first Catholic school in the United States. Despite personal hardships, she adapted and overcame numerous obstacles. Her intercession has no limits, especially

when it comes to all things back-to-school. She was a wife and mother, too!

3) Saint Dymphna. Saint Dymphna is a great saint for all things mental health. From first-day jitters and separation anxiety to patience and resilience in tough situations or teaching environments, Saint Dymphna is your girl!

4) Saint Joseph of Cupertino. Saint Joseph of Cupertino is known specifically as the patron saint of test-taking, academic challenges, and learning difficulties.

5) Saint John Berchmans. This powerful saint is the patron of students and altar servers. Something lesser known about him is that he is also a patron saint against the sin of gossip—something that too often plagues the school system. Call on the intercession of Saint John Berchmans this year!

6) Saint Therese of Lisieux. This patroness is especially for college students struggling with homesickness. Saint Therese experienced a significant amount of homesickness during her time in the convent. Her faith and commitment helped her overcome these feelings. If you find yourself struggling with the transition into the new routines of a new school year as

a parent, teacher, or student...call on the intercession of Saint Therese of Lisieux!

7) Saint Catherine of Alexandria. Not much is known about Saint Catherine of Alexandria. However, we do know she was dedicated to her studies from a very young age. It is said that she went head-to-head with some of the greatest philosophers of her time! This patroness can inspire students and teachers in their quest for dialogue and bravery in the classroom.

8) Saint John Bosco. Saint John Bosco was deeply committed to the education and well-being of young people. This 19th century saint dedicated his life to troubled youth after recognizing the importance of a nurturing and supportive educational environment. Saint John Bosco founded the Salesian Society, which focuses on education, spiritual guidance, and vocational training.

9) Saint John Baptist de la Salle. Saint John Baptist de la Salle is a powerful patron of educators due to his contributions to the field of education during his life. He was a pioneer in creating structured curriculum and educational reform. He also focused on the importance of teacher training and spiritual formation within the

classroom. Saint John Baptist de la Salle, pray for teachers!

10) Saint Michael the Archangel.

Each school year brings new temptations and opportunities. Saint

Michael the Archangel's intercession can protect any individual from the enemy!

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THE LITTLE ENTRANCE WITH THE GOSPEL

During the Third Antiphon, the Priest makes a procession around the Altar symbolizing the walks of Jesus through the cities and villages with His disciples and His preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The Priest, carrying the Gospel, symbolizes Christ's bringing the Word of God to the world and the beginning of His ministry.

The Priest comes to the center of the Royal Doors, facing the Altar, he elevates the Holy Gospel (symbolizing

victory of Christianity throughout the world) and calls upon us to stand reverently in order for Christ Himself to penetrate our mind and soul. The beginning of Wisdom is the fear of God; and the advanced Wisdom is Love.

In the early church, the Gospel was hidden in crypts from the pagans; today, the Priest, in memory of this practice, carries it into the Church triumphantly, raising it in front of the Altar and exclaiming: "WISDOM!"

KEEP YOUR FORK

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what Scriptures she would like read, and what outfit that she wanted to be buried in. The

woman also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor stood looking

at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, Doesn't it?" the woman asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming... like velvety chocolate cake or deep dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them:"

"Keep your fork... the best is yet to come." The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would

be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral, people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favorite Bible and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably will not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Three fundraising events are planned: 1. Our Second Annual Car Show is scheduled for September 21st from 12:00 to 4:00. The show will be dedicated to the memory of + Gibby Carozzi who was instrumental in the success of our first car show. We will

be selling food and having a basket raffle and selling 50/50 tickets.

2. By request, we will have a tent at the second Kris Kringle event in Olyphant on December 6th from 11:00 to 5:00. We will sell kielbosi and sauerkraut sandwiches, halushki,

hot chocolate and baked goods. One basket to raffle as allowed by the committee.

3. With support from those who responded to the survey, we are going to host our first BINGO on January

25th at the Manor on Main in Dickson City. We would appreciate those who offered to sponsor bingo games to send checks made out to “St. Cyril’s” to the rectory, with attention to “BINGO”.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR CHURCH

We hope that you are enjoying the summer season. We know that many of you are looking forward to taking some time off from your busy schedules and spending some quality time with your loved ones. We pray that God will bless you with safety, health, and joy as you travel or relax at home.

As you plan your vacation, we would like to remind you of the importance of continuing your generous support to our Church. Even though you may be away from our Parish for a few weeks, our church still needs your help to pay the bills and maintain our facilities. Our

expenses do not take a vacation, and in fact, they tend to increase during the summer months due to higher utility costs and lower attendance.

We appreciate your faithful stewardship and your commitment to our church. We ask you to please remember to mail in your Sunday collection envelopes before you leave. By doing this, you will ensure that our church can continue its mission and ministry without interruption.

Thank you for your generosity and your love for our Church. We look forward to seeing you again when you return from your vacation. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE FOLK FESTIVAL

On Sun., Aug. 24, at 12:00 PM, the Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (County Line and Lower State Rds., Horsham, PA) invites you to the Ukrainian Independence Folk Festival 2025. Commencing at

1:30 PM, enjoy “A Celebration of Liberty, Valor and Unity”, a vibrant Outdoor Summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance, Music and Song, celebrating the 34th anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence, the Unity

of her People and their Struggle for Freedom, Prosperity and Dignity. The performers -- “Voloshky” (Phila.) and Spirit of the Dance (Balt. – DC) Ukrainian Dance Ensembles, singer-songwriter “Iryna Lonchyna” (UA), violinist “Innesa” (UA), “Soloveyko” (Phila.) (Nightingale) Quartet; and “Vox Ethnika” (NYC) Orchestra -- have created a dynamic, integrated concert program for your delight. Live, vibrant music by the “Vox

Ethnika” will follow the concert and play on until 8:00 PM. Ukrainian ethnic foods and baked goods, a BBQ and cool refreshments for all ages will be plentiful. Visit vendors’ grove and the Ukrainian Arts and Crafts market. Admission: \$20; Free for kids to age 14. Info: 267-664-3857; info@tryzub.org; www.tryzub.org. \$2 of each paid admission goes to Humanitarian Relief in Ukraine.

SIMPSON FUNDRAISER CASH PRIZE BINGO

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo is planned for October 12, 2025 at Trinity Hall, Prospect St., Simpson. The Bingo will include 14 games, 3 Specials, and a Jackpot prize. Snacks and refreshments will be

available for purchase. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

For tickets or more information, call 570-282-5680 or 570-282-0796.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2025

is Team #4: Ron Barkofsky, Steve & Jeannie Cucura.

Sunday Collection for Aug. 9 & 10, 2025: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

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Say To this Mountain, Move

The disciples seem to me to be in anxiety and fear that they had lost the grace with which they had been entrusted. For they had received power over unclean demons.

So they approached Him in private and asked Him the question, not out of shame (for if the matter had got out and they were criticized, it would have been superfluous for the future to have been ashamed of admitting it in their words) but because what they were going to ask Him was secret and of great moment.

What, then, does Christ say? "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here

to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." But if you say "Where did they move a mountain?" I will say that they did things much greater than that in raising up innumerable dead. For moving a mountain and moving death from a body are not at all comparable.

After them, other saints, far inferior to the disciples, are said to have moved mountains when necessity demanded. It is clear that the disciples also would have done so had necessity demanded. But if there was never need at that time, do not find fault with them.

St. John Chrysostom