

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Michael and all the Angels -- November 8th

November 2, 2025: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Lk. 8: 26-39

This Weekend	4:00 pm For Our Parishioners 10:30 + Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)
Mon., Nov. 3	9:00 + Mary Patricia Brown (Howard Smith)
Tues., Nov. 4	9:00 + Dan Telep, Sr. (Daughter, Lauren Telep)
Wed., Nov. 5	9:00 + Martha Myshrall (Father Nestor)
Thurs., Nov. 6	9:00 + Michael, Leona, and Michael Korzemba (Legate)
Fri., Nov. 7	9:00 + Robert “Bob” Zelno (Cookie & Al Smargiassi)
Sat., Nov. 8	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm + Brian & Roxanna Westington (Mom, Ilona)
Sun., Nov. 9	10:30 For Our Parishioners

HOLY WONDERWORKERS AND UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN OF MESOPOTAMIA

Commemorated on November 1st

The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother Saint Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas

and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men.

Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people’s illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Freely have you received, freely give.” (Mt. 10:8). The fame of Saints

Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians.

Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse.

When Saint Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. Saint Damian also died shortly afterward, and everyone wondered where Saint Damian's grave should be. But through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human

voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God. The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia).

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.

Two fearsome men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, "My

rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?”

They replied, “We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian,” and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time

the holy brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life.

The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17).

Divine Liturgy Attendance Statistics

The following are the October 2025 Parish Liturgies Attendance Statistics which were submitted to the Archbishop's Chancery this past week.

	Saturday	Sunday	Total
October 4 & 5	39	47	86
October 11 & 12	73	19	92
October 18 & 19	65	43	108
October 25 & 26	44	53	97
Total	221	162	383

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’ The sermon tonight: ‘Searching for Jesus.’

Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the

house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say ‘Hell’ to someone who doesn’t care much about you.

Don’t let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

FALL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Valley Community Library's Fall Book Sale will take place on Friday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Patrons may fill a provided bag on Saturday for \$5 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a special presale for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, November 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Purchase

a membership at the door for \$10 individual/\$15 families. The book sale will be held inside the library.

Items for sale include fiction and non-fiction books, young adult and children's books, puzzles, and more! Prices vary from \$0.25 to \$2.00.

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INVITATION TO A SURPRISE CELEBRATION: 65TH BIRTHDAY OF METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK

You are warmly invited to join a special SURPRISE celebration

marking the 65th birthday of our Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak. This event will take place on Wednesday, November 26, and we hope you can be part of this memorable occasion.

Event Details

- Date: Wednesday, November 26th
- Time: Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia

Festivities

The celebration will commence with a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. Following the Liturgy, we invite you to a reception in the Catechetical Classroom and the Treasury of Faith Museum beneath the Cathedral. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship and joy in honor of Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

Important Notice

As we strive to keep this event a surprise for the Archbishop, we kindly ask that you help spread the word within your parish communities. There will be no Facebook event or public posters for this celebration. Please reach out to parishioners and encourage them to join in this special gathering.

RSVP Information

In order to prepare adequately for both the Liturgy and the reception, please RSVP by Wednesday, November 20. Your timely response will help us ensure a welcoming and joyful experience for all.

Join Us!

Let us come together as a faith community to honor our beloved Archbishop Borys Gudziak on his 65th birthday. Your presence will make this celebration truly special!

BUS TRIP TO THE CHRISTMAS & GIFT SHOW IN HARRISBURG

Join the Friends of the Valley Community Library for a bus trip on December 3 to the Christmas & Gift Show in Harrisburg, PA. There will be over 550 specialty vendors selling a wide array of exclusive, unique gifts

for family and friends!

The bus will leave the library at 7:30 a.m., arrive at the PA Farm Show Complex at approximately 10:00 a.m., depart at 4:00 p.m., and return to the library at about 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person for cash or check. There is a \$2 additional fee for credit card charges. The ticket price includes the bus, show admission, and driver's tip. Limited tickets are available. Payment is required to reserve your spot. All sales are final and there are no refunds. Sign up is available at the Library at 739 River Street,

Peckville. For more information, please contact Ann at 570-479-0806 or valleylibraryfriends@outlook.com.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL UGCC 2026 - SIX 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 at 570-282-5680

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team Team #3: Marlene Zelno, Cheryl Ma-
for the month of November 2025 is tuszewski, and Carol Zadarosni.

Sunday Collection for October 25 & 26, 2025: \$

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

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The Holy Angels

“Do not be surprised that you fall every day, do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm, it is easy to heal; but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect become incurable, but with God all things are possible.” (*St. John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent*)

“The angel who is always near us is by nothing so distressed and made indignant as when, without being constrained by some necessity, we deprive ourselves of the ministration of the Holy Mysteries and of reception of Holy Communion, which grants remission of sins. For at that hour the priest offers up the sacrifice of the Body of Him Who gives us life, and the Holy Spirit descends and consecrates the Body and

Blood and grants remission to creation. The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the angels stand with great awe, fear, and joy. They rejoice over the Holy Mysteries while experiencing inexpressible astonishment. The angel who is always by us is consoled, because he also partakes in that dread spectacle and is not deprived of that perfect intercourse.” *St. Isaac the Syrian*

“When you close the doors to your dwelling and are alone you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man. ... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God, who is in every place; for there is no place and nothing material in which God is not, since He is greater than all things and holds all men in His hand.”

St. Anthony the Great