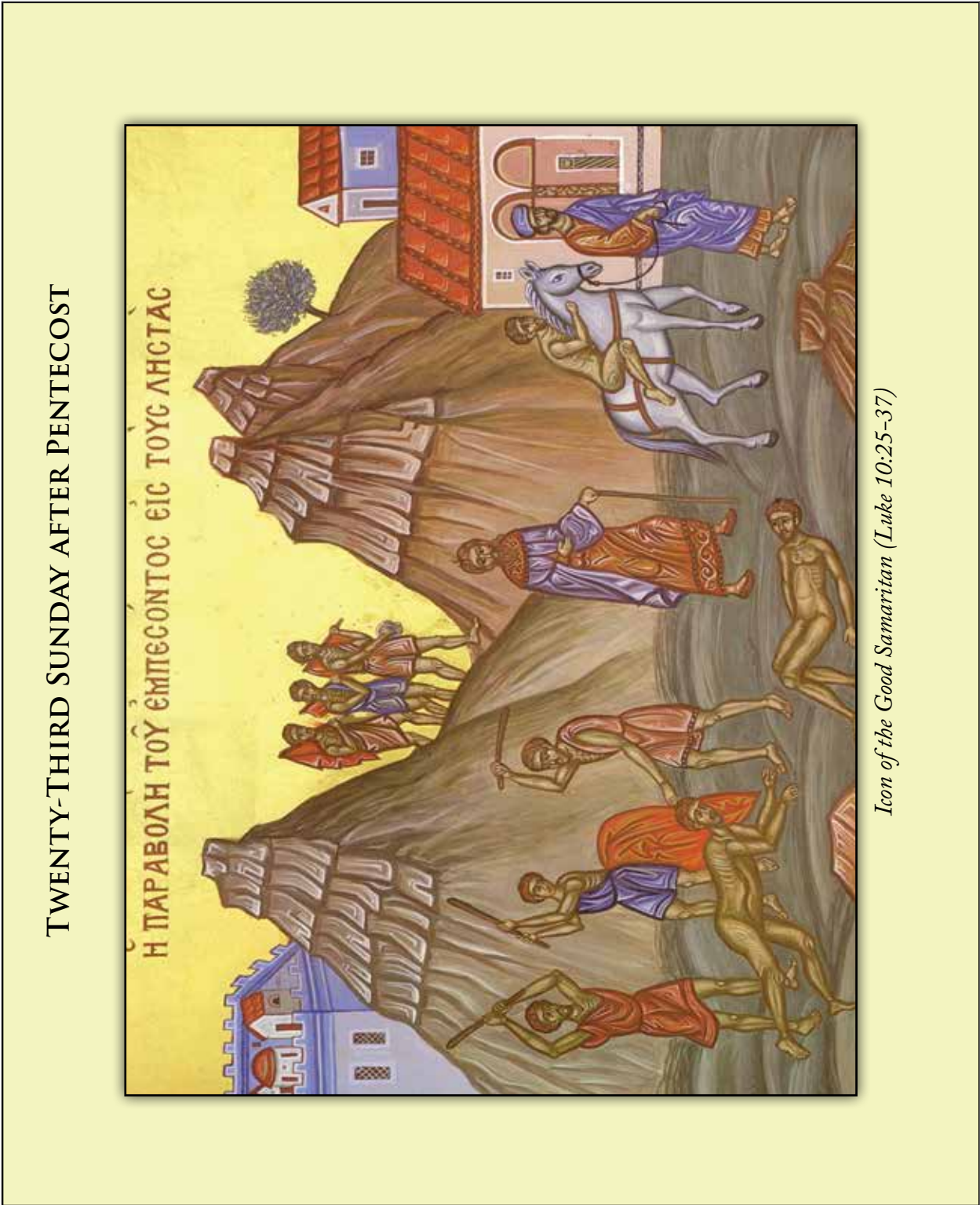


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Icon of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

The icon depicts the Parable of the Good Samaritan. On the left, a Samaritan on a white horse carries an injured man. In the center, a Samaritan on foot helps another injured man. On the right, three Samaritans on foot help a third injured man. In the background, a group of Samaritans stands near a building. The text at the top reads: Η ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛΗ ΤΟΥ ΕΜΠΕΣΧΟΝΤΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΑΙΧΤΑΣ.



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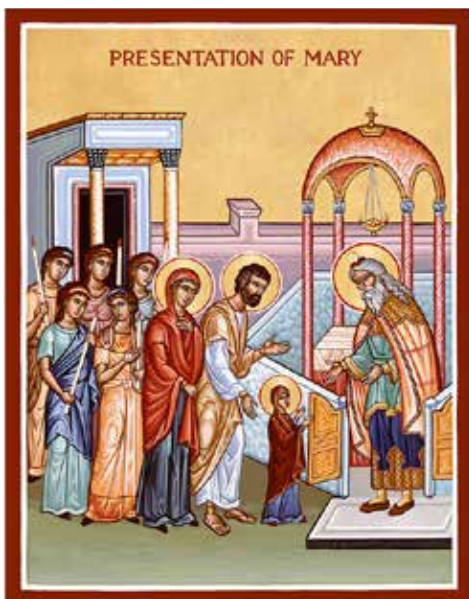
The icon depicts the Parable of the Good Samaritan. On the left, a Samaritan on a white horse, wearing a blue and gold robe and a blue turban, carries an injured man on his palfrey. He is being followed by a priest in a purple and gold robe and a Levite in a red and gold robe, both on foot. In the background, a group of Samaritans stands on a hill. The scene is set against a yellow background with a brown, rocky landscape. The text at the top reads: Η ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛΗ ΤΟΥ ΕΜΠΕΣΧΟΝΤΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΛΗΙΣΤΑΣ.

Nov. 16, 2025: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Eph. 2: 4-10

Gospel: Lk. 10: 25-37

This Weekend	4:00 pm For Our Parishioners 10:30 + Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (Shirley Romanovitch)
Mon., Nov. 17	10:00 Funeral: + George Danylak
Tues., Nov. 18	9:00 + Michael George & Christine Diane Benio (Rosemarie)
Wed., Nov. 19	9:00 + Nancy & George Tehensky (Family)
Thurs., Nov. 20	9:00 Special Intention
Fri., Nov. 21	Entrance of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Robert "Bob" Zelno (Leo Danylak)
Sat., Nov. 22	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm + Michael Clark (Sharon Sembrat)
Sun., Nov. 23	10:30 For Our Parishioners



FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

Commemorated November 21st

When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary, to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord.

According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lit torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and

miraculously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in

Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND EXPECTATIONS

What then does it mean to be a parishioner? What are the expectations?

As a result of my baptism, in practicing my Christian discipleship, I am expected as a registered member of my parish to:

- Regularly attend and participate in the Sunday Divine Liturgy, together with my family;
- Regularly participate in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church;
- Develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life;

- Witness to the teachings of the Church by the manner of my living life;
- Practice stewardship of my time, talent and treasure in service to the mission of the Church;
- Acknowledge, as a registered member, that I am to be a participant in serving the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator; and
- Realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

REMEMBERING

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH

Our Parish has been serving Ukrainian Greek Catholics and so many others for over one hundred years now. By including Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Olyphant as one of the beneficiaries in your Last

Will and Testament, you will help our Parish continue its sacred duty of serving the needs of present and future generations of its parishioners. There is no amount that is too small - it all helps! And remember, whatever

your own financial situation may be, you should prepare a Last Will and Testament, to be sure that your estate and possessions will be handled according to your wishes. When making a bequest to our parish, please

make sure you use the full name and address: Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435. Thank you, and may God bless and repay you!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES: KRIS KRINGLE CELEBRATION & FIRST ANNUAL BINGO

We are excited to announce two upcoming fundraising events that offer wonderful opportunities to support our Parish and connect with the community.

Kris Kringle Celebration

Join us on Saturday, December 6th for the festive Kris Kringle Celebration! This event will be held in the parking lot across from Olyphant Borough Hall. It's more than just a fundraiser—it's a chance to come together and show our community spirit. Bring your friends and family for a joyful gathering while helping to raise essential funds for our Parish.

First Annual Bingo

Get ready for our First Annual Bingo on Sunday, January 25th at the Manor on Main (the former Genetti's). It promises to be an afternoon filled with fun, excitement, and chances to win great prizes. Tickets will be available soon—stay tuned for details!

More Information

Additional details about both events, including ticket sales and activities, will be published in next Sunday's Bulletin. Mark your calendars and invite your friends—let's make these fundraisers a great success for our Parish and a memorable experience for the entire community!

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE AND COAT COLLECTION SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF NEED

Due to the cancellation of our traditional Poinsettia Sale, we decided that we will host our Annual Food Drive

and Coat Collection on the weekend of Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd.

This year, the need within our community is greater than ever. With the ongoing Government shutdown and the absence of funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), many families are facing significant hardship. We are asking for your generous support to help those in need.

- **What to Donate:** Please bring non-perishable food items and gently used or new coats for donation.

- **Where to Donate:** All items

may be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church.

- **When to Donate:** Donations will be accepted on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd.

All collected items will be distributed to the appropriate local charities to help support those most affected during this challenging time.

Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated. Thank you for joining us in this important effort to care for our neighbors in need.

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, Novem-

ber 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.

The Valley Community Library, a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in the valley area.

'TIS THE SEASON! DECORATING

ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS 2025

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday
DECEMBER 7, 2025.**

Christmas will be here before we know it! The decorating of St. Cyril's



Church will be on Sunday, December

7, 2025, after the Divine Liturgy at approximately 12:00 noon. All Parishioners are invited to volunteer, as windows, iconostas, vestibule, the Royal Doors, the Main Altar, manger, choir loft, outdoors, etc... are decorated for the Christmas season. Duane and Dino will have the table and manger in place to help out in early preparation for Sunday.

Everything is labeled and easy to put in its proper place. We need your help, as we prepare for the Holy Season of Christmas in our church.

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 November 8 & 9, 2025: \$

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

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

I Will Pay You

And so our sins become greater, and not only from this but also from the benefits and honor which we enjoy from them. If you want to learn how our sins against God are like ten thousand talents, or more in fact, and even much more, I will try to show you briefly. But I fear, lest to those who are inclined to wickedness and love continually to sin, I should appear to provide them with still greater security; or that I might drive the meeker sort to despair, and that they should repeat the despairing question of the disciples: "Who then can be saved?"

... But nevertheless I will continue on in the hope that I may make those who pay attention more secure and more amenable. For those who suffer an incurable disease and feel no pain are untouched by these words and do not change from their natural wickedness and inertia. And even if in the future they derive from my words greater occasion for contempt, that should be attributed not to this kind of argument but to

their own insensibility. What I will say ought to be able to arouse them if only they attend to it and let it prick their hearts.

And so it is necessary that I speak. In speaking of our sins, I will distinguish between those we commit against God and against other persons. I will set forth not each person's own but what are common. But then I will ask individuals to add their own sins according to an examination of their conscience. I will do this, having first set forth the good deeds of God to us. What then are God's good deeds? He created us from nothing; he made the whole visible world for us, the heaven, the sea, the earth, animals, plants and seeds.... He gave us a helpmate and set us over all the brute species, and He crowned us with glory and honor.

And yet after all this, when humanity turned out ungrateful toward its benefactor, He thought us worthy of an even greater gift – forgiveness.

St. John Chrysostom