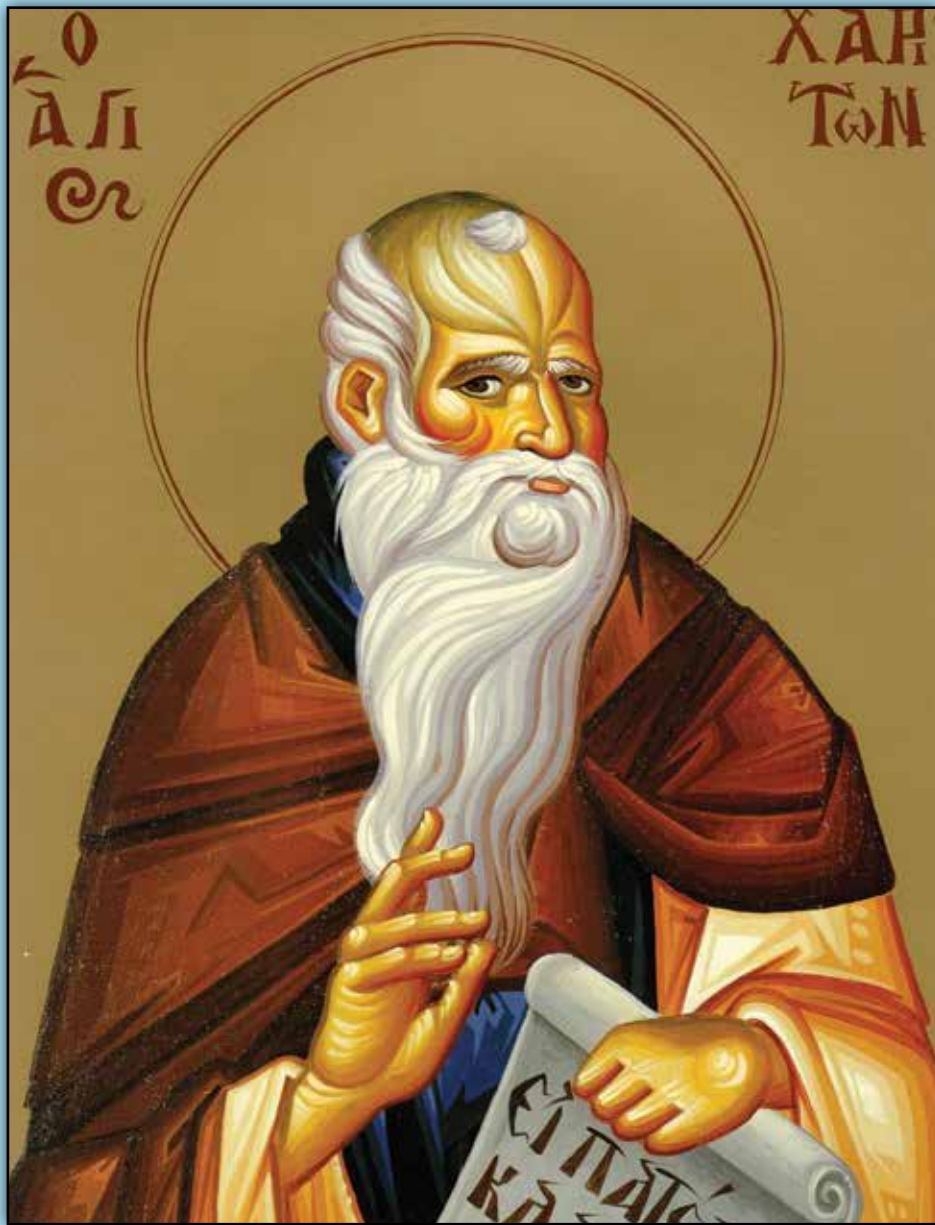


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton -- September 28th

Sept. 28, 2025: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6: 1-10

Gospel: Lk. 5: 1-11

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Husband, John) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
Mon., Sept. 29	9:00 Health & God's Blessings on Michael Roberts (Grandmother)
Tues., Sept. 30	9:00 + Kathy Calcaterra (Duane Sprovach)
Wed., Oct. 1	9:00 + Gene Maslar (Nestor Family)
Thurs., Oct. 2	9:00 + Viola Slachtish (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Fri., Oct. 3	9:00 + Robert "Bob" Zelno (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
Sat., Oct. 4	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm + Carol, Joseph & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)
Sun., Oct. 5	10:30 For Our Parishioners

AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATION UPDATE

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING UPCOMING SERVICES

We are pleased to announce that the installation of our new air conditioning system is nearly complete. There are just a few final steps remaining before we can fully enjoy a more comfortable environment in our church.

In order to allow the electrician and Northeast Valley Mechanical to complete the final connections, we will hold Monday's Divine Liturgy at the Cemetery Chapel. We appreciate your

flexibility and understanding as we finish this important project.

Beginning Tuesday, we will return to holding services in our Church as usual. Thank you for your patience during this period of transition. By next summer, everyone should experience a much more comfortable atmosphere during our gatherings.

PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD



One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church, is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century. It is recorded in the life

of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius were in church for services when they saw the Mother of God approach the altar, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. She knelt and prayed with tears in her eyes. Then she took the veil she was wearing and extended it over her arms as a sign of protection. There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but always with Christ. Today, with her veil (omophor) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers of need and to take them to the Throne of God. We pray: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady, Virgin."

WHY DOES THE WEST USE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHEREAS THE EAST USE LEAVENED? WHAT CAME FIRST?

It should be emphasized that both methods are correct. Unleavened bread was used in the Old Testament during the Passover meal. The tradition of using leavened bread, risen bread, symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus.

In 1439, at a council of Florence, the church fathers confirmed that both traditions were correct and the churches adhered to their traditions.

Church historians say that churches in the East and West both

used leavened bread until the seventh century. In 1054, when a great schism arose, the Western Church accepted only unleavened bread.

After the Second Vatican Council

in some European countries in Roman Catholic Churches, some priests served Mass for youth and used leavened bread.

-- *Fr. Mihajlo Planchak*

AS SEEN ON FACEBOOK...

“We could take a cue from EASTERN CHRISTIANS whose priests stand with their backs to their congregation, leading a liturgy that is neither clever nor impassioned, but simply beautiful, like stone smoothed by centuries of rhythmic tides. It’s an austere ritual, in the sense of — there’s nothing new here; it’s sublime, in the sense of — creating a clearer view into Heaven. The priest can be any priest. Who he is, what he looks like, how he speaks, and

what he thinks matter little. He hasn’t written the service that he officiates. It isn’t about him or his prowess. He’s an interchangeable functionary draped in brocaded robes, obscured by incense, and, as such, never points to himself, a flawed human, pointing ever and only to the Perfection of the Mysterious Divine. That is the role of every priest or preacher- invisibility, while making God seen.”

-- *Unknown*

SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW REPORT

First, we would like to thank ALL of our Volunteers who gave of their time, energy and resources to make this endeavor such a wonderful success! A special “Thank You” to George

Highhouse for his help and insightful suggestions! Sponsor donations raised \$1,350.00 and registration, kitchen and raffles raised \$4,023.10 for a total of \$5,373.10.

UGCC SING CON

UGCC SingCon is an annual gathering of cantors, choristers, choir directors, and anyone interested in the musical tradition of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church. This year

it is being hosted by the parish of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, from October 23-26. The weekend includes workshops on liturgical and

musical topics, vocal exercises, mass choir practices, and liturgical services, including Vespers, Matins, and the Divine Liturgy. For further information, visit the website at <https://ugccmusic.com/>.

com/, or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ugccmusic>. Student rates and scholarships are available. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is September 26th.

PASTIE SALE

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each

and Gravy is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

The annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025.

The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "**Mary, Mother of Hope**. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Grace Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, and the homily will be delivered by Mitred Archpriest Peter Waslo.

Moleben will be celebrated by His Grace Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, and Rev. Ruslan Borovyi, Pastor of St. Nicholas Church will deliver the homily. Liturgical and Moleben responses will be sung by St. Nicholas Choir of Philadelphia.

For further information call Maria Panczak at 215-379-3998 ext. 17.

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.

ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Autumn's arrival brings with it one of our most cherished traditions: the annual PHL Prayer Breakfast. We invite you to join us for a morning of fellowship, reflection, and renewed commitment to our shared mission.

Event Details

- Date: October 25th
- Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- Location: Fiorelli's, Peckville

We are honored to welcome Bobbie Schindler, President of the Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network, as this year's speaker. Bobbie will share insights and inspiration rooted in the mission to protect human life—from conception to natural death.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at pahumanlife@yahoo.com.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2025 is

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

Sunday Collection for Sept. 20 & 21, 2025: \$

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

A TIME TO CELEBRATE...

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrated their birthdays in September:

George Chezik

Sonia Maslar

Michael Roberts

Happy Anniversary and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrated their Wedding Anniversaries during September:

Frank & Susan Lesnefsky

John & Susan Sakson

Paul & Rosemary Mizerak

Bill & Michele Vervan



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Pray for Your Enemies

God's goodness is shown to His enemies by His works. You should at least show your goodness towards them by your words: Pray for your enemies and in this way, at least, you will be like your Father in heaven who "is good to the ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35). How many times we have preached about this! And we will not stop preaching, no matter how annoyed you get. For we will never cease discoursing on these things until your conduct is agreeable to them.

Imitate God! If He wills that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, there is reason why one should pray for all. If He wills all to be saved, you should want it too. And if you want it, then pray for it; for wishes lead always to prayers. Observe how from ev-

ery quarter He urges this upon the soul, to pray for the heathen, showing how great advantages come from this. . . . And what is more, it is pleasing to God to do this, for in doing it we become Godlike since we will the very same things that God wills. This is enough to shame a dumb beast! Fear not therefore to pray for the unbelievers, for God Himself wills it. But fear only to pray against anyone; for this God forbids. And if you pray for the heathen, you ought, of course, to pray for the heretics also. For we are to pray for all people, and not to persecute. For we are of one human nature with all, and God commands and accepts good will and affection towards all.

St. John Chrysostom