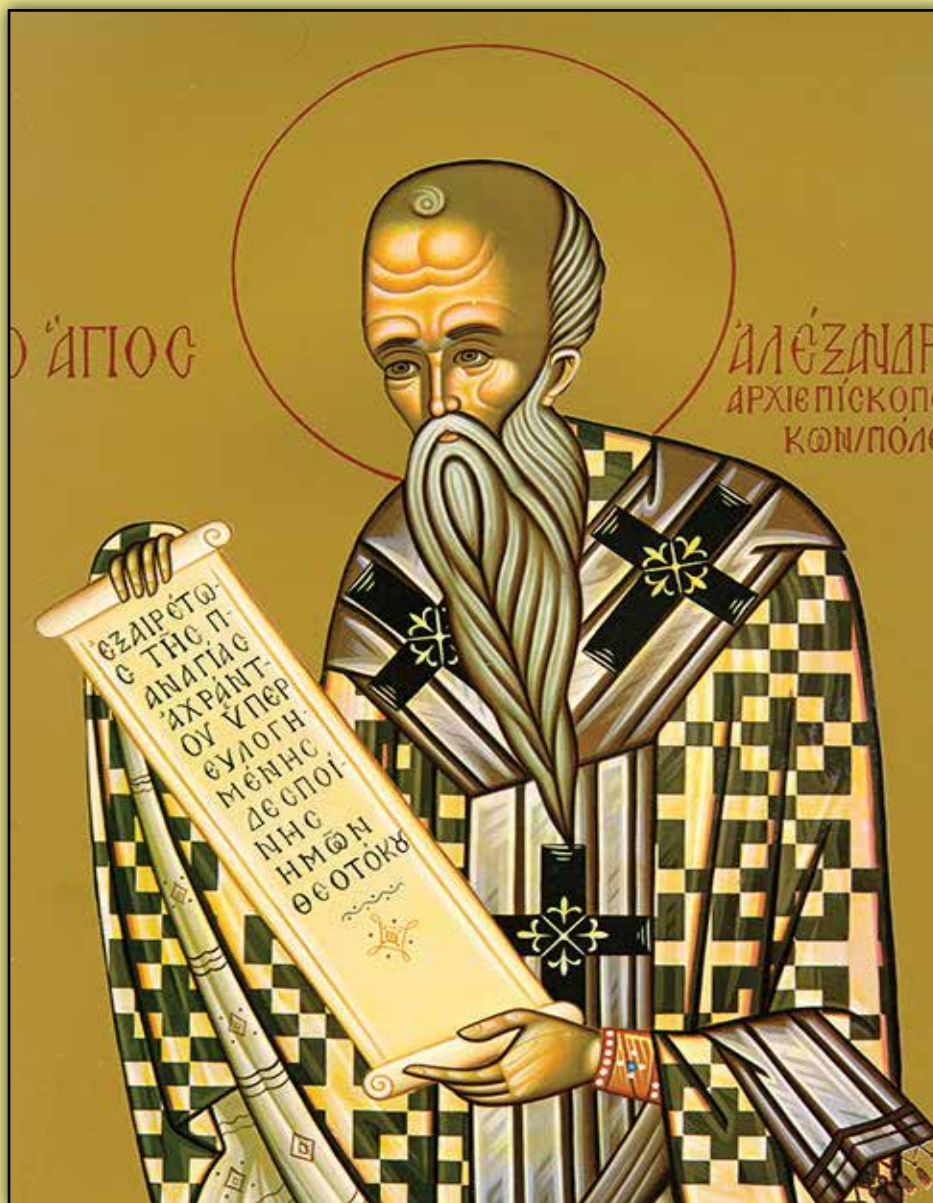


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople -- August 30th

August 30, 2026: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21 - 2:4

Gospel: Mt. 22: 1-14

This Weekend	4:00 pm + George & Mary Marushock (Daughter, Ilona) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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Mon., Aug. 31	9:00 Health & God's Blessings on Cheryl & James Matuszewski (Glenda & Family)
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Tues., Sept. 1	9:00 + Madeleine Legos Belinsky (Nancy Kohut)
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Wed., Sept. 2	9:00 + Bob Zelno (Glenda)
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Thurs., Sept. 3	9:00 + John Sereditch (Howard Smith)
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Fri., Sept. 4	9:00 + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (Andrea Novak)
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Sat., Sept. 5	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
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Sun., Sept. 6	10:30 + Howard & Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A HAPPY CHURCH!

1) Speak to people. Speak to everyone, especially to those whom you don't know. There is nothing quite so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

2) Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it! It doesn't cost a thing!!

3) Call people by name. The sweetest music to any person's ears is the sound of his or her own name. If you don't know the person's name, introduce yourself and likely the person will respond with

his or her name.

4) Be friendly & helpful. If you want friends, learn to be a friend. Everyone needs them. No one has too many.

5) Be cordial. Try to speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

6) Be genuinely interested in people. Try to like everybody and everybody will like you. Do not limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likable people about you.

7) Be generous with praise. And be

just as sparing with criticism.

8) Be considerate of the feelings of others. Usually, there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's and the right one.

9) Be alert to give service. What we do for others counts most in life.

Try giving yourself away. It's fun!

10) Develop a sense of humor. To this good sense of humor, add a generous dose of patience and a dash of humility. Then get ready to receive many blessings. They're sure to come!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will resume on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 9:00 am. Grades 3 through 8 will meet in the Church with Mrs.

Cathy Marcinko as in previous years.

If there are any children in Grades 1 and 2, please call Mrs. Sandra Berta at 570-301-7421 to make arrangements.

A REMINDER FOR VACATION SEASON

It is that wonderful time of year once again — Vacation Time! A season for rest and relaxation, when we temporarily step away from our daily routines to recharge. Whether we stay at home or venture out to visit friends, explore new destinations, or embark on exciting adventures, vacations offer a much-needed break for the soul. During these moments, it's easy to let our usual obligations slip from our minds.

However, there is one reality we cannot escape: bills and financial responsibilities never seem to take a vacation. This includes the operational costs of our Church, which, paradoxically, often increase during the sum-

mer months. Whether it's the upkeep of church facilities or utility bills, these vital needs continue to require support, even as we are away enjoying time with loved ones.

So, as you pack your bags, finalize travel plans, or settle into your summer routine, please keep your Church in mind. Ensuring that your Sunday Collection envelopes are mailed in while you're away is an easy and thoughtful way to maintain your contributions to the Church's mission. This simple act allows you to fully enjoy your vacation, knowing you have supported the work that continues to uplift our community.

Thank you for remembering your

Church during this busy season, and relaxation, and renewal!
may your summer be filled with joy,

2027 DIVINE LITURGY INTENTION BOOK

The Divine Liturgy Intention Book for 2027 is now available. We understand that many people prefer to schedule a Divine Liturgy on the weekend. In order to be fair to all parishioners, we ask that each family schedule no more than three weekend Divine Liturgies per year. There are many week-day Divine Liturgies available, and we encourage you to consider those dates

as well.

Some may wonder about the weekly Divine Liturgy intention listed as “For Our Parishioners.” Under Canon Law, the Pastor is obligated to pray for his parishioners every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to accommodate everyone’s intentions.

BROCHURE ABOUT THE ARCHEPARCHY

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy has prepared a new brochure to help the faithful learn more about the

life and mission of our Archeparchy. Please feel free to pick up a copy in the vestibule after the Divine Liturgy.

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

We are now taking orders for the 2026 Fall Mum Fundraiser! Mums are 9-inch pots for \$10.00 each and will be sold as vouchers to be redeemed by the purchaser at Corky’s, 729 Justus Blvd., Scott Township. Customers may choose their mum color at pickup. Orders will be taken in the back of the Church before Liturgy on 8/8, 8/9, 8/15, 8/16, 8/22, 8/23, 8/29, and 8/30. Orders

must be placed by 8/30; vouchers will be ready for pickup in the back of the church before and after the September 12th and 13th liturgies, and may be redeemed September 11–25, 2026. For more information you may call Janet Melnick – 570-56-16460, Judy Sepinsky 570-780-5244, Carol Zadarosni 570-766-0596. Payment is due at the time of the order. No exceptions.

ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHICKEN BBQ

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Scranton, invites everyone to its annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Center, Mifflin Ave. and Linden St.,

Scranton. Dinner tickets are \$15. The event will also feature a Bake Sale and Basket Raffles. Come enjoy great food and fellowship while supporting the parish's fundraising efforts.

ST. CYRIL'S 3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Parishioners and friends are invited to participate in St. Cyril's 3rd Annual Car Show on Sunday, September 20, from 12:00–4:00 p.m. at 207 River St., Olyphant, with a memorial salute to + Gibby Carozzi. (Rain date: September 27.)

Cars, trucks, and motorcycles are welcome. Registration is \$10 per

vehicle. The event will feature trophy awards, door prizes, basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, a Gas Card raffle, food, and music by Stevie Ray Entertainment.

Proceeds benefit SS. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church. For information, contact Ron at (570) 876-3213.

VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S FALL FAIR

The Valley Community Library is excited to welcome you back for our 2nd Annual Fall Fair on October 3, 2026 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.! Browse unique goods from local vendors, meet talented local authors, and enjoy an afternoon celebrating creativity and community. Families can also enjoy fun activities for kids, making it the perfect event for all ages.

Looking for ways to help? The library is looking for raffle baskets,

volunteers for the event, and baked good donations that can be dropped off Saturday, October 3rd from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. Any questions can be emailed to Kwallo@albright.org

The Valley Community Library, which is a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in Archbald, Blakely, Dickson City, Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant. The library is open Monday

through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. p.m.
and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5

SIMPSON FUNDRAISER CASH PRIZE BINGO

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo and refreshments will be available is planned for October 11, 2026 at for purchase. Tickets will be \$20 in Trinity Hall, Prospect St., Simpson. advance and \$25 at the door. The Bingo will include 14 games, 3 For tickets or more information, Specials, and a Jackpot prize. Snacks call 570-282-5680 or 570-282-0796.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team #4: Ron Barkofsky, Steve & Jeannie for the month of August 2026 is Team Cucura.

Sunday Collection for Aug. 22 & 23, 2026: \$

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 birthday in August:

Sandra Berta	George Homick	Debbie Turko
Edmund Borowski	Cindy Creavey	
Paul Chiricos, Sr.	Joseph Nasevich	

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

M/M Paul Chiricos, Sr.	Sandy & Tim Sczesniak
Cheryl & James Matuszewski	Nick & Joyce Spryn

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, and you would like it listed, please drop us a note indicating when your Birthday or Anniversary is. We only publish this information by request. If you do not provide this information, it will not be published.

Growing the Good News

WHIPPANY

October 3rd
5:30pm

PHILADELPHIA

October 17th
5:30pm

TICKETS:

Early Bird Pricing (through September 1st): \$175 per person

Regular Pricing (after September 1st): \$200 per person

Enjoy an elegant evening featuring a cocktail hour, silent auction, and live musical accompaniment.

Find more information here:



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Actions Speak Louder Than Words

All you who are gladdened by the gift of rebirth, all you who boast of that saving renewal, show me, after the sacramental grace, the resulting change in your ways. ... There surely must be some outward proof by which we may recognize the newborn person, something that clearly set the new apart from the old.

As darkness is dispelled by light, so the old nature disappears when clothed with the works of righteousness. Notice now Zachaeus, after the change of his life, put to death the tax collector that he was, made fourfold restitution to those whom he had unjustly damaged, and the rest he divided with the poor – the treasure that he had extorted from the poor (Lk 19:1-10). The

evangelist Matthew, a tax collector like Zachaeus, after his call changed his life as if it had been a mask. Paul was a persecutor, but after the grace given to him he became an apostle, bearing the weight of his chains for Christ's sake.

So you should be in your rebirth. So you should blot out your habits that lead you to sin. Just so the sons of God should live, because after the grace He has given us, we are called His children. And so we need to carefully study our Father's characteristics, so that by fashioning and framing ourselves to the likeness of our Father, we may seem true children of Him who calls us to adoption through grace.

St. Gregory of Nyssa