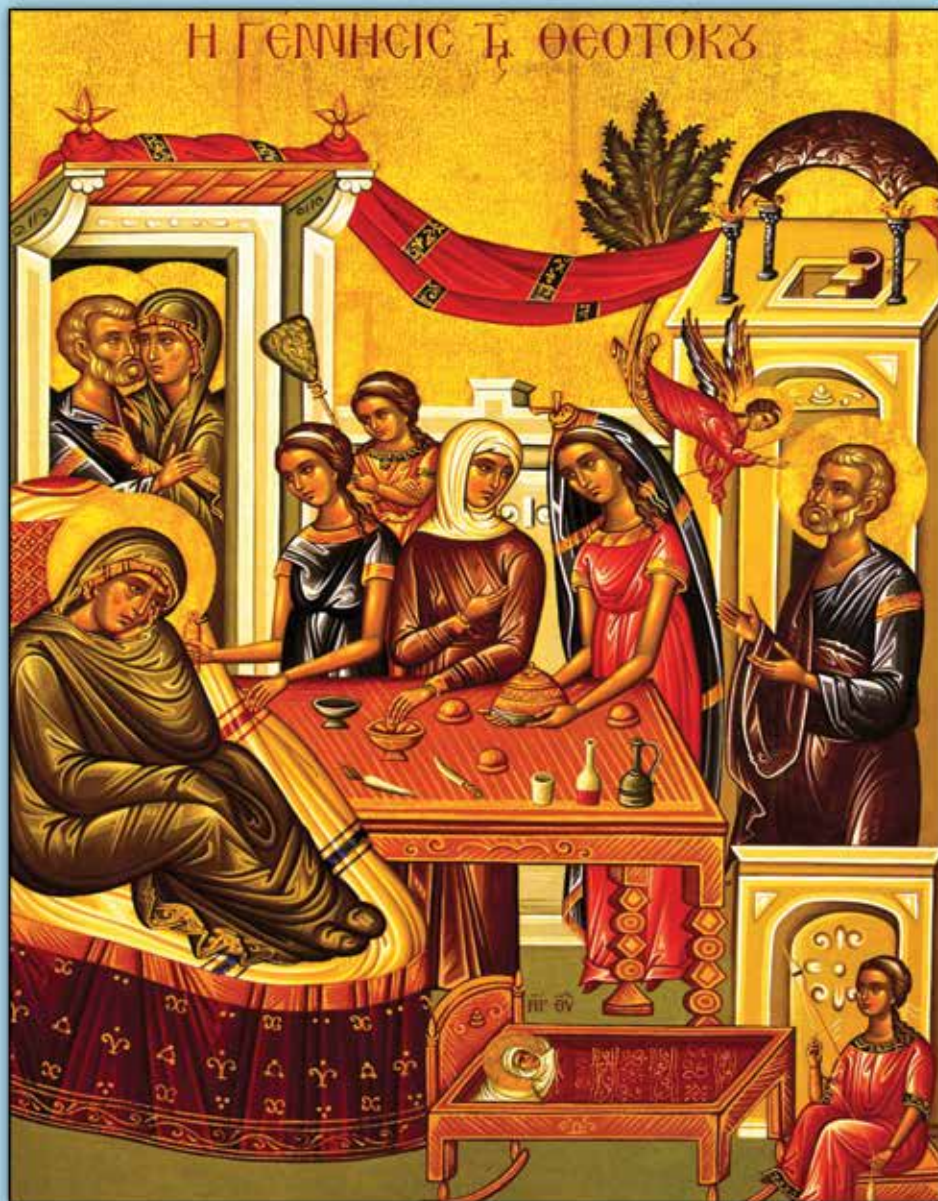


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos, the Mother of God -- September 8th

September 6, 2026: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 4: 6-15

Gospel: Mt. 22: 35-46

This Weekend	4:00 pm For Our Parishioners 10:30 + Howard & Olga Smith (Son, Howard)
Mon., Sept. 7	9:00 + Peter Shiposh, Jr. (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
Tues., Sept. 8	Nativity of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 Intention Available: See Father Nestor
Wed., Sept. 9	9:00 Intention Available: See Father Nestor
Thurs., Sept. 10	9:00 + Deceased Members of St. Cyril's Holy Name Society (Legate Liturgy)
Fri., Sept. 11	9:00 + Victims of Terrorism
Sat., Sept. 12	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Husband)
Sun., Sept. 13	10:30 For Our Parishioners

NEVER FORGET 9/11



For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of Sept. 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. Those whose lives were lost on September 11th will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

THE MIRACLE OF THE FLYING FRIAR: HOW PADRE PIO SAVED AN ITALIAN TOWN FROM A BOMB

Did you know that Padre Pio appeared in the sky and stopped a bombing? This amazing story clearly shows how God works through those who seek holiness.

According to Padre Pio's official website, during World War II, the Allied troops were in the Gargano area, near San Giovanni Rotondo in Italy, carrying out military missions.

Father Damaso de Sant'Elia, who was superior of the convent in Pianisi, Italy, recounted that, after Sept. 8, 1943, the military initiated attacks on the entire province of Foggia, but San Giovanni Rotondo did not fall victim to a single bomb.

The soldiers who tried attacking indicated that "they saw a friar in the sky who forbade them to drop bombs there."

The general of the Italian air force and part of the "Air Unit Command" together with the allied forces, Bernardo Rosini, incredulous in facing this fact, decided to take command of the bomber squadron to "destroy a German ammunition depot" that he had met in the same city.

Rosini returned from the flight

shocked.

"As soon as they approached the target, he and his pilots saw the figure of a friar in the sky with his hands raised. The bombs dropped themselves, falling in the forests, and the planes turned around without any intervention from the pilots," the general said.

Everyone who heard the story wondered who this "ghost" was that mysteriously managed to control the planes.

Rosini heard that a friar with the stigmata lived in San Giovanni Rotondo. The friar was considered a saint and might be responsible for this amazing miracle.

After the end of the war, the general, together with some of the pilots, visited the convent where Padre Pio lived, and as soon as he crossed the threshold of the sacristy, he could see among the friars the priest who stopped his planes.

The saint approached Rosini. Taking him by the shoulder he said, "So, are you the one who wanted to eliminate us all?"

The general knelt in front of Padre

Pio, and he heard the priest's words in English.

Because of these amazing experiences, Rosini, who was a

Protestant, became friends with Padre Pio and converted to Catholicism.

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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.

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 weekday 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.



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.

Volunteers & Bakers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the show, as well as donations of baked goods for our bake sale table. Your help is greatly appreciated!

PASTIE SALE

Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, September 26th, 2026. 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!"

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

goods 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. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SIMPSON FUNDRAISER CASH PRIZE BINGO

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo is planned for October 11, 2026 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 2026 is Team

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

Sunday Collection for Aug. 29 & 30, 2026: \$

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

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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Mary alone forms the boundary between created and uncreated nature, and no one can come to God except through her and the Mediator born of her, and none of God's gifts can be bestowed on angels or men except through her. As in the case with lamps on earth constructed of glass or some other transparent material, it is impossible to look at the light or enjoy its rays except through the lamp, so it is beyond the reach of all to look upwards to God or be helped by Him to make progress in any direction, except through the Ever-Virgin, this God-bearing lamp who is truly radiant with divine brightness. "God is in the midst of her," it says, "she shall not be moved" (Ps 46: 5).

If God requites us according to the measure of our love for Him, and he who loves the Son is loved by Him and by His Father, and becomes

in a mysterious way the dwelling of Both, as they make their home and walk in his soul, as the Lord promised (Jn 14: 23; cf. 2 Cor 6: 16), who could love Him more than His Mother? For not only was He her only Son, but she bore Him on her own without a spouse, so her parental love was naturally double, not being shared with a partner.

Thus she is both the treasury and the treasurer of the riches of the Godhead, and the highest ranks of Cherubim look to her and trust in her. They, above all others, are seized with longing for her, as, more than all others, they long for the outpouring of light and the granting of indescribable divine graces which come through her.

St. Gregory Palamas