

SUNDAY AFTER THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions -- September 20th

September 20, 2026: Sunday After the Exaltation

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Mk. 8:34 - 9:1

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Deceased Members of the Moskel Family (Marlene Zelno & Family) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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Mon., Sept. 21	9:00 + Paul Welby (St. Cyril's Fundraising Committee)
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Tues., Sept. 22	9:00 + Fr. Joseph Soltysiak (Nancy Kohut)
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Wed., Sept. 23	9:00 Intention Available: See Father Nestor
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Thurs., Sept. 24	9:00 + Deceased of the Polinsky and Chiricos Families (Paul Chiricos)
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Fri., Sept. 25	9:00 + Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)
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Sat., Sept. 26	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Health & God's Blessings on Andy & Michael (Mother & Grandmother)
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Sun., Sept. 27	10:30 For Our Parishioners
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Antiphon 1

O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

O God, I will call to You by day but You will not listen; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untitled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest.

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord,* shine upon us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

FIVE POINTS WHY ANGELS ARE IMPORTANT

In these trying times, it's wise to reflect on the great gifts we have received in our Faith, and how they can help us meet the challenge of maintaining our religious life and inner peace. Let us consider five points about the importance of one of these gifts: our heavenly helpers, the Holy Angels.

1. Angels are real. This seems obvious, but do we relate to the angels like they are real? The Holy Scriptures, the writings of the saints, and the experience of Christians for over

2,000 years demonstrate the countless ways that the holy angels watch over our lives, protecting and guiding the faithful, the Church, and the nations of the world.

2. They have one task: to do the will of God. And in relation to us, what is that will? That we, as Saint John the Baptist is described, become earthly angels and heavenly men and women. The angels are ever attentive to protect us in our path through life, awaken our conscience, and lead us on the path to heaven.

3. They are the real “first line of defense.” At a time when evil seems to be having its way throughout our country and the rest of the world, we need to call upon the help of this heavenly army.

4. There is nothing too small or too great for the Holy Angels. We are all familiar with Bernhard Plockhorst's famous painting of two

toddlers crossing a rickety bridge in the forest, followed by a tall, attentive angel.

5. They are ever with us, always listening. The more we call upon the help of the Holy Angels, the more it will become apparent to us. Let us be wise and seek their help!

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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.

FROM MY EMAIL: TODAY'S MEDITATION

How do you dress when you go to church? Is it the same way you dress for picnics, hikes, and walks on the beach? There are always exceptions and circumstances that arise, but the exception should not be the norm. How would a saint dress for Mass? A saint would dress as well as they could, and modestly. No female saint would wear miniskirts, tight leggings, ... Likewise, no male saint would wear concert

shirts or drooping pants hanging down to the knees. Neither should you. You wouldn't go to see a president or a king in such a casual way, would you? Today, many have become too casual about how we dress for Holy Mass. Isn't God worthy enough that you put on nice clothes and give him your "Sunday best?"

— *Father Donald Calloway*

RUMMAGE SALE

SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham St., Plymouth, invite you to their Rummage

Sale on Friday, Oct. 2nd from 9 am - 4 pm and Saturday, October 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm.

In addition, there will be soup, haluski, and baked goods for sale. A

basket raffle to support the Ukrainian Relief Fund is also being held.

PASTIE SALE

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township, PA

18447 (Montdale), Sunday, October 4, from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Turkey Dinner will be a drive-thru take out that includes all of the "fixins".

Dinners are still \$15. Outdoor booths under a tent (12 pm - 3 pm) will include a huge Bountiful Baskets Stand, dining out stand, baked goods, raffles including a \$5,000 raffle and

more. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND THE WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

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.

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please mark your calendar for Pennsylvanians for Human Life – Scranton Chapter's 52nd Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main Street, Peckville.

Doors open at 8:00 AM. Breakfast begins at 9:00 AM.

This beloved annual gathering brings our community together for prayer, fellowship, encouragement, and support for the mission of protecting and defending every innocent human

life from conception to natural death.

This year, we are especially focused on our Mother and Baby core community — coming alongside mothers, babies, and the organizations that serve them with compassion, practical support, and hope.

The morning will include: Breakfast, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, An inspiring keynote message, Opportunities to support the mission of PHL

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 Sept. 12 & 13, 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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Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn

out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.