

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA



Icon of Saint Anna and Mary

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, November 17, 2019

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

SAT NOVEMBER 16: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Walter Skula by Friends

SUN NOVEMBER 17: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
God's Blessings for His People

MON. NOVEMBER 18: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's healing for Steve Patrick by Friends

TUE. NOVEMBER 19: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Larry & Maria Black

WED. NOVEMBER 20: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Carlos Diaz by Francia Diaz

THU. NOVEMBER 21: . . . a.m. Divine Liturgy +Carlos Diaz by Francia Diaz

FRI. NOVEMBER 22: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Carlos Diaz by Francia Diaz

SAT NOVEMBER 23: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Judy Timms Howell
by Kathleen Izak

SUN NOVEMBER 24: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 24th Sunday After Pentecost
God's Blessings for His People

Collection Basket



November 9 & 10 \$ next week's bulletin

We thank last week counters:

Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommes

Next in Line:

Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity

Happy Birthday and Anniversary !

Birthdays November 16 - 22

Walter Skula - Nov. 16

Kristen Pietryka - Nov. 18

Kirsten Orzolak - Nov. 20

Vasylyna Smirnov - Nov. 20

CALENDER 2019

-----November, 2019 -----

- November 28: Thanksgiving

----- December, 2019 -----

- December 1: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Thanksgiving weekend)
- December 14: Pyrohy
- December 8: Children's Sunday
- December 22: St. Nicholas Play
- December 25: Christmas
- December 29: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Christmas weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. HOLY DAY ON THURSDAY

The Presentation of the Mother of God Holy Day is this Thursday, November 21st. Divine Liturgy will be held at 9:30am. Please come to Church on this special Holy Day to Honor the Mother of God.

2. NOVEMBER PYROHY SALE RAISES OVER \$3,100!

This month's Pyrohy Sale was another Big Success for St. Vladimir's. Thanks to the hard work of parish volunteers, over 525 dozen were made and sold. Income was \$3,695. Expenses were \$545.88, for a profit of \$3,149.12. Thank you to everyone who bought our delicious Pyrohy. The next Pyrohy sale is scheduled for December 14th.

3. CHRISTMAS CCD PRACTICE FOR PLAY

PLAY practice has begun! We are asking all parents to have children at the church hall NO LATER THAN 9 am to begin practice. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maria Ruane 570-877-5899

4. THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO UKRAINIAN ORPHANS

St. Vladimir's collected Winter Accessories for Ukrainian Orphans last month. Gloves, Scarves, Sweaters, Socks, Boots (Specific Sizes), along with Children's Vitamins were donated by our Parishioners. The items are being shipped to Ukraine in time for Winter. Also, a total of \$250 was donated. Thank you for helping us help these special Children this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. AMERICAN UKRAINIAN VETERANS RECRUITMENT

The American Ukrainian Veterans Association of Lackawanna County, 237 Railroad Avenue, Scranton warmly welcomes new regular members. Individuals must be at least 21 years of age and whose parent or grandparent is/was of Ukrainian descent. Must have proof of either military or maritime service. Come join your fellow veterans in camaraderie and promote your Ukrainian heritage. For further information contact Mr. Ed Chomko Sr. at 570-342-5834.

6. UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT THE CATHEDRAL

The 2019 Ukrainian Christmas Bazaar will be held next Sunday, November 24th, at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia. There will be Homemade Food/Pastries, Gifts & Vendors, Crafts & Music, Flea Market, Hourly Cathedral Tours, and Turkey Door Prizes. Admission: \$1.00, Kids under 10: Free.

7. PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for all the sick of the parish, those who are in nursing facilities, at home, or in the hospital. The list is in the back of the Bulletin. May God bless them always.

8. TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Orders for Texas Roadhouse gift cards are now being taken for Christmas. Last day for orders will be Sunday, Dec. 1st. Forms are available in the church vestibule and during our Sunday socials. As in the past, a free appetizer will accompany each card purchased. This year, however, for all orders of \$100 or more, a free monthly appetizer will be given. We will also raffle off a Texas Roadhouse gift basket. For every \$5.00 spent, a ticket bearing your name will be entered into the raffle. Our church will receive 10% of all sales. Please make checks out to St. Vladimir's Church. All cards must be pre-paid. Any questions, please see Daria or contact her @ (570) 963-1580 or (570) 430-1001. As always, we thank you for your support of our church!

9. UKRAINIAN TABLECLOTH RAFFLE

A beautiful tablecloth with Ukrainian traditional floral pattern will be raffled at our Harvest Dinner on November 17. Ticket sales - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 - for the colorful 60" x 100" table covering are being overseen by Matthew and Kirsten Orzolek and are available now through the day of the Dinner. The tablecloth is on display in the church hall. We thank Helen Ewasko for her kind donation to our popular autumn event. If necessary, Kirsten can be reached at 570 878-4651

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10. HOMEMADE QUILTS AVAILABLE

The Quilting Club Ladies of Saint Vladimir's Parish has homemade quilts available. There are two sizes baby quilts 45 by 54 for \$40.00 and 90 by 108 for \$150.00 They can be seen on Tuesday mornings in church hall and will also be able to be purchased during Sunday Socials. Any questions or for purchase information please contact: Sophie Soniak- 570-343-4141 or Dorothy Fleck- 570-346-4164 .

11. SUNDAY SOCIAL SPONSORS NEEDED

Our Sunday Socials will resume on Sunday, Sept. 15th, following Divine Liturgy. The Kitchen Staff is looking for Sponsors for each Sunday. Minimum Sponsorship is \$25. Platinum Sponsorship is \$100 or more. What a great way to celebrate a Special Occasion or the Memory of a Loved One! Please see Mark to reserve your date. Help us keep this worthy program of Food and Fellowship going strong. We depend on your generosity. Thank You!

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13. SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the religious education teachers and students for donating \$1,000.00 to our parish from the flea market held last month. THANK YOU!

14. WINTER CLOTHING & VITAMIN DRIVE FOR UKRAINIAN ORPHANS

St. Vladimir's will be collecting Winter Accessories for Ukrainian Orphans again this season. Gloves, Scarves, Sweaters, Socks, Boots (Specific Sizes), along with Children's Vitamins will be collected. The Deadline for items will be the end of October so that we may ship them to Ukraine in time for Winter. Please help us help these special Children this year. Monetary Donations can also be made to defray Shipping Costs. Mark an Envelope "Orphans" and drop it in the Collection Basket. May God Bless You for your continued support.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We, the faithful experience the life of the Church by means of the unending cycle of the liturgical year. The liturgical year is not simply how we mark the passage of time in the church calendar year. The liturgical year tells the story of God's life in the world, a story in which we are participants, not just spectators or listeners. It is a re-living of the life of Christ, His Most Holy Mother and the Saints. And liturgy is the means by which we tell, live, and experience the story. Through liturgy it becomes real to us and becomes part of our own lives.

It has been said that liturgy is humanity's yearning for God, and that grace is God's yearning for humanity. Liturgically, this story of holy yearning - God's yearning for us and our yearning for God - begins at the point in the liturgical year that we find ourselves at the present moment: Pylypivka: the 40-day period of waiting and watching for the fulfillment of God's promises, and the coming together of humanity and divinity in the Christ child, who, with his nativity, will bring new life and new hope into our world and our lives.

Too often we see this time of Pylypivka, through the secular lens of our modern post-Christian society, as the final countdown to Christmas, the time when we get things ready for the holidays. By now the malls and stores have long been decorated for Christmas. Christmas gift lists are growing and the number of shopping days is shrinking. Party menus are being planned. Travel plans are being made. Families are gathering. Expectations and hopes are growing. Christmas trees need decorating and presents need wrapping. The pressure is mounting. There is so much to do and so little time to do it in. We feel stressed and distracted.

This is not the liturgical or spiritual understanding of Pylypivka proposed by the Church. This is not the ideal way of spending this holy time. Pylypivka is not the time when *we prepare* for Christmas. It is the time in which *we are prepared* for Christmas. It is the time not so much for action as for reflection, a time not for doing but for being open and receptive. Pylypivka is the time when the Church offers to us an alternative to the secular model of "getting ready for the holidays" and asks us to slow down, be still, and be quiet. We are called to

keep awake, to be looking and listening for the God who is coming to us. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. It is a time to watch and reflect on who we are. It is a time to look for Christ in all the unexpected places – in the ordinary events of everyday life, in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. And we wait and watch for the angelic messenger who will tell us of the birth of the Christ child.

Being still and keeping attentive is hard work at any time but especially now, during one of the busiest times of the year, so full of distractions and stress, which makes keeping still and attentive even more necessary for us. The time of Pylypivka reminds us that waiting and watching is holy work. So how do we do this?

The tradition of the Church teaches us that silence is the key. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching, and a way of listening to what is going on within and around us. Through stillness and silence, through attentiveness and watchfulness we come to self-knowledge and the true spiritual meaning of the coming of Christ.

Of course, it is unrealistic for us to completely detach ourselves from the world in which we live. Our daily obligations and responsibilities prevent us from doing so.

However, during this time of Pylypivka, we encourage you to take just a few minutes each day to sit in silence and stillness, with perhaps the aid of Holy Scripture or a spiritual book, and meditate on the coming of the Lord in the flesh in the feast of His Nativity. If you do this, be prepared to be surprised at what the Lord might whisper to you in your heart!

May the blessings of the Lord Jesus, whose birth in a cave in Bethlehem we joyfully await, descend upon all of you.

+Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
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Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

Mid-Valley Nursing Home

Mary Wasyluniak

Linwood Nursing Home

Dolores Zapotochny

Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Nadia Biloskirka

Lackawanna Health Care

Center

Antonietta Kohut

Green Ridge Living

Michael Stec

Jewish Home

Stefan Tutka

Home

Kay Futrago

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Walter Tucker, Jr.

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Walter Skula

Home

Kathleen Izak

Sharon Selwocki

Ann Cosminski

Doris Romancho

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Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

Kieran Frable

Vera Krewsun

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning November 16, 2019

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: God's Blessings - the sick, disabled, homebound |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: God's Blessings upon the Ukrainian orphans |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: + Souls in Purgatory |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I. M. O. + Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I. M. O. + Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr. |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health and God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Walter Skula
For: I. M. O. +Dorothy Skula |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: Commemoration - Entrance of the Theotokos NOV. 21 |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Birthday Blessings - Walter Skula, 101 yrs NOV. 16 |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: God's Blessings - Harvest Dinner guests NOV. 17 |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For: I. M. O. + Michael Soniak |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Servants of God
For: Safety of persecuted Christians |

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

**OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter & Paul, 47 Rittenhouse Street, Simpson,
Pennsylvania**

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

If Moses did not Take off his Shoes

Moses was prevented from approaching the burning bush until he had taken off his shoes. You are aspiring to stand in the presence of the One who is greater than every thought and every passion. How then can you refuse to strip yourself of every passionate thought?

Praying means rejecting pleasures and banishing anger.

Do not open your heart to fleshly longings. They stir up emotions that trouble the eye of the mind and therefore destroy prayer.

Your prayer ought to be steadfast and fervent. So dispel all distractions and wandering thoughts the moment they present themselves. They disturb you and worry you so that your fervor is weakened.

During your prayer, try to keep your mind deaf and dumb. Only so will you be able to pray.

Do not be content with external attitudes of prayer. Turn your mind to the prayer of the spirit, with awe and fearfulness.

St. Evagrius of Pontus