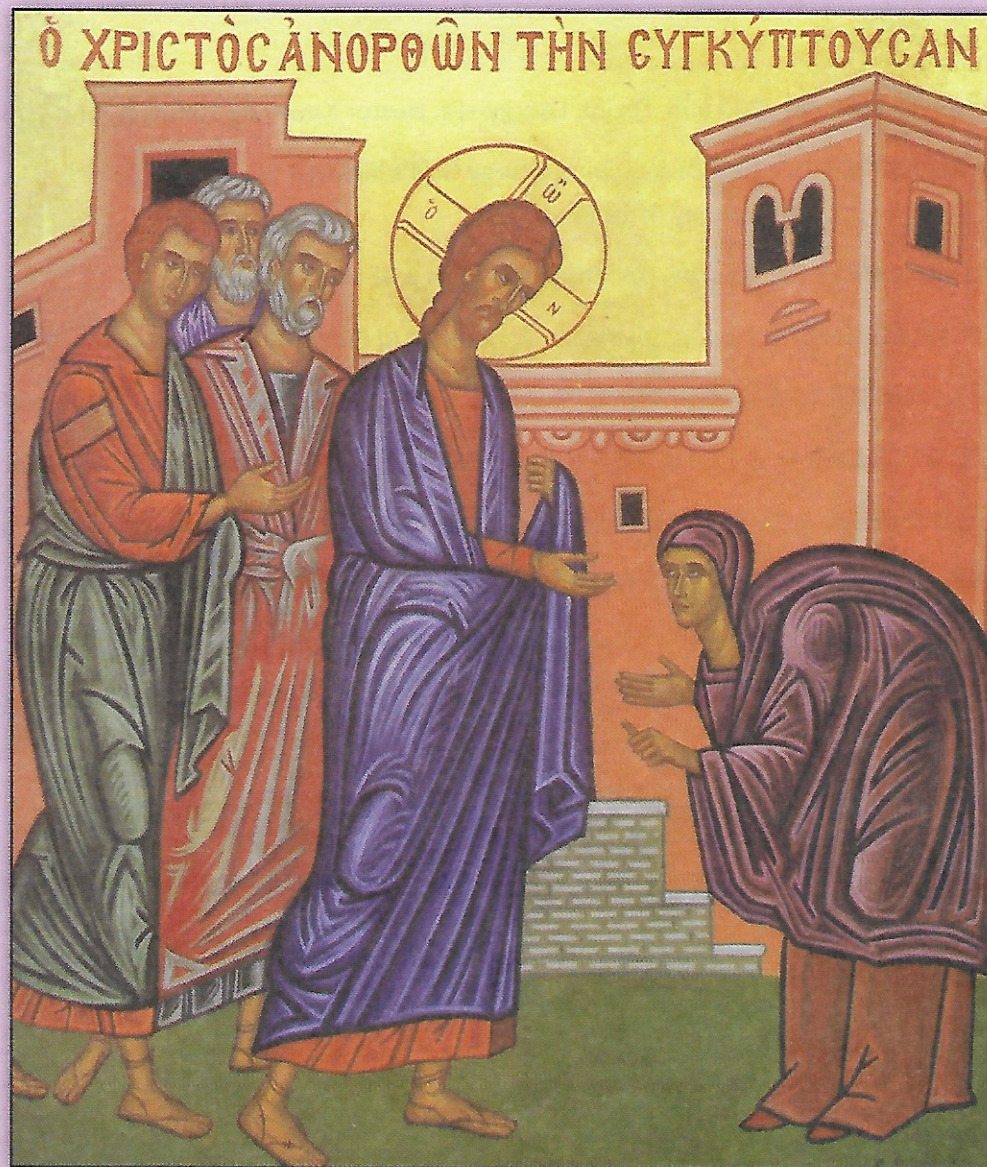


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Stoopd Woman (Luke 13:10-17)

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, November 29, 2020

26th Sunday After Pentecost

SAT NOVEMBER 28: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Fr. Nestor Kowal by Stefan & John Tutka

SUN NOVEMBER 29: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for His people
26th Sunday After Pentecost

MON NOVEMBER 30: Andrew Apostle READ John 1:35-51

TUES DECEMBER 1: 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Leonard Curtis by Friends


WED DECEMBER 2: 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Stec Family by Friends

THURS DECEMBER 3: 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for John Monsul by Family

FRI DECEMBER 4: 8:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's healing for Mary Warholak by Friends

SAT DECEMBER 5: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for John & Patricia Ord by Friends

SUN DECEMBER 6: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for His people
27th Sunday After Pentecost Nicholas of Myra Archbishop

Collection Basket 

11/21 & 11/22 \$1897

Thank you to last week's counters

Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity

Next Week's Counters are

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Happy Birthdays!

Birthdays November 28 December 4

No birthdays

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 50/50 RAFFLE

The upcoming and ongoing fundraiser is now underway, just an additional way for us to make up for lost fundraiser income to help with the upcoming heating bills this winter. You should have received your raffle tickets by now. If not, contact Jean Pedley or Kristen Waznak. Hopefully everyone will be able to sell at least those that were mailed to you. But PLEASE try to sell more if you are able! Tickets are available AFTER each Divine Liturgy and you can make returns that way or by dropping in the collection basket in an envelope marked "50/50 raffle returns". Returns can also be mailed to the rectory. Special THANK YOU to the Edward Chomko Funeral Home for underwriting the cost of the raffle ticket printing!!!! God bless!

2. 2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

2021 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please notify Father or Jean Pedley if yours are not there. Reminder, if no donations were made using your envelopes in the last 12 months, no envelopes will be issued in order to save money on purchasing the box sets.

3. ST. NICHOLAS HOLY DAY NEXT SUNDAY

The Feast of St. Nicholas is next Sunday, December 6th. Divine Liturgy will be held at the usual time of 10:30am. Come to Church on this special day to Honor this Holy Saint.

4. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made next Weekend, December 5th & 6th. Please use the specially marked envelope to make your contribution. Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward the upkeep of our buildings and property.

5. CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET IN NANTICOKE

Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church in Nanticoke invites everyone to their Christmas Flea Market on Saturdays Dec. 5th, and Dec. 12th from 9:00am-2:00pm. Ornaments, mangers, trees, garland, lights, as well as Christmas gifts will be available. The Church is located at 240 Center St. in Nanticoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. 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.

7. POINSETTIAS FOR YOUR HOME OR AS GIFTS

We have come across an interesting Christmastime fundraiser for our parish by participating in Jerry's For All Seasons Poinsettia Voucher Program. Vouchers sell for \$10.00 of which we keep \$3.50. Purchasers then redeem their voucher at Jerry's floral center at 201 Jessup Street just off North Blakely Street, Dunmore for a 6 inch branched premium potted poinsettia. To purchase vouchers please see either John Knott, Helen Pagnotti or Paul Ewasko. Vouchers must be redeemed at Jerry's no later than Friday, December 18. Thank you in advance for your usual support.

8. ATTENTION PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Father Myron would like to meet with us next Thursday evening, December 3 at 7:00pm in the parish center. Several important matters need discussion including fundraising. Please make every effort to attend.

8 Facts about the Holodomor Genocide:

1. **The Soviet Union:** Ukraine became a republic of the Soviet Union in 1922 and their agriculture became a major part of the Soviet economy. As Stalin took power he capitalized on Ukraine's agricultural prosperity and created collective farms to spread grain and other products throughout the member nations. From 1932 to 1933, Stalin increased the quotas required by Ukrainian farmers and severely punished those who resisted.
2. **The Resistance:** Many Ukrainians resisted Stalin's rule over their farms. As a result of their resistance, these Ukrainians came to be considered enemies of the state and were shipped away to remote areas such as Siberia. Many died in transit or else starved to death due to the harsh conditions.
3. **The Policies:** The mass expulsions of Ukrainian farmers meant that Stalin had access to all of their resources. For those that remained Stalin increased their quotas to impossible standards. Food and livestock were confiscated, and those caught stealing from the farms in which they worked were arrested. The heart of the famine saw the deaths of 25,000 people every day due to malnutrition and starvation.
4. **The Eyewitness Accounts:** The lens through which the world sees famine is often abstract. For victims of the Holodomor, the experience is far more personal. According to surviving eyewitness accounts, Ukrainians survived on anything they could find. From the blossoms of acacia trees to the rotting flesh of cats and dogs, they tried to survive by any means possible. Despite the decreasing number of dogs and abounding malnutrition, denial of the Holodomor Genocide was, and, is still today abundant.
5. **Refusal of Assistance:** The international community was by no means ignorant to the famine in Ukraine, however, Stalin refused assistance. The Soviet Union did not acknowledge the widespread problem and suppressed censuses that would help prove the genocide. Visitors to the Soviet Union were likewise confined to Moscow and denied entry to Ukraine.
6. **The Actual Number of Dead is Unknown:** While the consensus is that the number of Holodomor victims is around ten million, there are a number of factors that skew the true number. Stalin's suppression of the Ukrainian census and the large number of people exiled abroad distort the calculations. Denials of the famine both by the Soviet Union and Western publications further alter the number.
7. **Denial of the Famine:** The Soviet Union was steadfast in their denial of the Ukrainian famine. Throughout the Holodomor, the USSR released propaganda material under-emphasizing the situation in Ukraine. Soviet official Maxim Litvinov went so far as to say, "there is no famine... You must take a longer view. The present hunger is temporary. In writing books, you must have a longer view. It would be difficult to describe hunger." This view was by no means eradicated by the passage of time; since 1932 Russia has continued to deny its role in the Holodomor Genocide.
8. **Walter Duranty:** Denial of the Holodomor was not isolated to Soviet propaganda. Walter Duranty, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for The New York Times, wrote articles that conformed to Stalin's agenda. This included suppression of the famine in Ukraine, writing that "conditions are bad, but there is no famine." Duranty's misleading writing and the denial of the famine by the Soviet Union combined to mask the full extent of the Holodomor. The New York Times has since publicly acknowledged Duranty's failures and called for his Pulitzer Prize to be canceled.



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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.

Mountain View

Nadia Biloskirka
Green Ridge Living
Michael Stec
Kay Futrago
St. Mary's Villa
Peter Hnatushko
Home
Stella Patrick
Stefan Tutka
Stanley Krupinski
John Monsul

Home

Ceil Harrison
Charles Drumsta
Regina Kozel
Walter Tucker, Jr.
Mary Tucker
Ronald Kozak
Dr. Walter Dobushak
Sophia Soniak
John Ord
Kathleen Izak

Home

Sharon Selwocki
Doris Romancho
Mary Warholak
Dorothy Kowalchick
Irene Slagan
Michael McConnell
Olga Trusz
Vera Krewsun
Bridget Knott

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning November 28, 2020

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I. M. O. + Joseph Laskowski father-in-law, birthday NOV 28 |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Kenneth and Karen Lilik
For: I. M. O. + William and + Mary Lawrosky |
| 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: Control and Cure of the coronavirus |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I. M. O. + 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: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Kay Futrago |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: Vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Charlie Drumsta |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr. |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Paul and Helen Ewasko
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stefan Tutka |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Dr. Walter Dobushak |

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.

Healing a Stooped Woman

Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus' healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke

13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God's character to take special notice of the needy.

What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!