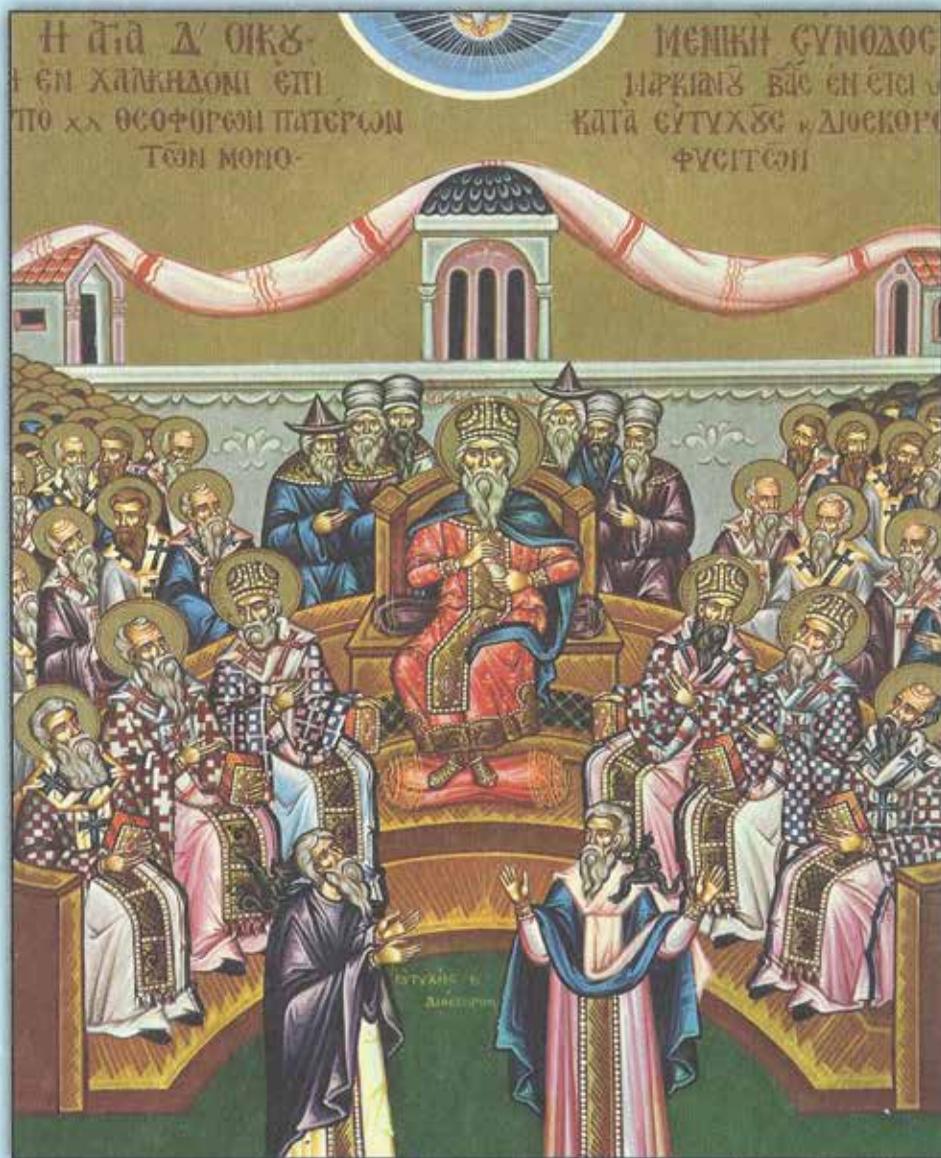


FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

July 17, 2016: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 3: 7-17

Gospel: Mt. 14: 22-34

Mon., July 18	8:00	+ Anna Jablonski (Family)
Tues., July 19	8:00	+ Fran Sember (Rosemarie Sember)
Wed., July 20	8:00	+ Zenia & Emmett Hooper (Family)
Thurs., July 21	8:00	+ Mary Ann Cole (Frank)
Fri., July 22	8:00	+ Deceased of the Stecco Family (Ed & Joan Stecco)
Sat., July 23	No Morning Liturgy Today 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., July 24	9:00	+ Andrew & Anna Benio (Rosemarie Sember)
	11:30	+ George & Mary Marushock (Daughter Ilona Westington; Baptism of Savannah Sedlak)

A Letter to God

Dear God:

I am writing to express the hope that in the summer months You will not be too disappointed if You do not find me in Church every Sunday. It's been a hard winter and we have "been cooped up" so long. It seems that weekends are the only time we can get away. The rest of the week I have to work for a living.

We shall also be going on vacation and trips soon. As You know, travel is so expensive these days. So I hope You won't mind if we fall behind on our contributions to the Church. We will do our

best to make it up when we get back. After our vacation we will also feel more relaxed, then maybe we can take a more active part in the Church programs.

You are such a loving God, we know You will understand and forgive our absence during the summer months.

Looking forward to being back in Church in the fall, I am

Your Faithful Member

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Dear Faithful Member:

I have received your explanatory note, and I understand just how you

feel. Quite a few people have written me along the same lines. But I must confess that I was a little surprised to receive that kind of note from you. I had counted on your being in Church now that the weather is so nice. I have just taken out of my file a note I received from you last winter explaining that the cold and snow made it difficult for you to get to Church. Then you promise that just as soon as the weather was nice, you would be in Church every Sunday.

I remember you mentioned something last fall about your contributions; you had to get the children ready for school, you had to buy new snow tires

for your car, and then Christmas was coming.

I love you in spite of your shortcomings. I'm ready to forgive and forget if you honestly mean to do better. But, may I remind you that the Day of Judgment is coming and it might find you in a period of excuse-making rather than a time of faithfulness! And may I remind you what it cost me to forgive you – the life of my Beloved Son! May I also remind you what it costs me to keep the Church-going while you are away.

Although a great deal disappointed in you, I am still

Your Faithful God



+ Fr. Joseph Szupa

The Very Rev. Joseph Szupa suddenly fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, July 10, 2016, after celebrating the 11 am Divine Liturgy in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where he served as Rector.

Fr. Joseph was laid to rest on Friday, July 15, 2016. Please remember + Fr. Joseph in your prayers and may Our Lord grant Fr. Joseph rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat!

A Note of Sympathy

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late + **Patrick J. Marcinko, Jr.**, our Choir Director for the past 16 years, who recently passed away in the Lord.

+ Patrick was laid to rest on Tuesday, July 12th. We pray that his soul may rest in the bosom of Abraham and that his memory be everlasting. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Going Away On Vacation?

Now that it's Summer, many folks will be headed to many wonderful destinations on vacation. If that includes you, please remember that you still have your responsibility to attend Divine Liturgy or Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation during the year. Do your best to find a Ukrai-

nian Catholic, Byzantine Catholic, or Roman Catholic Church in the region where you're vacationing. And do remember that as a member of your Church back home, you still have your sacred duty to make your weekly monetary offerings.

L.U.C. Meeting

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 70 Zerbey Avenue in Edwardsville, extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service -- Moleben to Our Blessed Mother on Sun-

day, July 24, 2016, to be followed by a meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). All Parishioners and friends are welcome.

Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. The theme for this year's event is the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary and the celebration of all who have dis-

cerned their vocation to the Priesthood through the years in the seminary. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 82 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

Pilgrimage for Peace

The 2016 Pilgrimage for Peace will be held Sunday August 7 at Holy Dormition Friary in Sybertsville. Bishop Kurt of Passaic will be the celebrant at the 1 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. As in recent years, we will be using both Ukrainian and Ruthenian chant at the Divine Liturgy.

You are invited to the 2016 Pilgrimage for Peace, Sunday August 7, at Holy

Dormition Friary in Sybertsville.

- 10am Matins
- 11am-5pm Food Service (except during Divine Liturgy)
- noon Holy Anointing for Healing
- 1pm Divine Liturgy
- 3:30-4:30 Children's Program
- 4-4:30 Spiritual Talk
- 5pm Vespers

Summer Flea & Food Fest

Mark your calendar! Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, will be holding their annual Summer Flea & Food Fest on August 13th-August 15th in the parish air-conditioned auditorium. Please come and enjoy the treasure hunt along with delicious homemade ethnic foods from our concession

stand: Saturday – 8am-6pm; Sunday and Monday – 8am-4pm. A take-out pasta & meatball dinner will be served on Sunday from 11am to 3pm. Tickets are \$10, purchased in advance only, by phone or visiting the parish office: 1101 Willow Street, Peckville, 570-383-3244 ext. 2.

15Th Annual Lebanese-American Food Festival

Date: August 13 and 14, 2016

Time: Sat. Aug 13th is 4 to 11 pm; Sun. Aug 14th is 12pm to 7pm

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Rummage Sale

- Our 6th annual “RUMMAGE SALE” will be held in St. Cyril’s Grade School Gym, 133 River Street, Olyphant
- **DATE:** SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25th 2016
- **TIME:** FRIDAY (23th)-SATURDAY (24th) 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. SUNDAY (25th) 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 6th Annual Pre-Rummage Sale Information
- **RAFFLE DONATIONS: We need you help in acquiring:** Gift Certificates, products or items from Retail Stores, Restaurants, Grocery Stores, and Businesses etc... Donations will be raffled on Sunday September 25th, 2016 The Raffle benefits St. Cyrils. Information flyers are available in the back of the Church. The following places have been given the information; The Giant, Price Chopper, Sam’s Club, The Bank of Olyphant, Design to Consign, Burger King, Best Buys, Alexanders Restaurant, Loews to name a few. Take some flyers and pass them out to the business you may go to...ask for a Gift certificate or products and then just follow up with the owner or manger. The sooner the better, because some business only have so much to offer in donations. Some items received all ready include a home-made quilt and a designer hand bag. We plan on having the “baskets of cheer” again this September.
- **DONATIONS: NOW Being accepted JUNE-SEPT. 12th 2016**, from Estates, Moving Sales, Yard Sales, Garage Sales etc... (Please NO clothes, NO shoes, NO TV’s, NO computers, NO baby car carriers, NO exercise equipment, NO encyclopedias, NO text books, and NO mattresses) In August and September a schedule will be posted for parishioners to drop off the goods after the Divine Liturgy or when we are “setting up” in the school gym.
- **ITEMS ACCEPTED:** Clean and salable items: Furniture, new items, household items, kitchen items, bathroom, bedroom, living room, basement, outdoor, garden, craft items, religious, toys, games, sporting goods, books, holiday, ladies accessories, children’s books, tools, music media-records, antiques, Ukrainian items, ETC....
- **CONTACT:** Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319/cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor, Pastor of St. Cyril’s, at 570-489-2271 regarding “pick-ups” or you dropping off the items. Info: Website for SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA. <http://stcyrils.weconnect.com>
- Volunteers will be needed: information will be updated regarding setting up the gym, marking the merchandise, and helping during this event. If you have a truck

that can be used to help transfer items to the school, please let Father Nestor know. We get calls to “pick-up” items, and occasionally on the week-ends is when we need your help. We need help from all parishioners.

Save the Date!

The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, author, “Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky

and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America”, to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of ‘Treasury of Faith’ Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone’s anticipated assistance and participation.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of July 2016 is Team #3:

Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for July 9 & 10, 2016:

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 23 & 24, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Joseph Skirpan -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Nicholas Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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Boast Only of the Lord

The wise man must not boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his riches. What then is the right kind of boasting? What is the source of man's greatness? Scripture says: The man who boasts must boast of this, that he knows and understands that I am the Lord. ... Boasting of God is perfect and complete when we take no pride in our own righteousness but acknowledge that we are utterly lacking in true righteousness and have been made righteous only by faith in Christ.

Paul boasts of the fact that he holds his own righteousness in contempt and seeks the righteousness in faith that comes through Christ and is from God. He wants only to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and to have fellowship with His sufferings by taking on the likeness of his death, in the hope that somehow he may arrive at the resurrection of the dead.

Here we see all arrogant pride laid low. Hu-

manity, there is nothing left for you to boast of, for your boasting and hope lie in putting to death all that is your own and seeking the future life that is in Christ. Since we have its first fruits we are already in its midst, living entirely in the grace and gift of God. It is God who is active within us, giving us both the will and the achievement, in accordance with his good purpose.

God rescues us from dangers beyond all human expectation. We felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death, so that we might not trust ourselves but in God, who raises the dead; from so great a danger did He deliver us, and does deliver us; we hope in Him, for He will deliver us again.

St. Basil the Great

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