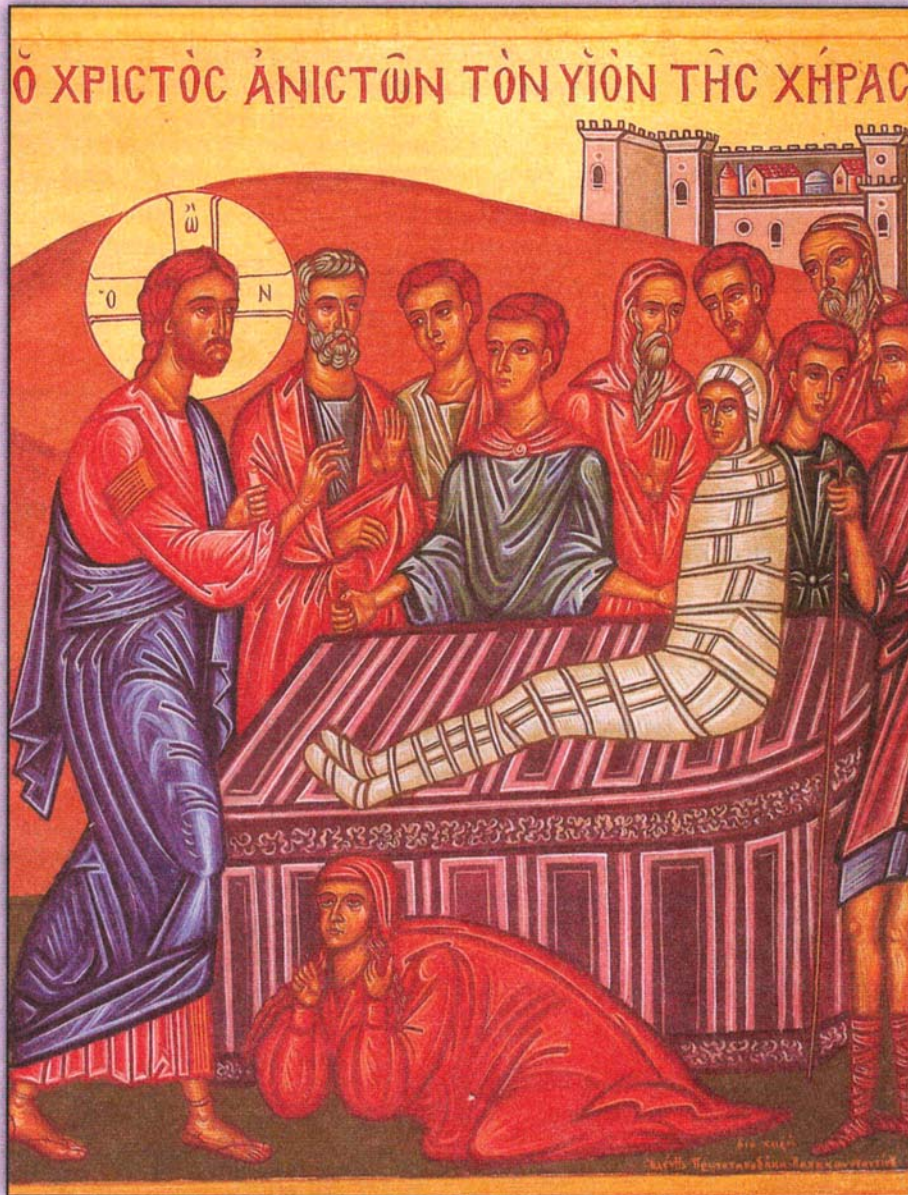


TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Widow's Son (Luke 7:11-16)

Jesus the Lord of Life

How do you respond to the misfortunes of others? In a number of places the gospel records that Jesus was “moved to the depths of His heart.” Our English word “compassion” is a weak translation of the Hebrew word for “sympathy.” Why was Jesus so moved on this occasion? Jesus not only grieved the untimely death of a youth, but he showed the depth of his concern for a woman who lost not only a husband, but an only child as well.

The scriptures make clear that God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (e.g., Ezekiel 33:11); God desires life, not death. Jesus not only had compassion, He also had power – the ability to restore life and make whole again. Jesus, however, incurred grave

risk by approaching the bier, since contact with a dead body made one ritually impure. His touch not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body.

This miracle is reminiscent of the prophet Elisha who raised another mother's son (see 2 Kings 4:18-37). Jesus claimed as His own one whom death had seized as its prey. By His word of power He restored life for a young man marked for death. Jesus is Lord not only of the living but of the dead as well. Jesus triumphed over the grave and He promises that because He lives, we also shall live in Him (John 14:19). Do you trust in the Lord's power to give life and hope in the face of misfortune and despair?



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 Next Liturgy: Saturday, October 16th at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 10.10.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy Slavonic/English	In Memory of: +Robert Elwell and what would have been their 60 th Wedding Anniversary Requested by: Ann Marie Elwell
Tuesday 10.12.2021	Private	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 10.15.2021	Private	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 10.17.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Herb Markowski Requested by: Cathy Johnson

This is the **20th Sunday After Pentecost.**
 Propers begin on page 135, Tone 3.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

THANK YOU: A big thank you to everyone who stayed after Liturgy, last Sunday, to stuff envelopes for our parish festival. Also, to Karen Kernich for doing some weeding around the church/rectory and to Dave Kernich and Clyde Wood for installing the new lights in our church hall. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

RECTORY MAILBOX REPAIR NEEDED: We are looking for someone to volunteer to stabilize the rectory mailbox post. If you would like to volunteer to repair it, please let Fr. Serhii know.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: If anyone has used printer cartridges, we will happily accept them. You can leave them in our labeled box in the room next to the Narthex. We plan on recycling them and earning rewards to put towards new cartridges for use in the church office.

KIELBASI FREEZER SALE: We have a limited supply of frozen “**smoked kielbasi**” for sale and available to take home after Liturgy today. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. Price and size vary.

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Every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude is everything. Even our Lord tells us, “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Matthew 6:34).

After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. – 2016 ECL Edition

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The Lord looked down on a mother and said to her, "...Do not weep..." (Luke 7: 11-16).

Today, the Gospel tells of how Christ raised a dead son at the gates, of the city, of Na'in. He was the only son of a mother who was a widow. This was another important proof of the Savior's divinity and a revelation of the truth that He was the expected Messiah. God's great love for people was also manifested in this miracle. Jesus, as the Messiah, came to earth to reveal, to men, the true image of God, including His two important attributes, omnipotence and love.

When our loved ones die, death breaks all visible contact with them forever. We will no longer be able to get any help, receive any kind words of advice, support, or consolation from them. The death of relatives often becomes a significant loss for family members, a pain of the soul. In this difficult situation, faith comes to our aid. The faith that Jesus Christ has brought us, gives us comfort. It first assures us that there is another eternal life for man through the immortal soul. Faith helps us maintain invisible contact with deceased relatives through prayer.

Our prayer for the souls of the dead helps our relatives to be completely cleansed of their sins and to be close to God. The souls of dead relatives, feeling our prayerful help, enable us, with their prayer, to live in the grace of God, and it is easier to overcome difficulties in life. Through prayer, we can communicate with them because they see and hear our needs, and through our prayer to God, we can ask for their fullness of happiness in heaven. Praying for the dead gives a double benefit: it gives salvation to our relatives, it brings us hope and consolation of the soul, and helps us to walk confidently on God's way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Dear believers, I offer you a story about a unique prayer - the Gregorian prayer. The Gregorian is the Service of God for the soul of the deceased for 30 days, it is a request addressed to God to free the soul from the consequences of sins.

The Gregorian service was connected with an event that happened to the future Pope Gregory when he was still the abbot of a monastery in Rome. After the death of one of the monks, whose name was Justus, 3 gold coins were found in his cell, which was a violation of the charter. In order to cleanse his brother from sin, Abbot Gregory instructed the priests to perform 30 Divine Services daily - one every day. After 30 days, the Monk Justus, appeared to Brother Copiosus saying that he was exempt from all punishment. Brother Copiosus knew nothing about the services that were being held, and when he told the other brothers of his dream, everyone understood that it had happened after 30 services. The monastic brethren took this as a sign from God that the 30 consecutive services of God had freed Justus of his sin (see Patrologia Latina, 77, 416). Under the influence of the authority of future St. Gregory – the custom of conducting 30 services quickly spread throughout our Churches.

Our common prayer has power through the almighty grace of God that works in it, and the power of that grace is manifested through our faith. Jesus' prayer prompted a young man's dead body to return to life. If our prayer is filled with a strong spirit of faith and hope in God, then God's grace can change many things in our lives that man cannot do on his own.

The lives of the saints testified that they joyfully awaited the day of their death and accepted it calmly. They believed that in eternity, nothing would separate them from the love of God. We read in the lives of the saints that Saint Teresa devoted herself, from childhood, to serving the Lord God. She spent her whole life in fast and prayer. And when she felt imminent death, she asked for a priest, made a Holy Confession, and then said, "Father, it seems to me that I am leaving earthly life with great joy. I'm not dying, I'm just starting to live. I believe that for a soul that has faithfully served God, there is no greater happiness than death. For at that moment the soul comes out of prison and passes into the land of eternal peace." When her death was finally near, she calmly said, "The hour has come when I will be united with God forever, because I have been waiting for this moment for a long time."

A noble lady's only daughter died, and the mother could not calm down because of self-pity. She hung a portrait of her daughter in a room and looked at it often, and cried. Acquaintances saw this and tried to take various measures to console her. An acquaintance asked an artist to paint an image of the Blessed Virgin holding her dead Son,

Jesus under the Cross, and at the bottom, under the image, wrote the words, "She has lost more than you!" This image was hung on the wall where a portrait of her daughter hung. She now looked at this image of the suffering Mother of God, which enlightened her spiritually, helped her understand that, and indeed, the Mother of God had lost more than her, and so she calmed down.

The Lord knocks on our hearts in different ways, we just need to have an open heart to hear His voice and accept His help, a ray of joy for the soul.

Dear brothers and sisters, as true Christians, let us not forget to pray often for our dead, not only on the anniversary of their death, but to do for them, works of love and mercy. If we truly love and honor them, let us entrust to God the fate of our dead, and God will show his mercy to us here on earth. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Our Liturgy today will be sung in both Slavonic and English. Slavonic prayer books are on the table, next to the collection basket, for your use to follow/sing along. Also, following Divine Liturgy, we will be having a pot-luck luncheon in the parish hall celebrating our church's feast day, Protection of the Theotokos. All are welcome to join us!

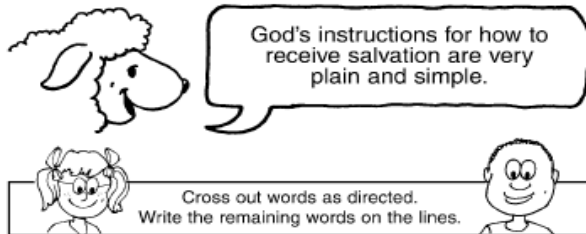
"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY: A *free* retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, is scheduled for November 5 –7, 2021 for men, ages 18-35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The retreat will be conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere will be prayerful, positive, and fraternal. All registrants must be fully COVID vaccinated to attend. **For more information and to register, no later than October 13, 2021, please visit www.bcs.edu.**

BECOMING BYZANTINE: The Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries are sponsoring a *free* webinar and video series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based upon the "*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*." Are you a Western Christian (Catholic or Protestant) who is interested in exploring the Byzantine Catholic faith for your own development in faith? Are you contemplating joining or have you recently joined a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish? Are you a Byzantine Christian who wants to learn more about your own rich tradition? Visit [BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism](#) for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm.

GOD WITH US ONLINE: The second webinar of this curriculum year will be "**Singing our Faith; Music as Catechesis in our Eastern Christian Tradition**." This is a free program and takes place this Wednesday, October 13th, from 8-9pm. Rev. David Anderson will be the presenter. Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. To register, visit www.godwithusonline.org.

A catechetical resource for this Sunday's Gospel, summary and discussion questions, can also be found on www.godwithusonline.org. Click on Catechetical Resources, then Ruthenian. "*The priest's presence makes present the Physician of our Souls and Bodies. Every time a priest hears a confession, buries the dead, anoints the sick, or visits a grieving family in their home, Christ enters into our suffering symbolically. The priest, by his ministry, mystically reveals God in the midst of the tragic suffering of our world. The priest does this in the power and skill given to him. Likewise, all the faithful are called to the compassion of our Lord. In whatever capacity we have, we enter into the suffering of our loved ones and our communities. We carry the light of Christ and it dispels the darkness. If our power and skill can heal and restore, then in courage with our presence, we can restore those who suffer in our own little worlds. Stand firm in the midst of chaos.*"

CHILDREN'S CORNER



1. Cross out every word in row 1 that contains the letter D.
2. Cross out every word in column B that contains the letter O.
3. Cross out every 4-letter word in row 4.
4. Cross out every word in column C that does NOT contain a V.
5. Cross out every word in column D that has more than 4 letters.
6. Cross out 2 words in column A that contain the letter H.
7. Cross out every word in column F that rhymes with "swing."
8. Cross out all the remaining words that contain the letter M.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	abide	define	believe	deceive	confide	decide
2	in	on	to	often	the	bring
3	Lord	God	Master	Savior	Jesus	King
4	some	not	have	and	also	unto
5	you	most	they	will	may	ring
6	he	for	the	seems	them	be
7	healed	lost	saved	killed	met	fling

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: Please visit www.godwithusonline.org and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for weekly catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions, that you can use in your catechesis.

A reminder that ECF will continue as a homeschool program. **It is not too late to register, a child, for our ECF Program. Please send Fr. Serhii an email and let him know.**

*"If we don't teach our children who God is, someone will teach them everything He is not."
- Author Unknown*

ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH 2021: The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education has announced an in-person event entitled, "One Body in Christ: Re-emerging from the Pandemic." This event will take place November 5-6, 2021, at the Cathedral in Munhall, PA. Visit www.archpitt.org for more information.

INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Fr. Joseph Borodach (he is a priest in the Pittsburgh Diocese and recovering from surgery – Uncle of Alex Demyan), our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

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Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website and click on the Tithely link. **"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).**

2021 "FALL" SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL: Please don't forget to mark your calendar - our next food festival is Saturday, November 20th, from 10am-2pm. Our festival will be for pre-orders/take-out only. **We need volunteers to help make our festival a success. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please be generous with your time.** You can contact Mary Demyan, mdemya1@verison.net or 410-591-5654, if you are able to volunteer. Festival order forms were mailed out this past week and are also available on our website, under "News." You can either submit orders online, mail your form to the church rectory, or leave it in the collection basket, in the back of our Temple. **The pre-order date deadline is Monday, November 8, 2021.**

Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 9am – holupki making (volunteers are needed to help roll, cook, and clean-up)
Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9am – kolachi making (we plan on making 400+ kolachi and need as many volunteers as possible to help roll, bake, package them up, and cleaning up)
Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 10am-2pm – volunteers needed to work at the festival, as well as help in cleaning up after the festival

BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED: Gather up your favorite recipes and get the whole family involved! **We will be having a bake table, for our upcoming festival next month.** We welcome all kinds of baked goods. Please wrap/package your baked goods in sellable portions. Any questions, please contact Mary Demyan. Thank you in advance for your help!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).