

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
Слава на вьку!

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23 November 2014: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Our Holy Fathers Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium and Gregory, Bishop of Agrigento.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 22	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil +Suffrages for John Lezo by Wife Mary Lezo			
Sun. Nov. 23	10:30 AM: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>pro populo Dei</i>			
Wed. Nov. 26	19:00 EMMAMUEL MOLEBEN			
Sat. Nov. 29	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil +Suffrages for Virginia (Semensky) Barbus by Mary Ann and Jim Kontir			
Sun. Nov. 30	10:30 AM: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: <i>pro populo Dei</i>			
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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. Nov. 22	-----	J.H. Krynicky	D. Mihalko, R. Garber	
Sun. Nov. 23	E. R. & A. Hess	P. Krynicky	R. Knouse, R. Garber	
Wed. Nov. 26	M. & T. Syphan	TBA	-----	
Sat. Nov. 29	-----	M. Harhai	J. Snitzer, J. Kontir	
Sun. Nov. 30	Ruggieri; Syphan	S. Vacha	G. Krynicky, D. Hess	

11/16/14 Adult \$815.00; Candles \$53.00; Students \$9.00 **Collection Total: \$877.00**

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The «**Angel of Peace**» Litany will be added to the Divine Liturgy during the Pre-Nativity – Epiphany Season. This is located on pages 64 – 65 in the Pew Book. According to the eminent Jesuit scholar Archimandrite Robert F. Taft «**The Synapte w/ Aiteseis** or «**biddings**» is [...] cited in the writings of St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom and other 4th century sources, and are common also to the ancient Jerusalem, Armenian, and Assyro-Chaldean liturgical traditions. [...] These «biddings», as they are called, are one of the **most beautiful eschatological prayers in Christian tradition, worthy of meditation day after day; biddings in which we pray for the ultimate needs of life's end, when the time for earthly liturgies has passed, and we stand before the dread judgment seat of Christ**, facing eternity, more than ever in need of that eschatological “peace from on high” that the world cannot give.» *Archimandrite Robert Taft, SJ is former professor of Liturgy at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. The above is taken from the July 2014 issue of Theosis.*

Ἐσχατο = last λογία = words. In Christianity, **eschatological prayers** deal with the **last things** concerning man as an individual being: his death and his life in the hereafter; it also deals with the **last things** concerning the end of the historical and civilized life of man in general; and lastly, it pertains to the **last things** concerning the end of the cosmic universe. **Eschatological hope** permeates the entire New Testament as seen when the individual believer in Christ and doer of His will is assured of eternal life in a state of beatitude, more commonly called the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 *There is One Body and One Spirit*
Luke 13: 10 – 17 *The Healing of a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath*



GROWING INTO A HOLY TEMPLE. MARIUS VICTORINUS: All souls made spiritual through Christ are joined and built up into a holy temple, where God dwells. As Christ is in all and God in Christ, all are a temple of God through Christ. EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS 1.2.21–22.

THE EPHESIANS ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BUILT INTO THE EDIFICE. MARIUS VICTORINUS: As he does so often, he brings the argument back to individuals, that is, to the Ephesians. They themselves have been built into that same temple cornerstone. Here he cleverly adjusts his language to form an exhortation. They have not yet fully entered into this unity but are still being built up. There is a deficiency, and therefore he warns and exhorts them. EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS 1.2.21–22.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Thank You, O Lord, for making my life free of serious want. Protect those in need and provide them with food this day. Give me a chance to nourish the poor through my compassion. Help me see the hungry and never turn away. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

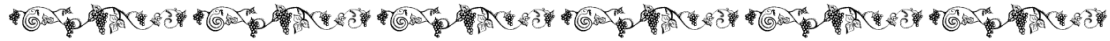
A FEW THOUGHTS ON GIVING THANKS:

- Some complain that God put thorns among roses; others give thanks that God put roses among thorns. *Anonymous*
- Sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. *Colossian 3:16*
- God has two dwellings. One is in heaven; the other in a meek and thankful heart. *Izaak Walton*
- The worst moment for an atheist is when he or she is grateful and doesn't know who to thank. *Dante Gabriel Rossetti*
- I will proclaim His greatness by giving Him thanks. *Psalms 69:30*

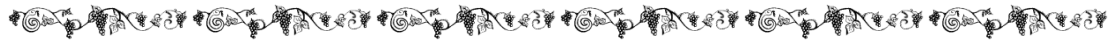
~AMBON PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY~

We praise You, we bless You, we glorify You and we give thanks to You, O Lord, God and Creator of every good and perfect gift. You have blessed us with an abundance of the gifts of this earth, and today You have given us communion in the supersubstantial bread – the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, your eternal Word. You have filled your land with the gifts of milk and honey, and today you let us partake of the cup

of your new covenant, the Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our God. We pray you, never deprive us of your blessings. Grant that we who have shared in your gifts may prove to be a people of faith and love, of mercy and righteousness. Give us due respect for all your creatures, for those who have come before us into this land, and for those who are poor and in need of your mercy. Keep us from pride in our prosperity. Fulfill all the needs of those created by your hand, grant that they may realize their gifts and talents, keep them and us from all evil and temptation and grant peace to the world. For you alone are good and love mankind, and we render thanksgiving to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



One concrete way to «**Keep Christ in Christmas**», one sure way to lessen the stress of the secular, commercial holiday season is to prayerfully attend the **Emmanuel Moleben** on **Wednesday evenings at 19:00** in our parish church. Invite a friend. Remember Christ's invitation to Philip, «Follow Me!», and Philip's invitation to his friend Nathanael, «Come and see!» Indeed, come, see, and rediscover the goodness of the Lord that awaits us in the stillness of the cave at Bethlehem.



**OUR ANCIENT TRADITION IS RESTORED!
GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!**

The letter below was received
from our Metropolitan William this past week.

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November 19, 2014

Dear Clergy, Religious, and Faithful of Pittsburgh,

Since the 1880 migration of Eastern Catholics to the United States, there have been both married and celibate validly ordained priests serving the pastoral needs of our people. The restrictions on the transfer of clergy from Europe to the United States and the ordination of married men to the priesthood have caused many serious problems until the present moment.

Our 1999 Metropolitan particular law granted permission for married priests serving within the United States on a case by case basis. Some permissions were granted. However, this restriction on married clergy was an unnecessary burden and contrary to our original 1646 Union of Uzhhorod.

Our prayers and efforts to return the ancient tradition of allowing Byzantine Catholic men to choose between celibate or married priesthood have finally succeeded.

The return to the ancient tradition of married and celibate priests has allowed the people to receive the sacraments, to hear the gospel, and to carry out the mission of the church.

We pray that men married and single will listen to the call from God to be priests in the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church. All are called to encourage both single and married men to consider the priesthood. Together we can restore what was lost and rebuild for the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

William C Skurla

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh



FACTOID: The prohibition against married Eastern clergy in the USA began «in 1890 when Bishop John Ireland of St. Paul, Minnesota suspended Fr. Alexander G. Toth, a widower and pastor of the Carpatho-Rusyn Greek Catholic parish of St. Mary in Minneapolis. A few months later, Father Toth and his entire parish of 360 people were received into the Orthodox Church by the Russian Orthodox bishop of San Francisco. This began a large-scale pro-Orthodox movement among Carpatho-Rusyn and Ukrainian Greek Catholics in the United States and Canada that continued unabated until World War II. It is estimated that some 400,000 Carpatho-Rusyn and Ukrainian Greek Catholics entered Orthodoxy, comprising the core of what is today the Orthodox Church in America.»

Taken from the CNEWA publication «ONE» January 2012. p. 16.

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~ **Parish Announcements** ~

- **CONGRATULATIONS:** Mr. Frank Chappell has been granted his request to officially transfer ascription from the Latin Church to the Byzantine Church. **ΕΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΑ ΕΤΗ!**
Многая літа!
- **A huge THANK YOU** to the parish Youth Group and to all who kindly remembered me on my recent birthday with cards, well wishes, and gifts.

- Starting in January, **a new system of scheduling BAKED GOODS for Bingo** will be implemented. Instead of the secretary calling every week, volunteers' names will be printed on the monthly calendar along with the other volunteers. Please keep track of when you are to provide baked goods for a particular week. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to provide something, please find a substitute or let the office know as soon as possible. **If you wish your name to be removed from this list, inform the office before the middle of December.**
- **58th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration: Sunday, December 7.** Adult tickets are \$35 and children (12 and under) are \$15. Contributing Sponsors will be recognized in the commemorative program. This year's theme is "*Celebrating Families*" w/ Kids Korner activities, coloring and drawing contests, and collecting new toys for the Salvation Army. All families and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please see Father for more information or contact Christie Petty at cpetty@gcuusa.com or 724-495-3400 ext. 3923. See poster in Narthex.
- The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union invites you to attend its annual **«Stedry Vecer or The Generous Evening»** on **Sunday, December 7, 2014 at the Bishop Connare Center.** The evening begins w/ a Roman Catholic Mass at 16:00 in the Chapel followed by a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. **Tickets: \$22 age 12 & up / \$10 age 3 to 11.** Reserve tickets prior to November 30th by calling **724-537-7743 after 18:00.**
- **Sincere Thanks:** to those parishioners who provided baked goods for this past week's bingo and to those who cleaned the chandelier in the church.
- **11th Annual Cookie Walk – December 13th – 10:00 to 14:00 – Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church** Hall, Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie, PA. Call 724-348-7326 for more information. Also see poster in Narthex.
- *****Memory Poinsettias***** It is time to once again collect for the Christmas Memory Poinsettias in honor of the dearly departed and publish the special list in time for Christmas. Using the special envelope marked Christmas Trees and Altar Flowers, please write your name on it and the name of your departed loved one. Include \$15 for each flower. Drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the office.
- **Our Parish Christmas Dinner & ECF Play is 21 DECEMBER** immediately after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. "*Chef Dato's Table*" will again cater the event. As customary, there will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle. Any parishioner may contribute something to the raffle. The play will be presented **BEFORE** the meal. Children are to dress for the presentation as soon as they arrive. Adults may help themselves to the *hors d'oeuvres* and purchase their tickets. We will pull the numbers for the Raffle after the dinner. To conclude, Saint Nicholas will distribute gifts to the children. **SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX.**
- **REMINDER!** If Bingo is cancelled due to inclement weather, your group gets the week off. You do not work the next week. Follow the schedule on the monthly calendar. In the event of cancellation, bingo patrons are no longer telephoned. Click «Cancellations» in the weather section of the following local Pittsburgh TV stations. This also applies to Divine Liturgy Services. If there is a severe storm that hits on the week-end dumping a foot or two of snow, or the furnaces are out, or a water line breaks (Heaven forbid any of these!), the following links are also to be consulted.
 1. Channel 2: <http://kdka.com>
 2. Channel 4: <http://wtae.com>
 3. Channel 11: <http://wpxi.com>
- **CHRISTMAS CRAFT / BAKE SALE** The Ethnic Craft Club of *St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown* will be having its annual Christmas Craft / Bake Sale on **Saturday, 6 December from Noon to 17:00, and Sunday, 7 December from 10:00 to 13:00**, in the upstairs hall located at 201 E. Main Street. The sale will feature decorations, wood crafted items, folk crafts, religious articles, parish cookbooks (Carpathian Cookery), imported items, homemade candy, various baked goods, (long rolls, cookies, breads, etc.), and many other articles that would make fine Christmas gifts or holiday decorations and there will be a Nativity Display. No admission fee. For information call 724-438-6027 b/w 9:00 and 14:00.
- Please feel free to join in w/ our choir to sing the **«Angelic Salutation»** before the start of the Divine Liturgy, located on page 453. The choir will also be introducing another Marian hymn located on page 454, first the B setting and then the A.
- **2015 Liturgical Calendars** and **Envelopes** are available in the basement of the church.