

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

Administrator: Fr. Paul-Alexander Shutt, OSB
Confession Schedule: Saturday 16:00 – 16:30,
Parish email: st.marytrauger@gmail.com

Parish Office: 724-423-3 673 Hall: 724-423-8838
Sunday 9:00 – 9:30, or by appointment
Website: www.stmarybyzantinecatholic.org

1 September 2019 / 7528 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his Mother. The Forty Holy Women Martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon. The Just Joshua, Son of Nun.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Aug. 31 17:00 Vigil: 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Suffrages for + Michael Skapura – Tide and Kathy Leachman

Sun. Sept. 01 10:30 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Suffrages *pro populo*

Sat. Sept. 07 17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY BEFORE EXALTATION OF THE
CROSS. NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS w/ Mirovanije
Suffrages for + Michael Skapura – Michael Leachman

Sun. Sept. 08 10:30 SUNDAY BEFORE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS w/ Mirovanije
Suffrages *pro populo*

	✠	✠	✠	✠
	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS	
Sat. Aug. 31	L. Prizzi	M. Harhai	-----	
Sun. Sept. 01	E. R. A. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, R. Knouse	
Sat. Sept. 07	L. Prizzi	A. Prizzi	-----	
Sun. Sept. 08	M. Syphan	G. Krynicky	C. Ciganko, A. Syphan	
08 / 25 / 2019	Adults: \$1212	Children: \$10	Candles: \$66	
COLLECTION	Holy Days: \$54	Cemetery: \$155	TOTAL: \$1497	

In today's Gospel Our Lord tells the young man there is a higher way to salvation, a way to become perfect. This is for him to give away all his wealth. The disciples, not yet enlightened by the Crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Descent of the Holy Spirit, were astonished at Christ's words about the rich and asked who could be saved. His words seemed to them to be hard words and that therefore none could be saved. If we examine Christ's words more closely, we see that He does not say that the rich cannot be saved. Rather, He says that those who are attached to their riches cannot be saved. And this is the tragedy of the soul of the young man, for he went away sorrowful, for he had "great possessions". In other words, the discerning eyes of Christ saw that the young man was unlike those disciples who had abandoned their fishing-boat in order to follow the Savior; it was not so much that the young man had many possessions; rather that he was possessed by his possessions. And this is the secret of wealth. In the history of the Church and in the lives of the saints, we can often read of many people who came into great wealth, but they did not allow themselves to become possessed of their wealth. They were wealthy for a time, and then gave it away, to orphanages, to beggars, to charities, to churches, to monasteries. They understood that wealth is granted by God, only for a time and only for a purpose. God calls the wealthy not to be possessors, but rather distributors, of wealth. We are called to be channels, instruments, agents of the grace and benefactions of God. Nothing should come from ourselves; we should be like mirrors reflecting God's Will and Infinite Mercy. Our Lord tells us today how to live. He says: Do your best, and He will look after everything else. If we do what is possible,

God will do what is impossible. But if we do not first do what is possible, then He will not do for us what is impossible.

«**HAPPY NEW YEAR 7528!**» In the eastern Roman Empire, in the Greek or Constantinopolitan Indictions, the first day (of the new year) of the indiction year was established initially as September 23, the birthday of the Emperor Augustus. This date also became the start of the Eastern Orthodox Church year. By late in the 5th century the start of the new year shifted to September 1, the present day beginning of the Church's liturgical year. In the west, in the Imperial or Western Indictions, September 24 was adopted as the start of the year, apparently based upon calculations of the Venerable Bede. In the 9th century, Roman or Pontifical Indictions were introduced in the west that began the year on either December 25 or January 1.



Next Sunday: **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.**
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS.

Epistles: Galatians 6:11 – 18 and Philippians 2:5 – 11

John 3:13 – 17 and Luke 10:38 – 42; 11:27 – 28



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- "**Catechetical Sunday**" is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish's students in the faith. In two weeks we will have a special blessing of our children and their teachers during the Sunday Divine Liturgy. We ask that all students, parents, and faculty be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians.