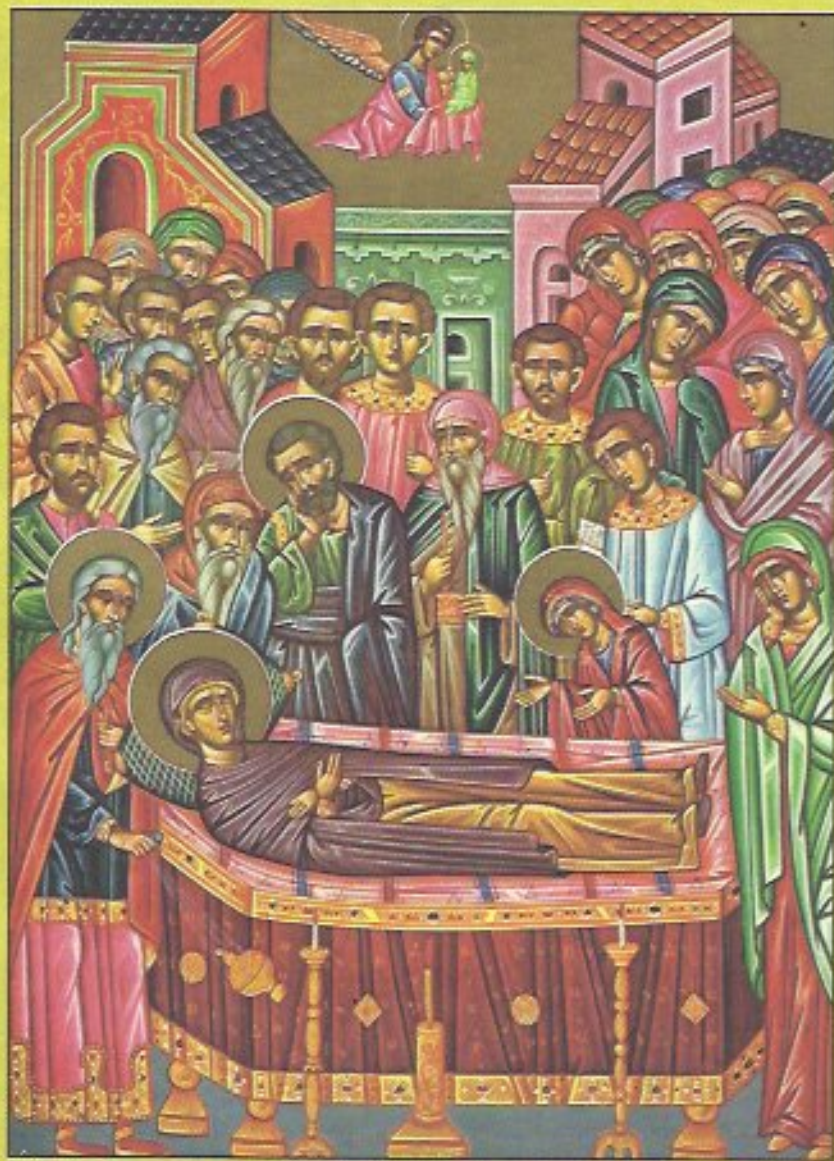


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of the Dormition of Saint Ann — July 25th

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July 23-30, 2017

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 15: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the parishioners

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: July 23, 2017

9:00AM (Ukrainian) +Michael Trusz – Dashe Family

11:00AM (English) +Antoinette Ridilla - Dan & Loretta Bodnar

All Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM unless otherwise scheduled.

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY +Iwan & Maria Trusz – Stefania Trusz

THURSDAY Special Anniversary Intention: William & Audrey Stoken Jr – Craig Stoken Family

FRIDAY +Walter Kiniuk – Pearl Kiniuk

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +John & Mary Sestak -David & Christine Sestak

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: July 30, 2017

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Michael Trusz – Stefania Trusz

COLLECTION – \$1491.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Memorial Fund : \$1000. Charles Chrin

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: +Walter Kiniuk – Pearl Kiniuk

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen & Betty Terleski	Paul Ridilla	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	William Peters	Iryna Stefurak
Meivene Thatcher	Michael Sejuit	Richard Suter	Harold Osmun
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Timothy Kohutka
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory & Dot Neff	Stephen Terleski	Fr Mark Fesniak
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Barbara Hacker	Fr. David Clooney

83rd Annual
UKRAINIAN DAY



Sunday

July 30, 2017

11 AM to 8 PM

**St. Nicholas
Picnic Grove**



Rt. 901 in Primrose,
Schuylkill Co., PA,
One Mile from Minersville

11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM-1 PM: WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast

1:00 PM-3 PM: Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble

4 PM-8 PM: John Stevens' Doubleshot Polka Band

Everyone Welcome!

- Delicious food made by the sponsoring parishes (pyrohy, halushki, halupki, potato cakes, kielbasa, soups, desserts, & more)
- Theme Basket Auction
- Vendors & Crafters selling traditional Eastern European items
- View and Venerate the Icon and Relic of the Blessed Bishop + Mykola Charnetsky
- Pysanky demos & classes
- Games & fun for the whole family

**83rd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day Will Be Held Sunday,
July 30; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
will be Celebrated at 11:00 A.M.**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (6):

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen

Kontakion (6):

With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. He is for all, the Savior, the Resurrection and the Life, and the God of all.

Prokimenon (6):

Save, Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 15,1-7)

Brethren: We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you fall upon me." For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (6): He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (6): He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God; in Whom I hope. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mt 9,27-35)

At that time, as Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed Jesus, crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!" When he entered the house, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they said to him. Then he touched their eyes and said, "Let it be done for you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread word of him through all that land. As they were going out, a demoniac who could not speak was brought to him, and when the demon was driven out the mute person spoke. The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has even been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He drives out demons by the prince of demons." Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness.

Communion Verse

Receive the Body of Christ, taste of the source of immortality Alleluia

OUR LADY OF LEBANON FESTIVAL

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church will hold their milestone 40th Annual Lebanese Heritage Days celebration of Saturday August 5th from 5:00PM to Midnight and Sunday August 6th from 11:00AM – 10:00PM There will be a variety of Middle Eastern foods, dance troupes, and entertainment. Admission is free... rain or shine! *If you've never been to the festival it is an awesome celebration of faith, culture and food!*

SYNOPSIS: Before Jesus healed the two blind men who had cried out to him many times (with the rudiments of the Jesus prayer), He said to them: "According to your faith be it unto you". Remember, since we read the scripture in order to be taught something about ourselves, we must apply this saying to ourselves - does it fit us? If we find ourselves to be lacking in faith, or perhaps the fruit of faith - results in things that matter in our lives, then we must find a way to increase our faith. It is reasonable to ask the Lord for this, since the apostles themselves also asked him to increase their faith. Jesus commended several people concerning their faith - including the centurion woman of Canaan, and the woman "who was a sinner". Each adds to the picture of how we can increase our faith. We look at the example of the two blind men, with humility, recognizing that we who have weak faith can learn from their example.

In the healing of the two blind men Jesus exclaimed: "According to your faith be it done unto you". This is the case for everyone; God answers our prayers and heals us according to our faith. That begs the question: what is faith? The Epistle for today explains the matter. We have faith if we live as and become like Christ, Who only thought of others. If we are in any way self-centered, we do not have true faith. We are called upon to be Christ centered."We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP 2017

The children and staff spent a week together learning about the power of God's Creation and how we are responsible still, to protect it, love and cherish it and work to preserve this gift of life God has given us.

The children learned of the beginnings of life, how God created everything "Good" and how we are charged with caring for the earth, the animals and one another.

We learned of St Francis and the Prayer to St Francis. We brought our pets to be blessed and learned about the sometimes tedious and complicated lessons we have to learn in life through the making of a prayer rope. The process of making the knots requires us to focus and pray to be able to accomplish it.

We also went to the seat of our State Government in Harrisburg and learned about the laws which protect our land, our homes and our person. We spoke of the need to elect people who would continue to protect our air, our water, our land and our society from the things which pollute and destroy its goodness.

Finally we gave thanks to God for the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge.

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- Alcoholics Anonymous Every Monday at 7:00AM there is a meeting of AA .
- Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

CHAPEL/HALL RENTAL

Anyone interested in renting the chapel for a shower or family get together please contact the church office. There is a \$99.00 insurance fee necessary for all non-church functions, plus a \$100.00 donation for non-parishioners, \$50.00 for parishioners. There is a contract available at the rectory office.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Special thanks to all those who helped and supported our Summer Church Camp for the children of our parish. Special thanks to Sherry Bellfy, Vitalia Martinez, Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Ruth Hutnik, and our seminarian Bohdan Vasylyv ! Memories were made, fun was had, and hopefully a reminder of the goodness of God's Creation was accomplished and our responsibility for maintaining it. God bless all of you with many healthy and blessed years! Mnohaya Lita!

WINDOW PAINTING

The frames around the Stained glass windows of the church will be painted this coming week. Any volunteers available to help would be appreciated. We will be using ladders so no fear of heights is required ☺ Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. See Fr Dan for more info.

TREE REMOVAL

The arborvitae in front of the church will be removed this week. One is half dead and beginning to fall over. They are being replaced with two Holly Trees which will grow 8-10' ft.

83rd ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY : NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday July 30 from 11:00AM -8:00PM we will be celebrating the 83rd Ukrainian Day for the benefit of our St Josaphat Seminary in Washington DC. The festival is held at St Nicholas Picnic Grove on Rt 901 in Primrose, just one mile from Minersville PA. Check the posters in the vestibule of the church for more details. Anyone wishing to go, please register in the vestibule of the church, if we have enough interest we can rent a van to go for the day. Leaving at noon on the 30th.

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If you wish to join Holy Ghost Church and become a member of our parish family, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish rectory to register with us.

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

St. Anna (Ann)

St. Anna, the mother of the Theotokos, was the wife of St. Joachim and the daughter of Matthat, a Levi priest. Anna and Joachim were married and childless for about 50 years. This saddened them, and they vowed that should the Lord bless them with a child they would dedicate it to Him. Joachim went to the wilderness to pray, where the Archangel Gabriel told him that his prayers have been heard, and that Anna will give birth to a daughter who shall be called Mary.

The Archangel also reminded Joachim that, "according to your vow, she (Mary) shall be devoted to the Lord from her infancy, and she shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from her mother's womb. Mary shall not eat or drink anything unclean, nor shall her conversation or life be among the crowds of the people, but in the temple of the Lord, that it may not be possible to say, or so much as to suspect, any evil concerning her." St. Romanos chanted, "Joachim on the mountain prayed to receive fruit

from the womb of Anna; and the prayer of the holy man was received."

The same Archangel appeared to Anna and told her, "I am the angel who has presented your prayers and alms before God; and now I have been sent to you to announce that you shall bring forth a daughter, who shall be called Mary, and who shall be blessed above all women. She shall be full of the favor of the Lord, even from her birth. ... Gabriel then said, "arise, therefore, and go up to Jerusalem; and when you arrive at the gate that, because it is plated with gold, is called 'Golden,' there, for a sign, you shall meet your husband, for whose safety you have been anxious. When, therefore, you find these things accomplished, believe that all the rest which I have told you shall also undoubtedly be accomplished."

Based on the *Protoevangelium of James*

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