

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints James, Andronicus and Albanasia — October 9th

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October 9-16, 2016

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Galatians 2: 16-20

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the Parishioners

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: October 9, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) +Olena Kusan= Yuriy Shevtsiv

11:00AM (English) +Michael Horon-M&M David Balandovich

All daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM.

MONDAY +Walter Kiniuk - Pearl Kiniuk

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY Health of Myroslaw Jankowski- Stefania Trusz & Yaroslawa Zuk

FRIDAY +Mark Wolfgang- Sarah Shanks

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) Health of Teodozia Sroka- Family

22nd Sunday After Pentecost: October 16th, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) Birthday Intention: Vitalia Martinez- Michtchak Family

11:00AM (English) Birthday Intention: Fr. Dan Troyan- Helen Terlesky

12:30PM TRICKY TRAY BEGINS

COLLECTION - \$1791.95 Thank you for your generosity and support

In Memory of +Karen Bakros: \$20 Charmaine & Charles Bartholomew,

\$20. Martha Edelman

Eternal Light & Altar Candles For health of Joseph Bodnar- Dan & Loretta Bodnar.

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

Helen Terleski

Teodozia Sroka

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczycki

Sophie Troyan

Jean Lakomski

Michael Trusz

Archbishop Stefan

Peg Hutnik

Richard Suter

Martha Charon

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Timothy Kohutka

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitzki

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory & Dot Neff

Stephen Terleski

Robert Leiby

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Anna Drozd

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Mary Heverling

Estelle Troyan

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tropar, tone 4

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit..

Kondak, tone 4

My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God Has raised out of bondage the children of earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen

Theotokion, tone 4

By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our Life."

Prokimen, tone 4

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

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Epistle: A reading from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Galatians2: 16-21

Brothers and Sisters, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by our faith in Jesus Christ and not merely by the observance of the Law. But what if in seeking to be justified in Christ we ourselves are also found to be sinners? Is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I reconstruct what I have destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. Through the Law I died to the Law that I might live in God. I have been crucified with Christ. For I no longer live for myself but Christ lives in me. True I am living here and now in this mortal life, but my true life is the faith I have in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16

11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.

12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

14 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK

The sick and homebound will be visited with the sacrament of Holy Communion this week: October 13-14-15. Anyone presently not being visited who would like to receive the sacraments please contact the rectory office. Fr Dan will call to schedule your visit.

TRICKY TRAY MEETING

There will be a final meeting of the Tricky Tray Committee and volunteers on Wednesday October 12 at 6:00PM in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

BAKED GOODS DONATIONS are also needed for next Sunday. If you can bake something and bring it to the church by Saturday it would be greatly appreciated.

The hall will be open from 10-6:00PM on Saturday for you to drop off your donations.

Tricky Tray

Sunday, October 16th

Doors Open at 12:30pm • First Drawing at 2:00pm

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church

315 Fourth Street - West Easton, PA

\$10 Includes 1st Sheet of Tickets. Many prizes valued at \$100 +

Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle!

Refreshments Including Homemade Pierogies, BBQ, Baked Goods & More

Top Prizes Include: 55" 4K UHD TV, Xbox One, Apple Watch, Disney Hopper Passes and more

OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

- 1. Invite God In:** Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.” The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.
 - 2. Listen:** Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.
 - 3. Inform Yourself:** Be aware that wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.³
 - 4. Be Steadfast in Compassion:** As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with.’”⁴ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”⁴ The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.
 - 5. Help Them Achieve Closure:** Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.
 - 6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution:** Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*⁵ how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.
 - 7. Reminisce:** Our appetites diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke.
 - 8. Provide a Peaceful Presence:** There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.
 - 9. Show Tenderness:** Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one’s hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.
- Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”⁶



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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are extended to some of our October birthdays: **Vitalia Martinez, Jean Lakomski, Lori Wynne, and Teodozia Sroka** who celebrated this past week. May our Lord grant them many more healthy happy years! **MNOHAYA LITA!**

SPECIAL THANKS PYROHY

Special thanks to all those who came and helped at our pyrohy sale this past week: Dan Bodnar, Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Jean Lakomski, Olga Bryksa, Bob Sarisky, Maria Best, John Drozd Jr, Donna Hale, Donna Sidlar, Paulette Bellis, Lori Wynne, Pat Peters, Cindy, Diane Bush, Wilhelmina Wlchryk, Stefania Trusz, Yaroslawa Zuk, Maryann Kramer, Linda Hutnik, Elizabeth Poleschuk, Marion and Teodozia Sroka, Oleh Balaziuk, Melvene & Chelsea Thatcher, Heather Hill, Fr Dan, Karen Clark, Jane Atherholt, Kathy Sargent, Pat Gradwal. God bless all of you for your continued support and hard work!

OCTOBER 30: CATHEDRAL CELEBRATION

Archbishop Stefan Soroka has invited all of our churches of the eparchy to join with him at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia for a service honoring our first bishop in the United States: Bishop Soter Ortynsky. There will be a moleben service to the Mother of God at 3:00PM followed by a panachyda at the crypt of Bishop Ortynsky in the Cathedral lower level. There will also be a rededication of the History of Faith Museum which has been also been transferred to the lower level of the Cathedral. There is a list in the vestibule of the church for any who would like to join with the celebration. Transportation will be provided from the Holy Ghost church leaving at 12:00noon October 30. Please join with us.

TRICKY TRAY NEXT SUNDAY

Our annual **TRICKY TRAY** will be held next Sunday October 16! The doors will open beginning at 12:30PM. There are over 150 basket prizes which have been prepared over the past year: Special thanks to the Tricky Tray committee: Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Sherry Bellfy, Chrissy Mattes, Craig Stoken, John Drozd Jr, Maryann Kramer, Donna Sidlar. Special thanks to all the parishioners who have supported the fundraiser through your donations. It is always a wonderful event with great prizes, good food, and entertainment. We will be having a tent set up for the event since there was such a large crowd last year, to hopefully make it more convenient and comfortable for our attendees and workers. Please take some Tricky tray fliers to your family and friends and invite them to our Tricky Tray. Thank you. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed so please join us next Sunday!

TRICKY TRAY DONATIONS

We will be holding our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser on October 16, 2016. We have sent a letter out to all of our parishioners asking for your support of \$50.00 for each family to help us prepare the prizes. The Tricky Tray is one of our major fundraisers and helps us to meet our goal of maintaining our church here in West Easton.

\$50.00 : Harry Praschyk, Paul & Rachel LaChance, Verna Churley

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION : THIS SUNDAY 12:00Noon

We have begun our religious education classes for the children of our parish.

We have moved the classes to 12:00 noon on Sunday. They will be held from 12-1PM. This year we are covering the stories of the Bible from the Book of Genesis through the New Testament.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The rosary will be recited at noon on Wednesday and Friday in Holy Ghost Church during the Month of October . October and May are traditionally months dedicated to Mary as the Mother of God. We will be praying for peace in the world and for all of our citizens and candidates as we go to the polls in November. Please join us.

CHAPEL DEDICATION

We will be dedicating "The Chapel" on November 6 , 2016. Through the efforts of our Ukrainian Catholic Church community in West Easton we have added heat and water to the Chapel building, drywalled and painted the walls and ceiling, repaired the windows and put in new doors and electrical work .Much of the work and materials have been donated by our Ukrainian faithful which has enabled us to achieve this task with our \$10,000 budget.

On November 6 we will have a Moleben to the Mother of God and afterwards we will be dedicating the building through ribbon cutting and a blessing. There will be an open house at The Chapel from 3:30PM- 6:00PM with food and refreshments.

The parish had voted at a Parish Financial Council meeting to renovate the building and open it up for community services. The Ukrainian American Veterans will be meeting there, there is a 7:00AM AA Meeting that is held weekly, the Religious Education classes will be held there and other community events.

All are invited. Please join with us as we ask God's blessings on our ministry to the community of Holy Ghost and the people of West Easton

On Sunday November 6, there will also be a presentation of a slide documentary on the **Theology of the Maidon in Ukraine**. Ihor Mirchuk will be presenting the documentary of the crisis in Ukraine at 5:00PM November 6 in the Chapel.

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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

New Life Through the Holy Spirit

When the Lord told His disciples to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, He conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids. ... So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon Him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ.

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and

scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: He was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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