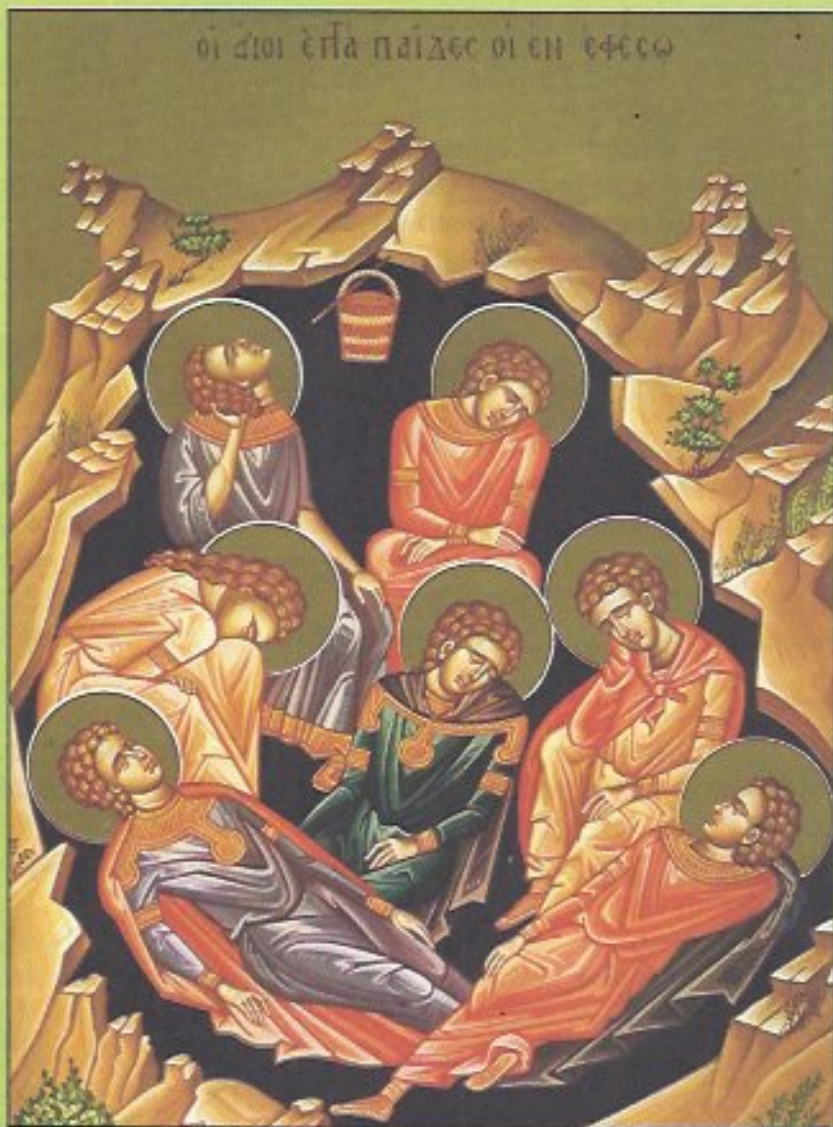


TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Seven Youths of Ephesus — October 22nd

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October 22-29, 2017

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: @ Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8: 5-15

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the Parishioners

20th Sunday After Pentecost: October 22, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) +Olena Kusan- Yuriy Shevtsiv & family

11:00AM (English) +Edward & Catherine Herman – Children

Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY Birthday Intention: Garrett Stoken – Stoken Family

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY +Nicholas Troyan – Sophie Troyan

FRIDAY Birthday intention: William Stoken Jr – Craig Stoken & Family

SATURDAY (English) +Antoni Wichryk – Wilhelmina Wichryk & Family

21st Sunday After Pentecost : October 29, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (Ukrainian) +Dedovitch Family – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

COLLECTION – \$ 1126.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Tricky Tray Donations: \$50: Paul & Rachel LaChance ,Joseph & Mary Corea

Tricky Tray Profit: \$11, 728.00

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of +Antoni Wichryk- Wilhelmina Wichryk & family

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	Claudette Kemmerer	Iryna Stefurak
Melvane Thatcher	Craig Stoken	Richard Suter	Thomas Lawson
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Fr Dan Gurovich
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
Delbert Atherholt	Harold Osmun	Michael Brodt	Paulette Bellis

5th SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will host a Rosary Prayer service on October 29th at 2:00PM at the Church of our Lady of Mercy on 132 s 5th Street in Easton. All are invited to join with them as they honor our Lady through the praying of the Rosary . See you there!

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank all those who sent FB Greetings, cards,flowers , delicious cake and gifts on my birthday last Sunday. Your love and generosity were very much appreciated! Wouldn't want to spend my day anywhere else! Thank you and God bless you!

Fr Dan Troyan

TRICKY TRAY MEETING

There will be a final meeting for the Tricky Tray on Wednesday evening October 25 at 5:30PM in the church hall. A review of the event and final results will be discussed. All are welcome.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion (3):

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion (3):You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (3):Today the Virgin stands before us in the church, and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us. Angels are worshipping with hierarchs; apostles exult with prophets, for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokimenon (3):Sing to our God, sing; sing praise to our King, sing.

Verse:Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Epistle:Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians.(Gal 1,11-19)

Brethren: I want you to know that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you heard of my former way of

life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when [God], who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Kephaz and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (3): In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever.

Verse (3): Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Gospel: (Lk 16,19-31)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

**RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST, TASTE OF THE
FOUNTAIN OF IMMORTALITY.**

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS The celebration of Halloween has dual origins. The first is in a pre-Christian Celtic feast associated with the Celtic New Year. The second is in the Christian celebration of All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2). In the British Isles November 1st is called All Hallows, thus the evening before is All Hallows Eve. **The Celtic Feast** The ancient Celtic peoples who inhabited England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Brittany (NW France) celebrated their New Year's Day on what would be November 1st on our calendar. Prior to their conversion to Catholicism these peoples practiced a pagan religion controlled by a priest class known as Druids. The Druids are most famous for the stone monument of Stonehenge and other astronomical calendars that remain in their former domains. The period prior to the New Year, as the year wound down, was a time to consider the mystery of human death. It was believed that on the last night of the year the lord of death, Samhain, allowed the souls of the dead to return to their homes. Souls that had died in sin, and in Celtic belief imprisoned in the bodies of animals, could be released through gifts to the lord of death, including human sacrifices. It was also thought that evil spirits, demons, ghosts, witches were also free to roam around this night and could be placated by a feast. They would also leave you alone if you dressed like them and thus appeared to be one of them. Families would also extinguish their hearth fires on this evening to be re-lit from a common New Year's bonfire built on the hilltops, which was meant to symbolize the driving away of darkness and evil with the coming of the new year. The jack-o-lantern as a means of scaring away evil and providing light may be a vestige of this custom. When the Romans conquered Gaul (France) and Britain (excluding Scotland and Ireland) in the century before and after Christ, the bloody elements of Druidic practice were banned.

The Christian Feasts of All Saints and All Souls During the first three centuries of Christianity the Church frequently had to operate "underground" due to the persecutions of the Roman state against her. During these periods there were many martyrs who died for their faith in Jesus Christ. The most renowned of these were honored locally by the preservation of the relics (if available) and by the celebration of the anniversary of their death, as a feast in honor of their birth into eternal life. As time passed, neighboring dioceses would honor each others martyrs and even exchange relics for veneration, the way the first century Christians kept the clothes and handkerchiefs touched by St. Paul (Acts 19:12). At the end of the third century and the beginning of the fourth the most vicious of all persecutions occurred, that of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). The martyrs became so many that in some places it was impossible to commemorate even the most significant of them. The need for a common feast of all martyrs was becoming evident. This common feast became a reality in some places, but on various dates, as early as the middle of the fourth century. As far as Roman practice goes it is known that on 13 May 609 or 610, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the ancient Roman Pantheon as a temple of the Blessed Virgin and All Martyrs. Beginning with Gregory III (731-741) the celebration of a feast of All Saints was commemorated at St. Peters on November 1. Gregory IV (827-844) extended this feast to the entire Church.

Halloween during Christian Times The conversion of Celtic peoples to Christianity did not dampen their enthusiasm for the pre-Christian year-end custom of feasts, bonfires, and masks, essentially new year's eve costume parties. The proximity to the developing Christian feasts of All Saints and All Souls resulted in an attempt to move the celebration to the evening before All Souls, when children would go door to door receiving treats for a promise of prayer for the dead of the household. This attempt to associate the Celtic remembrance of the dead with the Christian memorial ultimately failed and the celebration remained a year-end custom (by the old Celtic calendar), though Halloween remains primarily a children's feast. With the massive emigration of Irish in the last century the All Hallows Eve customs of costumes, jack-o-lanterns and trick or treating, were transported to North America. Scary costumes remain the historical norm for Halloween, though the advent of more sinister and violent times has encouraged many parents to take a gentler approach. Today many families, and even parishes, hold group celebrations, often with costumes of the saints, the poor souls or famous Catholics (such as the Pope, Mother Teresa or the like) and other elements which re-enforce the Christian side of Halloween's origins.

TRICKY TRAY RESULTS 2017

Special thanks to all those who supported our major fundraiser for 2017: our Tricky Tray. Special thanks to our Tricky tray committee who works tirelessly all year to bring the best Tricky Tray to the region: Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, John Drozd Jr, Craig Stoken, Melvene Thatcher, Donna Sidlar

Admission : 180	\$1800.00
Extra Tickets:	\$3795.00
Grand Prize:	\$2240.00
Super Grand Prize	\$1790.00
50/50	\$516.00
Kitchen Inside	\$1435.75
Coffee/Cake Outside	\$ 143.25
Total	\$11,800.00
Monetary Donations	\$ 2415.00
Expenditures	\$ 2486.91

GRAND PROFIT \$11,728.00

Special thanks to all those who helped and donated. Special thanks to all those who worked last Sunday: **Kitchen:** John Drozd Jr, Karen Clark, Bill Hutnik, Chrissy Mattes, Karen Eible, Lori Wynne, Donna Sidlar, Paulette Bellis, Donna Hale, Andrea Suter **Tickets** Sherry Bellfy, Chelsea Thatcher, Sara Bellfy, Emily Bellfy, Mikayla Mattes, Melvene Thatcher, Patti Veresink, Maryann Kramer, Jane Atherholt **Floor** Ted Veresink, Joann Fulmer, Jud Palinkas, Ruth Hutnik, Fr Dan Craig Stoken **Runners** Linda Hutni, Phoenix Sidlar, Garrett & Parker Stoken, Emily & Sara Bellfy, Mikayla and Zach Mattes, Christopher Wynne, Thomas Lawson **Clean up:** Rachel & Ian Lachance, Diane Troyan Curran, Phoenix, Parker, Garrett, Emily, Sara, Mikayla, Zachary, Fr Dan, Craig Stoken, and all the other workers from the kitchen, floor, Tickets and runners!

Special thanks to Alexandra Michtchak for the delicious holubchi. John Drozd and Donna Sidlar for the delicious halushky. Karen Eible for the homemade candy.

Special thanks to all those who donated cakes, supplies, and

Kitchen & food supplies, advertising: Dan Bodnar, Drew's Beverage, John Drozd Jr, Judy Palinkas, Joann Fulmer, Alexandra Michtchak, Chrissy Mattes, Lori Wynne, Vitalia Martinez, Robert & Roberta Leiby, Craig Stoken

50/50 winner: Carol Raedisch, Flanders New Jersey

There is a year long process of sending out donation requests, purchasing prizes, planning basket themes, soliciting donations and preparing the baskets and prizes. Sending out "thank you" letters, advertising God bless all of you on a job well done! You should be very proud of your accomplishment! MNOHAYA LITA!

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 meets** monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY: October 23:** Adult Religious Education classes.
- **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** October 29 Youth Religious Education 12:15-1:00PM
- **CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY :** October 26th 6:00-8:00PM
- **PYROHY SALE :** November 7-8
- **COMMUNITY DAYS: BONTON** November 12-13

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

We will be meeting once a month for classes with the youth of our parishes at "the Chapel" Once monthly we will be taking an excursion to a Religious themed outing:

November 12 A Visit to the Blue Army Shrine in New Jersey

December 26 Christmas Carolling to the sick and infirm of the parish.

Other upcoming social events:

October 26 6:00-8:00PM : Halloween Party in the Chapel. Fund games, prizes for best costumes. Parents and grandparents welcome.

November 26th Roller Skating at Bushkill Park 3:00-5:00PM

December 27 Camel Back for Tube Sledding

December 31: 3:00-5:00PM Parish Open House at the Chapel

There will be weekly articles in the bulletin for parents to discuss with their children.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH ...THANK YOU

UKRAINIAN CLASSES

Ihor Mirchuk will be offering Ukrainian Classes for the next ten weeks. Classes will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00PM in "The Chapel" . Each class will also include a brief aside on Ukrainian history and culture.

COMMUNITY DAYS: BONTON

In the vestibule of the church is the information for our participation in Community Days at BonTon. We are asking each family to take 4 coupon books to sell or buy. The \$5.00 donation gets over \$500 in coupons as well as other benefits. Please help us through your participation. Thank you

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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

The Seven Holy Sleepers

Fleeing the persecution of Decius, the Roman Emperor, seven young Christian men took shelter in a cave outside of Ephesus. It was about the year AD 250. The persecutors seeing that they had refused to abandon their Christian faith and embrace pagan beliefs, ordered that the mouth of the cave be sealed with the men still inside. In the cave, the men prayed and eventually fell asleep.

In the years after the persecutions, Christianity found gradual acceptance in the Roman Empire. By the time of the Emperor Theodosius II (AD 408-450), Christianity had become the official state religion.

One day, the story goes, the landowner decided to open the cave, in order to use it as a cattle pen. He opened the cave and found the men inside still sleeping. As light streamed into the cave for the first time in nearly two hundred years, the men awoke. Confused, they at first

believed that they had been sleeping just one night. But when one of the men left the cave in search of food, he found that Christianity was no longer a persecuted religion in Ephesus. In fact, most people now shared his belief in Jesus Christ, and there were crosses openly displayed atop buildings in the town.

The townspeople, surprised by this group of young strangers who still carried coins from the ancient Decius era, told Marinus, the bishop, about them. Marinus interviewed the sleepers, and all recounted the same story of seeking refuge in the cave. Then, singing praises to God, the men died.

The legend of the Seven Sleepers has been told in many cultures, including Eastern and Western Christianity and Islam, with some small variations, and has been depicted in art throughout the centuries.

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