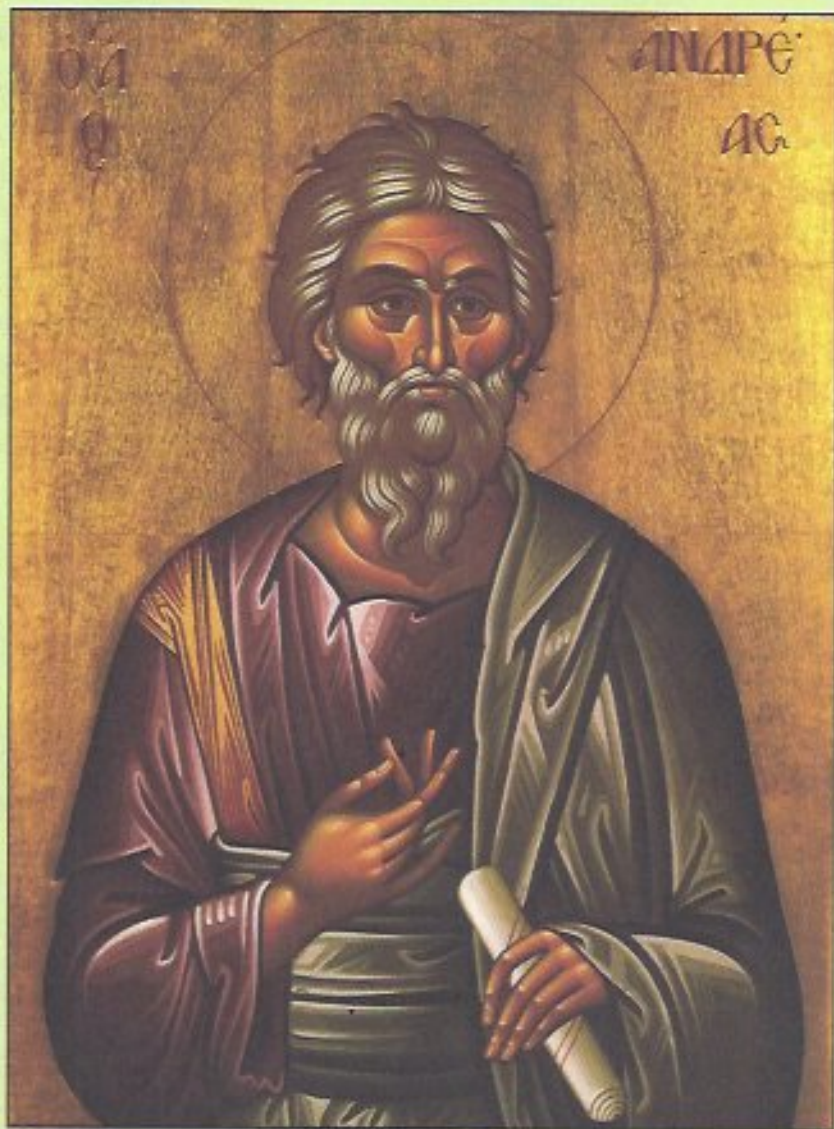


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Holy Apostle Saint Andrew -- November 30th

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November 26-December 3, 2017

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17

SATURDAY 6:00PM + Margaret Hutnik- Drozd Family

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: November 26, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +40th Day: Michael McKee – Jean Lakomski

Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM

MONDAY Birthday Intention: Sophie Troyan – Fr Dan

5:30PM Adult Religious Education Class

TUESDAY +Christine Trauner- Ed Herman & Family

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY Special Intention Bishop Andriy Rabi

FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the Parishioners

26th Sunday After Pentecost: December 3, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) Health of Kathleen Cremone – Karen & Tom Eible

11:00AM (English) +Helen Terlesky – Donna & Mike Sidlar

COLLECTION – \$1398.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

\$300.00 In Memory of Paskewicz Family – Harry & Katherine Paskewicz

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: Health of Joseph Bodnar – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

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

Betty Terleski

Paul Ridilla

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczycki

Sophie Troyan

Claudette Kemmerer

Iryna Stefurak

Melvne Thatcher

Craig Stoken

Richard Suter

Richard Eible

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Fr Dan Gurovich

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitski

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory & Dot Neff

John Wolfgang

Fr Mark Fesniak

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Kathleen Cremone

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Barbara Hacker

Fr. David Clooney

Delbert Atherholt

Harold Osmun

Michael Brodt

Paulette Bellis

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion (8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

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

Kontakion (8): When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (8): To you, O Mother of God, the invincible leader, we your servants ascribe these victory hymns in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. With your invincible power free us from all dangers that we may cry out to you: Hail, O Bride and pure Virgin!

Prokimenon (8):

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph 4,1-6)

Brethren: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (8): Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior :Alleluia,

Verse Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel:(Lk 13,10-17) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

At that time, Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

REMEMBRANCE OF GOD In today's Gospel Reading we have heard the story about a sick woman who was healed by Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Sabbath Day. We may ask ourselves a question: what was the fault of **"a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years?"** (Luke, 13. 10-17) Our Church offers us to put it in another, more soul-saving way and instead of asking: **"For which fault?"** and **"Why?"** – inquire ourselves: **"For what purpose?"** Being still in Eden, the humans turned around from God, from His Divine Joy and eternal Life, and, consequently, as a result, had to face sufferings and death. In this sense, of cause, every infirmity, every suffering comes from satan, who deceived people. **"Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward,"** – says Saint Iov, the Long-Suffering (Iov 5.7). Jesus Christ calls us to repent in order to save our souls and not to perish... He calls us to "change our mind", to make an effort and choose Life and not death! But how hard it is for us, who **"have been snared by satan for many years"**, to start this struggle! Our Lord cures the suffering woman and He forgives our sins not because we deserve this forgiveness, but because He is Love and His love embraces all of us! It is very hard for a person, who is experiencing misery from his own sins, to perceive this ultimate goodness of God. The ruler of the synagogue from today's reading, for example, is trying to defend and endorse the literal execution of the law. He does not even realize that by doing that he calls to obey not God's law, but his own personal understanding of this law... Being so deeply mistaken, the head of the synagogue in reality demands everyone to comply and adhere to the law of his own... The meaning of one of the Commandments of the Old Testament is in the fact, that it is essential to give people **one Day as the Day of God's Remembrance**. People need to have the ability to live at least one day a week not for themselves, but for God, and in the long run – for other people, for God's love towards others... Jesus Christ came to this world not to trespass the law, but to fulfill it (Mat.5.17). He calls us to repentance and to the change of our way of thinking. He wants us to see the true meaning of the Commandment about the Sabbath, answering thus to the reproaches for healing on the Consecrate Day: **"You hypocrite, does not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan had bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"** (Luke 13.15-16) The woman, who was cured from her infirmity, received from Jesus Christ not only alleviation of the sufferings of her body, but also, as the gift of Faith, redemption from the sufferings of her soul. **"He laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God"** (Luke 13.13). Let us, brothers and sisters in Christ, always remember that only Jesus Christ is able to free our souls from the burden of sins and from the devil's ensnarement; only God possesses power to liberate and make us stand tall.

ADVENT CALENDAR : A faith thought to begin our day as we work to maintain our focus on the light of Christ in this season.

Nov.26/Dec.9: St. Stylianos was a rich man who gave away his wealth to the poor. He became a monk, cured many sick people, and is known as the protector of children.

Nov.27/Dec.10: The Poinsettia reminds us of Christ's suffering for us. Its center is like the crown of thorns He wore when He was mocked. Red leaves remind us of the blood Jesus shed for us. Its use at Christmas comes from Mexico where it was traditional to leave gifts on the altar for Jesus on Christmas eve. One night a poor boy, who had no present, knelt outside the church window and prayed. In the spot where he knelt grew the poinsettia, also called "the Flower of the Holy Night".

Nov.28/Dec.11: The Candle reminds us that Jesus is the "Light of the World" and that we are to live as followers of the Light. *"I am the light of the world.* He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12).

Nov.29/Dec.12: The Fish was a secret sign used by Christians to let others know that they believed that Jesus was the Son of God. The Greek letters for fish - ICTHYS - stand for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior". Jesus told His disciples that He would make them "Fishers of Men" (see Matthew 4:19).

Nov.30/Dec.13: St. Andrew was a fisherman and the first disciple called to follow Christ. He had the courage to give up everything he owned to preach the Gospel in other countries. "He found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah!(the Christ)."

Dec.1/14: St. Romanos had a terrible singing voice. He prayed that his voice would improve. One night in his sleep the Virgin Mary came to him. When he awoke he could sing beautifully! He ran to the church to chant the hymns of Christmas. He later wrote over 1000 hymns!

Dec.2/15: The Candy Cane looks like the staff that the shepherd uses to bring his sheep back into the flock. Jesus is our Good Shepherd who brings us back to God. The white stripe reminds us of Jesus' innocence. The red stripe reminds us of the blood he shed for us. John 10:11: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Dec.3/16: The Moon shone brightly on the night Jesus was born. "When I look at the heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You established; what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?" (Psalm 8:3,4).

REGISTER FOR ST NICHOLAS PARTY

We will celebrate the feast of St Nicholas at our annual St Nicholas Day Program on December 10, from 12:15-2:00PM. All the children and grandchildren of our parish are invited. Please register them on the registration sheet in the vestibule of the church. All parishioners are invited to come and share in the festivities! We will have a covered dish social along with the program. Please sign up for the covered dish and bring your favorite treat! Thank you.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

We will begin an Advent series on the meaning of Christmas and the Nativity. We will be covering: **Week 1) The Genealogy of Jesus 2) Joseph & Mary 3) The Shepherds, 4) The Angels.** The class will be held on Monday evenings at 5:30PM in the chapel. Please join us as we explore the history, the people, the events of the coming of our Lord Jesus as God and man. All are welcome!

November 27, December 4, December 11, December 19 (Tuesday)

There are readings and work sheets in the vestibule of the church to help prepare for Monday's class. Please take one with you.

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our love and prayers to John Drozd and his family on the death of his mother **+Anna Drozd**. Anna had been a long time member of Holy Ghost who loved her God, her church, and sang God's praise for many years in the church choir. Her kindness and generosity of spirit will long be remembered.

May our Blessed Lady comfort her son, and may her memory be eternal!

VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

BUSHKILL SKATING PARK OUTING

The youth Group of the parish will enjoy an outing at the Bushkill Skating Rink from 12:00-2:00PM. All are invited to join, bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

The celebration of our Savior's Birth will be celebrated on :

December 24th 8:00PM Compline for the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ

(English) 8:30PM Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Our Lord

December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

(Ukrainian) 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord

December 20th Church cleaning and decorating from 12:00 noon- 5:00PM, all are welcome to help prepare for the coming of our Lord!

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: 5:30PM: Adult** Religious Education classes. November 27
- **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**November 26 Youth Religious Education Group outing 12:00-2:00PM Roller Skating at Bushkill Park
- **DECEMBER 5-6 Pyrohy**
- **DECEMBER 10 ST NICHOLAS PROGRAM**
- **DECEMBER 14-15 CHRISTMAS ROLL SALE**
- **DECEMBER 19 CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**
- **DECEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING WITH YOUTH**
- **DECEMBER 31: 3:00-5:00PM** Parish Open House at the Chapel

UKRAINIAN CLASSES

Ihor Mirchuk will be offering Ukrainian Classes . 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.

CHRISTMAS ROLLS: Poppyseed, Nut, Prune, Cherry Cinnamon

December 14-15 we will be having our annual Christmas Bake Sale of Poppyseed, Nut, Prune, Apricot, and Cinnamon Raisin Rolls for the holidays. Rolls are \$11.00. The Cinnamon Raisin are \$16.00 Orders must be received by December 10 Help is needed in making the Christmas Rolls. Please sign up to help with the project, whether you can offer an hour or two , or all day, your help would be appreciated. Prep work begins Thursday December 14 at 6:00PM and baking begins Friday at 6:00AM until finished.. Any questions please contact John Drozd Jr at 610-250-2742.

PYROHY SALE DECEMBER 5-6

The last pyrohy sale for 2017 is coming up...December 5-6. To place an order please call 610-252-4266 or sign the order sheet in the vestibule of the church. ***Please get your orders in early as there is a cut off number of dozen we can make.*** Help is needed on Tuesday from 9:00AM- 6:00PM for potato prep, and Wednesday for pyrohy making from 9:00 till finish. Pyrohy are \$6.00 a dozen. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Hope you can join us!

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hallowed Be Thy Name

How merciful the Lord is to us, how kind and richly compassionate! He wished us to repeat this prayer in God's sight, to call the Lord our Father and, as Christ is God's Son, be called in turn sons of God! None of us would ever have dared to utter this name unless He Himself had allowed us to pray in this way. And therefore, dear friends, we should bear in mind and realize that when we call God our Father we ought also to act like sons and daughters. If we are pleased to call him Father, let him in turn be pleased to call us sons and daughters.

We should live like the temples of God we are, so that it can be seen that God lives in us. No act of ours should be unworthy of the spirit. Now that we have begun to live in heaven and in spirit, all our thoughts and actions should be heavenly and spiritual; for, as the Lord God himself has said: Those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be de-

spised. And the blessed Apostle wrote in his letter: You are not your own; you were bought with a great price. So glorify and bear God in your body.

We go on to say, May your name be hallowed. It is not that we think to make God holy by our prayers; rather we are asking God that His name may be made holy in us. Indeed, how could God be made holy, He who is the source of holiness? Still, because He Himself said: Be holy, for I am holy, we pray and beseech Him that we who have been hallowed in baptism may persevere in what we have begun. And we pray for this every day, for we have need of daily sanctification; sinning every day, we cleanse our faults again and again by constant sanctification.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

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