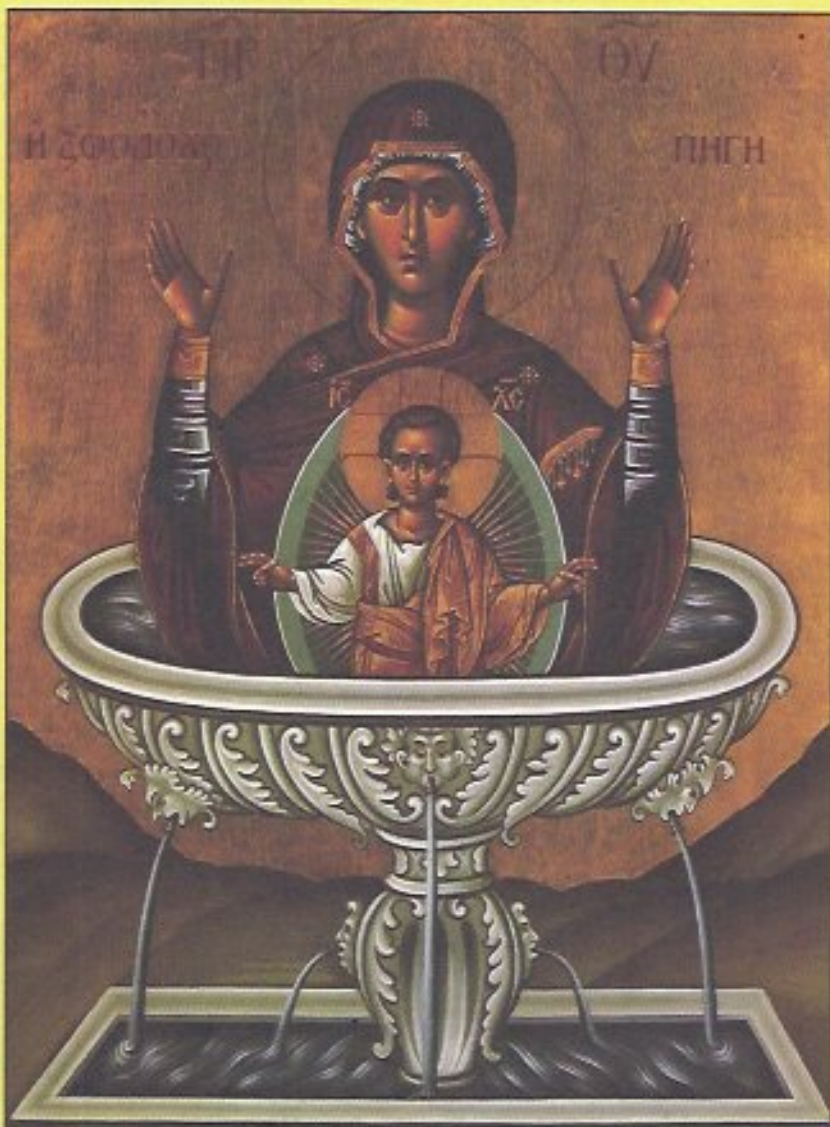


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



Icon of the Fountain of the Mother of God

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December 10-17, 2017

27th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Helen Terlesky – Fulmer Family

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: December 10, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Anna Drozd – Olga Bryksa

Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM

MONDAY Parker Stoken: Birthday Intention: Stoken Family

5:30PM Adult Religious Education Class

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY +Walter & Lillian Kiniuk – Pearl Kiniuk

THURSDAY +Margaret Hutnik – Stefania Trusz

FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) 40th Day Helen Terlesky- Betty Terlesky

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS, December 27, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Anna Drozd – Helen Potak

COLLECTION – \$ 1723.50 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of +Joseph & Stella 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 Kulczykcki

Sophie Troyan

Claudette Kemmerer

Iryna Stefurak

Melvane Thatcher

Craig Stoken

Richard Suter

Cindy Cawley

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Fr Dan Gurovich

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitzki

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

SPECIAL THANKS ST NICHOLAS

We thank all the children and grandchildren of our parish who have registered with us for St Nicholas today. Special thanks to all those helped in setting up the hall, decorating, brought covered dishes for the social, helped St Nick in procuring the presents, and enabled us to carry on this time honored Tradition of St Nicholas Visitation. Special thanks to JoAnn Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Chrissy Matjes, Sherry Bellfy, Vitalia Martinez, Donna Hale, and Paulette Bellis for their time and effort. Welcome St Nick!

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and homebound of the parish will be visited with the sacraments this week Wednesday through Saturday. If you are not presently being visited and would like Fr Dan to visit please contact the rectory office this week. Fr Dan will call ahead to schedule a time of visitation.

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our love and prayers to Thomas and Karen Elble & family on the death of Tom's father **+Richard Eible**. May our Lord grant rest to his soul and may our blessed Mother comfort his family and friends. May his memory be eternal!

VICHNAYA PAMYATI

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you are still in the habit of sending Christmas cards, please consider sending a card to those who are alone this Christmas, recovering from cancer, strokes, heart disease and other illnesses. Your kindness would truly be a blessing:

Barbara Hacker 1499 Morning Star Drive Allentown PA 18106

Olga Trusz 323 Fifth Street West Easton PA 18042

Margaret Dashe Easton Home Northampton St Easton PA 18045

Elizabeth Terleski Gracedale Manor 2 Gracedale Drive, Nazareth PA 18064

Sophie Troyan 217 Melrose Street Marion Heights, PA 17832 box 108

Fr Mark Fesniak 252 Melrose Street Marion Heights Pa 17832 Box 335

Gregory Neff 584 Rose Inn Avenue Nazareth PA 18064

Helen Potak Alexandria Manor 7 S New Street Nazareth PA 18064

Archbishop Stephen Sulyk 220 St Mary's Drive Apt 421 Cherry Hill NJ 08003

Even if you don't know them, let them know you're from Holy Ghost and you're praying for them and wishing them God's blessings. You are giving them the gift of being remembered. It means more than you know...

God bless you.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (2):When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

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

Kontakion (2):You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (2):The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercessions and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokimenon (2):

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse:The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle:Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.(Eph 6,10-17)

Brethren: Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (2):The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (2):Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel:(Lk 17,12-19)

At that time, as Jesus was entering a village, ten lepers met him, They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you."

PARISH REGISTRATION

Those who are interested in joining our community at Holy Ghost, please fill out the registration form below and Fr Dan will contact you. We will be distributing the church envelopes and calendars shortly.

NAME _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Married _____ Single _____ Children _____

Date of birth _____

***All information will be kept confidential.
Please return by December 31, 2017***

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

We've been preparing ourselves to receive our Lord at Christmas. In order to make room for the light of the Spirit we must clear away the debris of the past, accept God's forgiveness and give ourselves the gift of a clean slate to celebrate the coming of our Lord and begin our new year with a clean slate.

We will have visiting clergy on Tuesday from 6:00-7:00PM December 19 to offer the sacrament of Confession for Christmas. Please make use of this time to make peace with ourselves and with God.

FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Anyone wishing to offer a flower memorial for your loved ones at Christmas, please use the envelopes in your church envelope box, and clearly mark the names you wish remembered. The envelopes should be returned by December 18, 2017.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD, PEACE IN UKRAINE, PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

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

December 24th SUNDAY 8:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE

Compline for the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ

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

December 25th MONDAY 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!

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS:

In Memory of +Anna Drozd

\$100 Andrew Filipovich \$50 Helen & Robert Cheloc \$40 Walter Hughes Jr

In memory of +Helen Terleski - \$90 : Stoken Family

In Memory of + Raymond Bentley - \$90 Stoken Family

THANK YOU PYROHY WORKERS

Special thanks to all who supported our pyrohy sale for December by ordering, donating towards and working at our fundraiser. Special thanks to Dan Bodnar, JoAnn Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Donna Sldlar, Marion & Teodozia Sroka, Bill Hutnik, Robert Sarisky, Wilhelmina Wichryk, Donna Hale, Paulette Bellis, Elizabeth Poleschuk, Stefania Trusz, Yaroslawa Zuk, Linda Hutnik, Maria Best, Pat Peters, Diane Bush, Ed Herman, Jean Lakomsky, Olga Bryksa, Oleh Balaziuk, Karen Eible, Jane Atherholt, Kathy Sargent, Maryann Kramer, Michael Trusz, May God grant you a blessed Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year! See you in 2018!

FUNDRAISING MEETING

We will be having our annual Fundraising meeting to schedule our year of fundraisers for the benefit our church and community on **Tuesday December 12 at 5:30PM** in the church hall. All are welcome and invited. If you have new ideas to better our community spirit and help support our church mission, please join us on Tuesday. Thank you.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome into our parish family, a mother, daughter and granddaughter of the Byzantine tradition, **Irene Noe**, of Bethlehem and **Joyce, Kevin and Cara Beery** of Wind Gap who have chosen to join our church community. We welcome them and ask God's blessings on them. May they find Holy Ghost to be a place of warmth, faith and welcome! 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: 5:30PM: Adult** Religious Education classes. December 11
- **DECEMBER 10 ST NICHOLAS PROGRAM**
- **DECEMBER 14-15 CHRISTMAS ROLL SALE**
- **DECEMBER 19 CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**
- **DECEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING WITH YOUTH**
- **DECEMBER 31: 12:15-3:00PM** 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: Last Sunday to place order

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.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

We will begin an Advent series on the meaning of Christmas and the Nativity. We will be covering: **Week 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!

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.

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our archieparchial website at: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>. You may also view our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/> and our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

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The Word Made Flesh Makes Us Divine

Our faith is not founded upon empty words; nor are we carried away by mere caprice or beguiled by specious arguments. On the contrary, we put our faith in words spoken by the power of God, spoken by the Word himself at God's command. God wished to win men back from disobedience, not by using force to reduce him to slavery but by addressing to his free will a call to liberty.

The Word spoke first of all through the prophets, but because the message was couched in such obscure language that it could be only dimly apprehended, in the last days the Father sent the Word in person, commanding Him to show Himself openly so that the world could see Him and be saved.

We know that by taking a body from the Virgin He re-fashioned our fallen nature. We know that his manhood was of the same clay as our own; if this were not so, He would hardly

have been a teacher who could expect to be imitated. If He were of a different substance from me, He would surely not have ordered me to do as He did, when by my very nature I am so weak. Such a demand could not be reconciled with His goodness and justice.

No. He wanted us to consider Him as no different from ourselves, and so He worked, He was hungry and thirsty, He slept. Without protest He endured His passion, He submitted to death and revealed His resurrection. In all these ways He offered His own manhood as the first fruits of our race to keep us from losing heart when suffering comes our way, and to make us look forward to receiving the same reward as He did, since we know that we possess the same humanity.

St. Hippolytus of Rome

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