November 29, 2020

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Parochial Administrator
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Sunday
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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**Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).**

**SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE**

The **St. Nicholas Mission** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be meeting the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, Lou Gigliotti and Mike Sapsara.

**Nicholas of Myra - Archbishop - Sunday, December 6**

Mark your calendars to join the procession honoring St. Nicholas which will take place outside after Liturgy and culminate with the children greeting St. Nicholas on the patio and receiving a small gift from him.
If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!

SLAVONIC:
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU!
SLAVA NA VIKI!!

Please remember in your prayers:
Cameron Shuey; Elizabeth Macario, Maradith Sapsara Robohn; Fr. Mark and family; Fr. Vasyl and family

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and may their Memory be Eternal.

THE NATIVITY FAST OR PHILIP'S FAST/PHILIPKOVA

In our Byzantine Churches, we prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ with a fast period called Philip's Fast beginning on November 15th through December 24th. This can be a challenging one because of the time of year. Our preparation includes not only fasting but also increased prayer and almsgiving. Please refer to our website, sscyrilmethodius.org, for a wealth of information and guidelines to help you navigate this time and prepare for the birth of Our Savior!

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills still must be paid. Many are continuing to work behind the scenes to fulfill some of those needs. Thank you to all who continue to share your time, talent and treasure. May God bless you abundantly!

“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” (Luke 6:38)

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You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website.

CHURCH CLEANING

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides." Psalm 26:8

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Deaton or Michelle Rubush. We need to have enough volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Thank you to our current volunteers!

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ST. NICHOLAS MARKET

Our Market is less than three weeks away! Our fundraiser has gone virtual, with our distinct European retail goods for shipping or pick up and our tasty Slavic dishes and mouth-watering desserts, frozen or fresh-baked, for pick up only. The preparation has been going on at the parish hall and in various homes with cookie making and cheesecake baking, cabbage slicing and halupki rolling. We will need volunteers to help decorate, pack cookie boxes, help during the distribution times and the pre-scheduled pick-ups on Friday, December 11 and Saturday the 12th. Please pray for our success!
In the gospel story today, Jesus cures a crippled woman on the Sabbath. She had, for eighteen years, been suffering from a back infirmity. She then gave thanks to God and proclaimed His glory throughout the town.

We also must remember to be thankful to our Lord. We should give gratitude to our Lord who has given us many gifts and blessings. Yet, in the world today, there are many people who never give thanks to God. Even in the gospel stories we see many thankless people. For instance, the Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus cured ten lepers. But out of the ten persons, only one returned to Jesus and gave Him thanks for His cure. Jesus then said to him, “Where are the others?” It seems like the others just used Jesus for their own selfish ends. We of course should never imitate these ungrateful lepers.

Another important point in the gospel story is that the synagogue official was not healed of his bent heart. He got very angry at Jesus when he cured the woman on the Sabbath. The Lord, in turn, called him a hypocrite. He was so self-righteous to himself that he did not recognize that he had defects. For one thing, he did not show any compassion to the crippled woman. He just wanted to glorify himself in front of the people. Do we sometimes in life repeat the same actions of this cold Pharisee? Maybe we are too quick to judge other persons in their faults, but do not see our own sins.

The Lord has told us that all judgment shall be done by Him at the day of reckoning. People who harshly condemn others need to have their hearts cured by the healer of souls, Jesus Christ. The Lord has instituted the sacrament of penance for this reason. No matter how much evil we have done in this life, the Lord will always forgive and be merciful to you.

In the Second Book of Chronicles, it is recorded that there was an evil man who needed a cure of heart. King Manasseh who reigned for 55 years in Jerusalem after the good king Hezekiah, was a cruel man. Tradition says that he sawed the prophet Isaiah in half. He practiced sorcery, magic, witchcraft and introduced necromancers and wizardry. He also caused his sons to pass through the fire. This meant that he scarified his own sons in a bloody ritual to the pagan gods of Baal. The Lord God in turn sent the despotic Assyrians to punish him and his people. He was taken captive to the city of Nineveh in chains. In his distress, the king humbles himself and implores the Lord for mercy and forgiveness. He asks the Lord to heal his heart. The Lord God then has compassion on him. The Lord God forgave him and gave his kingship back to him. The king then lived a life that was pleasing to God. In spite of his wickedness, the Lord was merciful.

So, let us today, seek the physician of souls, our Lord God Jesus Christ.

A FACE MASK COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE MUST BE WORN DURING DIVINE LITURGY, WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION.

Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.

- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
  - Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
  - Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
  - Please refrain from physical contact.
  - Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
  - There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy; please do not bring food.
  - Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy.
  - A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website.
  - As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.
Icon of Saints Peter and Andrew -- Brother Apostles

Saint Andrew was Saint Peter's brother. "As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

Saint John the Theologian in his Gospel presents Andrew as a disciple of St. John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to Him, 'Rabbi (which means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke about the boy who had the barley loaves and the fishes (see John 6:8-9). When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew (see John 12:20-22). Saint Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras, Greece.

Saint Andrew

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Follower  
Jesus  
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Preach  
Scotland  
Disciple

Peter  
Saint Andrew