PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Parochial Administrator
908-404-0777

Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our 9AM Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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<td>May 23</td>
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<td>Eph 5:8b-19</td>
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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) meets 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, and Mike Sapsara.
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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:
Jerry and Holly Kingery; Lance Morgan; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; Rachel Blair; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Elizabeth Macario; +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey, +Victor Quintero, + Maria Victoria Quintero

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

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful to those who have been skillfully updating and maintaining our web site.

Our church well was recently tested for water quality and it is free of bacteria!

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING
We need more volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Please use the Sign-Up Genius which was sent via email to respond. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please send an email to the church if you are able to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

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SUMMER MARKET - SATURDAY, JUNE 26th
Please save some time during the week prior to the market to help with food preparation. The day of the market we also will need help cooking pierogis, grilling kielbasa, filling orders, parking assistance, etc. More details and job descriptions will be announced soon.
FATHER VASYL’S MESSAGE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 23, 2021

The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles to unite and strengthen them as a community. He also strengthened their faith giving them greater ability to heal the sick. In the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God revealed Himself as the Holy Trinity. This event testifies that the Holy Trinity, all three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as a perfect community - act in a person’s life, participating in its sanctification. This is a sign that the Father is sending the Holy Spirit to unite and strengthen all Christians in one community of Disciples of Christ. The task of the Holy Spirit is to help us to be in unity with God, in unity with our neighbors, and to care for the unity of the whole Church.

Today, the Holy Spirit must unify us in our love with God and among ourselves. The Holy Spirit should help us to grow spiritually in piety and to know and better understand the teachings of Christ. We then will grow in holiness, change lives for the better, solve problems successfully, and fight sins.

Everyone present in the temple today has been participating in worship services for many years, listening to various passages of the Gospel and sermons, explanations of Christ's teaching, and instructions for a pious life. What impact did these lessons have on our lives? What new things have we discovered, understood, and memorized in the Gospel? Have we discovered the understanding of at least one truth of God and applied it in our lives? Can we explain in our own words the Commandments, the truths of the faith, the Holy Mysteries, and explain these to others? What fruits should faith in the Holy Spirit bring?

Now let us look at our lives and try to find concrete manifestations of the actions of the Holy Spirit. Excessive attachment to various human customs and beliefs can often be seen in the lives of Christians. Sometimes from Christians who consider themselves believers and pious, you can hear the following: Why does the priest do this or not do that? Why does he not practice this custom that we are accustomed to? Such statements raise the question: are such behaviors really the fruit of the Holy Spirit? What is more important for a Christian, faith in God, or adherence to human beliefs, which sometimes have nothing to do with faith or God? What then does a Christian really believe in: in God? Or in some earthly things, on whom man puts his hope? Ultimately, do we hope and trust in God or in ourselves?

If we want the fruits of God's grace in our lives, the fruits of the actions of the Holy Spirit, we must be guided in life only by God's commandments. We must fill our hearts with pure faith and unshakeable trust in God. Then God's grace can fully work in us and bring generous spiritual and earthly fruits as a sign of our cooperation with God, with the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A FACE MASK COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

As you may be aware, the CDC has now recommended that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks when indoors, with some exceptions, such as healthcare settings or where local mandates require it. In light of this, as well as Governor Cooper lifting the masking executive order, our parish leadership has been in contact with our Eparchy for further guidance. As of this writing, we have been told that our guidelines remain in place. We await further guidance from the Bishop.

As we await further clarification from our Eparchy on this matter, we will continue to follow the current regulations from Bishop Kurt. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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 using Tithely.
- As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.

THE HALL REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Our Eparchy will be hosting monthly Byzantine Gatherings. Mark your calendars for each date. Gatherings will begin at 6:00 PM. Email contact: FrDeaconTom@gmail.com