FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PETER AND PAUL - PREEMINENT APOSTLES
JUNE 27, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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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>June 28</td>
<td>Translation of the Relics of Cyrus and John Unmercenaries</td>
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<td>2 Cor 11:21-12:9&lt;br&gt;Mt 16:13-19</td>
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<td>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles</td>
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<td>Independence Day 8:30 AM Confession 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Outdoor)</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, Paul Cwik, Will Leatherwood, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, and Mike Sapsara.

SUMMER MARKET SUCCESS

Many hands make light work! Thanks to all who helped during the week of the Summer Market and who worked in the kitchen, on the grounds, in the retail area, and anywhere and everywhere when help was needed. You are all vital to the success of our Parish fundraising!
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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. Thanks to those who removed a tree on the property and assisted in the removal of the tree branches and limbs, as well as those who assisted in removing debris from the rectory and the property.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE
Many thanks to our church cleaning volunteers which means 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. Please contact Marie Taylor at marie@8taylors.com if you want to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| June 20-26 | Mary Carpenter | July 11-17 | Will & Sam Leatherwood |
| June 27-July 3 | Nathan Tooley | July 18-24 | Marie Taylor |
| July 4-10 | Lance Morgan | July 25-31 | Travis Kingery |

New signs have been placed to direct traffic flow onto and off the church property. Please enter at the "church parking" entrance at the old rectory driveway. The exit is now clearly marked and should not be used for two-way traffic.
When Jesus Christ was on earth, traveling around cities and villages, teaching people, and healing the sick, people reacted to him in very different ways. Some gladly listened to him, and received him into their houses and hearts. Others were hostile to him, hating him, and asking him to leave. When Jesus came to the land of Gadarenes and met the demons, the evil spirits cried out with their mouths, “What have we to do with you, Son of God?” (Matt. 8:29). They said this as if they were not subject to the power of God! In fact, because of the very presence of Christ, they felt threatened by his authority. A short time later, feeling unbearable torment from the presence of Jesus Christ and his divine power, they begged permission to enter a herd of pigs that grazed nearby. They then rushed from the cliff into the sea and drowned. Yet incredibly, the miracle of Jesus healing of the demoniac caused dissatisfaction among the people of that area, and they asked Jesus to leave their neighborhood.

Today's Gospel story once again reminds us of the importance of faith in the life of a Christian. As a medal has two sides, so a person’s faith bears positive or negative fruits, as the history of the Gadarene demons shows. Strong faith gives a person the opportunity to feel the presence of Christ in life, and from the very thought that God is with me, evil forces recede from us. Signs of true faith are not only to acknowledge the existence of God and his traits, but to also say, “God exists. He is omnipotent, loving, kind, and merciful.” A man of weak faith says, “God exists.” A man of strong faith says, “God loves me.” In order for a person to receive the fruits of his faith in these features of God in his life, he must apply it daily in personal prayer, participation in worship, receiving the Holy Mysteries, and keeping the commandments. This is an important, practical way to feel the power of faith and witness its fruits. The lack of such a vital manifestation of faith, tested, tested and confirmed by one's own spiritual life, brings negative fruits to a person. A person who lacks knowledge of God and His signs, loses a sense of God's presence in life. Without God's care, hope and trust in God weakens. Then evil forces slowly draw a person into sin, and he easily distances himself from God, and even drives God out of his life by his sins. Unfortunately, there are many such people who want material factors for the establishment of faith. They believe in the omnipotence and presence of God everywhere, but at the same time they want material confirmation of this.

I would like to address such people with the words of the Apostle Thomas. “If I do not see the nail wounds on his hands, I will not believe.” (Jn 20:25). The event in the vicinity of Gadarene, the healing of the demoniac and the dissatisfaction of its inhabitants with the behavior of Jesus, once again convinces us of the importance of faith in human life, including its practice, application through prayer and the Holy Mysteries, and keeping God's commandments. He who truly lives by faith and by Gods commandments, receives its positive fruits. He feels God's presence, God's help in life, and God's protection from various influences of evil forces.

So let us live with Christ, call on Him for help and believe that He will always be with us in the hours of joy and sorrow! Amen.

THE HALL REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

GUIDELINES FOR OUR CHURCHES FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC

In keeping with advice from the CDC, and the local authorities, the following guidelines replace previous Covid rules.

1. A mask should be worn by anyone distributing communion or assisting to distribute communion.
2. The celebrant should use precautions when handling the gifts or singing or speaking near the gifts. These precautions may include wearing a mask, keeping the gifts covered, standing at a distance from the altar, and sterilizing the hands before touching the gifts.
3. The clergy should not drink out of the same chalice that is used for distribution before distribution. They may use a separate chalice, or receive by intinction.
4. Distribution of communion should continue using single-use spoons, either individual metal spoons that are sterilized, or spoons that can be burned.
5. Beginning Friday, May 28, people in the congregation are not required to wear a mask. People are free to wear a mask for personal protection or as a courtesy to the vulnerable.
6. People are still encouraged to practice safe distancing in the pews.
7. No one should ask whether or not someone is vaccinated.
8. Your local laws may supersede these. Your pastor will inform you if that is the case.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY OR SATURDAY EVENING

1. Keep in mind, the bishop cannot dispense from Divine Law. The Ten Commandments require us to keep the Lord's Day holy. From the beginning, Christians have obeyed this commandment by attending the Eucharist on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. We are also required by Divine Law to refrain from work if possible and to avoid commerce if possible.
2. Beginning on Sunday, June 6, the dispensation from attending the Divine Liturgy is revoked within the Eparchy of Passaic. Watching a livestream does not fulfill the obligation to attend the Eucharist.
3. Just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for a serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health or the health of others.
It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessing's upon a LIVING person, or for the repose of the soul of a DECEASED person. Liturgy requests are now available for the remaining months of 2021. A donation or stipend is an offering made to the priest for the Divine Liturgy for such a request. The suggested donation or stipend for the Divine Liturgy is $20 (Panachida is $15) and is given to the priest. (Please know that if you are unable to pay the stipend, Father will honor your request.) If your donation or stipend is by check, do not make the check payable to the church, but rather to Father Vasyl Sokolovych. After the request is received, it will be recorded in the church liturgical calendar. Special dates may be requested, but they may not always be available. If this is the case, you will be notified of a rescheduled date and time. If you would like to request a specific date, please do so now. Please know that we will work to provide the dates requested, but we cannot guarantee it. The dates are assigned on a first come first served basis and are reserved upon receipt of the offering.

Envelopes are now available in the narthex to request a Divine Liturgy. The Eparchy has recently increased the suggested stipend for a Liturgy to $20. Request for a Panachida remains at $15. To make your request, fill out the information on the envelope. Please include your check or cash and drop it in the collection basket.