ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ICON OF SAINT MATTHIAS - August 9

August 8, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Cary, NC 27518-6870
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Parochial Administrator
908-404-0777
Ryan Liebhaber, Deacon

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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Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasy! (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.

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. "Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)

Offertory donations for July 2021: $7,440.49
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
August 8, 2021

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:
Mary Jo and Bill Smith; Jerry 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:
+Holly Kingery, +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 all who helped set up and take down our outdoor Divine Liturgy on August 1. The new speakers sounded great! Thank you to everyone who contributed refreshments and for the cake and ice cream in honor of Father Vasyl’s 21st ordination to the priesthood.

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!

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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. The exit is now clearly marked and should not be used for two-way traffic.
"And the lord had compassion on the servant, and sent him away." (Matt. 18:23-35)

The parable of the unmerciful debtor is a valuable example of the fulfillment of the Commandments to love both God and neighbor. It shows the close connection between them. The Commandments to love God and love your neighbor cannot exist without each other. Let us remember how the Apostle John taught this, "We love because He first loved us."

When someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is telling the truth. For he who does not love his brother whom he sees, cannot love God whom he does not see. An important element in this relationship is mercy and forgiveness. We are imperfect, and in relations between people there are sometimes mistakes and misunderstandings. It is mercy and forgiveness that helps us to correct these relationships, to restore them, and to change them for the better. In building this relationship, it is important to remember that every good is a gift from God, including spiritual good — faith, charity, and forgiveness. If this good is a gift of God, then it cannot be found on earth, bought or purchased on one's own, but can only be obtained through prayer. If mercy and forgiveness are first of all God's gifts, then we can successfully build reliable human relations and relations with God, and solve problems only with the help of God and His gifts. When it is difficult for us to forgive someone's wrong or to apologize to someone, we need to pray, ask God for the grace of forgiveness, and then the broken human relationship will be restored, and God's peace will return to the soul.

When we speak of charity and forgiveness in the Christian sense, it is important to remember that it must take place not only at the level of the mind but also at the level of the heart. Forgiveness at the level of the mind means simply saying the word forgive. However, a person may remember events or persons that have caused him or her some physical or moral harm. Such thoughts and memories are an invisible thread that connects a person with the event of the past and does not let go, and does not allow him to move forward or continue to build his life peacefully. Complete forgiveness is when it also occurs at the level of the heart. And to forgive with the heart means to learn with God's help to remember calmly, painlessly, to accept events, persons who have caused us a certain harm. Such forgiveness is truly complete and perfect. It allows us to break this invisible thread of negative feelings that bind us to the past and move forward freely, have hope for a happy life and find complete peace of mind.

Every manifestation of mercy and forgiveness for our neighbors fills us with God's mercy and instills in us the words of bliss, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Mt 5:7) Amen.

**The Dormition Fast** takes place from August 1 to August 14. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. The observance of this Fast is voluntary.

As we have been instructed in the past, there are different levels of fasting, from following the minimal guidelines to the ascetic fast. In addition, if you have never fasted before, please do the minimum fast and take each fasting period to grow in your spiritual life. This means to eventually grow in fasting to the ascetic fast where no animal products are consumed—and fish, wine and oil are allowed on the weekends. This takes time, effort and especially prayer to develop. Remember, fasting without prayer is diabolical; you just hurt the body. If you never get the the Ascetic Fast, do not feel guilty, at least do the Minimum Fast. Minimum fast is no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are experienced with fasting and praying—the law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting dairy and egg products. Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays. If you have struggled through the minimum fast and abstinence, and desire a spiritual challenge, strict abstinence is that challenge. Strict abstinence is abstention from meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine and oil. See the guidelines below.

The ascetic guidelines are:

**WEEKDAYS** are Strict Fast Days. On these days we abstain from meat, dairy, fish with backbones, fowl, wine, and oil.

**SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS** are Wine and Oil Days. On these days the fast is relaxed to permit wine and oil, but we still abstain from meat, dairy, fish with backbones, and fowl.

The one exception to these general rules is that the Great Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ (August 6), which always falls during the Dormition Fast, is celebrated as a Fish, Wine, and Oil Day. On this great feast day, the fast is relaxed to permit fish with backbones, in addition to wine and oil, but we still abstain from meat, dairy, and fowl.
Please remember that abstaining from food during this period of preparation does us no good if we do not also, as St John Chrysostom teaches us, fast with:

...the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands and all the members of our bodies
Let the hands fast by being free of avarice.
Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin.
Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful.
Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.
Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism.
For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?

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.

SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
REQUESTS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY - 2021

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.
87TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE
IN HONOR OF
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great are pleased to announce that on Sunday, September 5, 2021, the 87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA. With the theme, “Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress,” the Pilgrimage will be an in-person event and will also be streamed live. Weather permitting, liturgical services will be broadcast at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with local county CDC/health department officials, this year’s Pilgrimage will have the following guidelines and limitations:

- All liturgical services will take place at the Shrine Altar. Due to the inability to accommodate large numbers indoors, the potential for postponement or cancellation of a liturgical service exists with the presence of severe weather conditions.
- Boxed lunches/snacks will be available for purchase during this year’s Pilgrimage. Pilgrims wishing to enjoy a warm meal are encouraged to support the local restaurants on Route 40 directly across from the Mount.
- Please see the list of local motels and hotels on our website if you wish overnight accommodations. There will be no overnight accommodations on the grounds of Mt. St. Macrina this year, which includes campers. A limited number of self-contained RVs are permitted by appointment only (contact Sr. Carol at 724-438-7149).
- Pilgrims will be asked to wear masks when entering indoor shrines, as well as buildings such as the Religious Gift Shop, House of Prayer, restroom facilities, etc.
- Visitors to the Monastery (Motherhouse) will be limited this year to Sisters’ family. There will be no shuttle service on the property.
- The Sisters are very happy to welcome our beloved Pilgrims back to the grounds of Mt. St. Macrina this year. We encourage you to make the best, most prudent decision for yourself and your family members regarding traveling to Pilgrimage this year. For Pilgrims unable to attend in person, please participate via the livestream: www.sistersofstbasil.org

Schedule as of June 21, 2021 (subject to change):

- **Sunday, September 5**
  - 9:30am Confessions
  - 9:30am Matins (TBD)
  - 11:00am Divine Liturgy for Vocations
  - 1:30pm Children’s Procession
  - 2:30pm Bereavement Session
  - 4:00pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
  - 7:00pm Parastas

- **Monday September 6**
  - 9:30 Divine Liturgy - TBD (Services to be Streamed Live)

The following services will take place Sunday, September 5 at the Shrine Altar, weather permitting, and live streamed on our website: www.sistersofstbasil.org.

1. 11:00am Divine Liturgy for Vocations
2. 1:30pm Children’s Procession
3. 4:00pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
4. 7:00pm Parastas