18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 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 9:00 AM 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) 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, Paul Tooley, Paul Cwik, Will Leatherwood, Dan Pope, Marie Taylor, 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)
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:

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVONIC: SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!

Please remember in your prayers:
Augustine Griffith, 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.

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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Can you donate some time and talent to tackle a landscaping improvement task at our Church? Mulch needs to be placed on the path and area around the Cross which entails a bit of surface and border prep, ordering mulch, being there when it is delivered, and spreading it into place. If you can be the point person for this job, there will be others who will help with the labor. Please email the church office or speak with Lance.
Peter and his companions were experienced fishermen and knew when, how, and where to fish well. Good skills and abilities in this work provided them with food and ensured a normal life. However, their unsuccessful work that night reminds us of the truth that even great life experiences do not protect us from mistakes and failures. In the Gospel, we see Christ come into the lives of these fishermen. After completing His teaching, He invites Peter to sail to the depths of the lake and once again cast his nets for fishing, and a miracle happens. In broad daylight Peter pulls out nets full of fish that do not even fit in two boats.

Listening to the advice of Jesus, Peter received not only material benefits, but great spiritual benefits. Peter recognized the divine power of Christ and his own sinfulness and imperfections. From this we see what an important role a deeply religious spirit plays in ordinary human life.

There is no doubt that many people want to live in good conditions and in abundance, so that truth and justice prevail in their lives, but they do not always want to be good themselves. We want a lot of good from God: health, housing, prosperity, good work, earnings, but we do not want to live with God, according to God's commandments. With a wonderful catch of fish, Jesus invites us to deepen our spiritual lives. The stronger a person's spiritual connection with God, the more earthly and spiritual good a person will be able to attain in life with God's help.

This spiritual connection can only be built with the help of the mediators of our spiritual lives; such as the Bible, prayer, and the Holy Mysteries, and the frequent use of them. The more we are filled with God's grace, the more God will be present in our lives and in our relationships with other people. His truth will strengthen us.

Let us take a closer look at the spiritual life of modern Christians to see if its condition can assure us of a high standard of human life. A devout Christian strives to perform all religious duties well because he sees in them his own goodness and the glory of God. Deep spirituality spreads God's objective principles of existence: human life and health are more important than material things and human interests. God's objectives teach us to hold dear truth, justice, human dignity, equality of rights, and care for the common good.

When the spiritual life of a Christian is reduced to the practice of religious traditions and customs, he is threatened by a lack of proper spirit. Mere performance of duty becomes mechanical due to the lack of the spirit of faith and love which brings a person minimal spiritual benefit, and a weak moral level. This happens when a person tries to be good, but cares primarily about their own good over the good of others. Their life is reduced to meeting the basic needs of the body: food, clothing, rest, and money. They think of God and their own soul only when difficult life problems and spiritual crises come.

This careless fulfillment of spiritual duties is due to ignorance of the truths of the Christian faith, prayers, virtues and sins, lack of knowledge of God and self, and good and evil. The consequence of this is a low level of morality: preference is given to material things, care for one's own good, and personal gain. Such a person is governed by the goodness and pleasure of the body, not the good of the soul and others. It operates on human principles, not objective norms.

Thus, a person's level of morality depends on the level of his spiritual life, to the extent that it is based on the foundation of God's law which are His commandments and is manifested in the good performance of Christian duties. It brings a person to a higher level of morality, filling him with a deep spirit of faith and love. A true Christian cares for his spiritual life not only to live peacefully and abundantly, but for the eternal good of his soul. A true Christian fills every act with the spirit of love for God and neighbor, and cares for the common good, just as the apostles worked at sea together.

Just as the boat of the Apostle Peter was once filled with fish, so our day must be filled with thoughts of God and good works. Let us wisely use the time of our lives given by God for our salvation to stand before Him with hands full of merit and hear from Jesus Christ the words, "Christian, you have worked all your life, but your work has been blessed, so may your reward be great in Heaven!" Amen.

Do you want to share the Catholic faith? Would you be interested in participating in street evangelization? Marie Taylor and Karen Quintero have been going out on a Saturday afternoon, asking the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of people walking by and start a conversation about the Catholic faith by distributing free rosaries, medals, and pamphlets. They are looking to add another person (or two?) to increase the possible opportunities. Email Karen at karennquintero@gmail.com if you’d like to know more.

GUIDELINES FOR OUR CHURCHES DURING 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. Distribution of communion should continue using single-use spoons, either individual metal spoons that are sterilized, or spoons that can be burned.
4. Beginning Friday, August 20, in accordance with local guidelines and in consultation with our Eparchy, people over the age of five are required to wear masks.
5. We will not turn anyone away for their inability to wear a mask.
6. Exemptions include:
   *The person has a medical or behavioral condition or disability and cannot wear a face covering (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance).
   *Is under five (5) years of age.
   *Is actively eating or drinking.
   *Is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible.
   *Is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience.
7. The requirement does NOT include the outdoors.
8. People are encouraged to practice safe distancing.
9. No one should ask whether or not someone is vaccinated.

## 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.

THE HALL REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## 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 blessings 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.