September 19, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Parochial Administrator
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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, 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)
SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
September 19, 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:

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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!

| Aug 1-7  | Margie Tooley | Aug 29-Sept 4 | Mary Carpenter |
| Aug 8-14 | Karen Quintero| Sept 5-11     | Nathan Tooley  |
| Aug 15-21| Cwik/Deaton   | Sept 12-18    | Lance Morgan   |
| Aug 22-28| Lisa Rose     | Sept 19-25    | Will & Sam Leatherwood |

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.
Have mercy on me, Lord ... the devil torments my daughter terribly. (Mt. 15, 21-28)

The mother pleads with the Savior not for herself, but for the healing of her daughter from the evil spirit. Her request was so strong that the apostles themselves began to intercede for her with Jesus. Jesus, listening to this mother's persistent request, acts in the opposite way we might expect. He first turns his attention to the mother, trying to help her by first testing her faith, hope, and trust in God. After seeing the woman's enduring and faithful prayer, he finally heals her daughter. In this way, Christ helped the mother receive a double reward: the strengthening of her faith and the healing of her daughter.

The story of the Canaanite woman can be found in our lives. When we pray for the conversion of our neighbors or for God's help, we see that the Lord does not always respond immediately to our appeals. Sometimes the situation does not change immediately, but that does not mean that God does not hear us. A certain silence from God in response to our prayer, as in the case of the Canaanite woman, actually brings us great good.

Before helping our neighbors, the Lord wants to strengthen us spiritually by hardening our faith and hope for God's omnipotence and goodness so that we can more easily bear the burden of our neighbors' problems. In order for us to be able to convert someone to God, God wants to bring us closer to Him first, to strengthen our bond of faith and hope with Him.

Jesus's healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter reminds us of God's truth and that God is generous in his gifts. He always gives us more than we ask of him if we place all our hope in him alone, and trust his will unconditionally. Our prayer is an indispensable medium in this growth. A mother's persistent appeal to Jesus for the healing of her daughter is a wonderful example of true Christian prayer. Jesus listened to her pleas, because the woman's prayer was sincere and enduring, and filled with the spirit of firm faith. For he who truly believes in the omnipotence and goodness of God to men will persevere in asking God for help and await that help with unshakable hope, knowing that no one but God will give him better help.

The Canaanite woman's encounter with Jesus also shows how prayer can change a person and his life when he is sincere and enduring, full of faith, as Christ said, "According to your faith be it unto you." (Mt 9:29). In other words, Christ assures us that our prayer will always be heard, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Today, the Lord rewards the Canaanite woman for her sincere, humble, and enduring prayer. May our prayer be like hers. In all things, trusting in the will of God, we believe that the Lord does everything for our good here on earth, and especially desires our spiritual good, and salvation also in eternity.

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.
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.

**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.