22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 24, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Sunday
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
First Sunday of the month: One Divine Liturgy at 9:00AM
(If unable to attend in person, our 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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| SUNDAY | October 24 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost  
Gal 6:11-18  
Lk 16:19-31 | 8:30 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy |
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| Monday | October 25 | Marcian and Martyrius - Martyrs  
1 Thess 1:1-5  
Lk 10:22-25 | |
| Tuesday | October 26 | Demetrius Great - Martyr  
2 Tim 2:1-10  
Jn 15:17-16.2 | |
| Wednesday | October 27 | Nestor - Martyr  
1 Thess 2:1-8  
Lk 11:9-13 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday | October 28 | Paraskevia - Martyr  
1 Thess 2:9-14  
Lk 11:14-23 | |
| Friday | October 29 | Anastasia Venerable - Martyr  
1 Thess 2:14-19  
Lk 11:23-26 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | October 30 | Zenobius and Zenobia - Martyr  
2 Cor 8:1-5  
Lk 8:16-21 | 4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy |
| SUNDAY | October 31 | 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Eph 2:4-10  
Lk 8:26-39 | 8:30 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy |

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)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021,** The Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of the Eparchy of Passic will join us to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM outdoors, weather permitting. There will be only one Liturgy on this date. More details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.
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:
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. To all who are making preparations for the St Nicholas Market, your efforts are appreciated! Thank you to all who continue to work on the church grounds, painting, cleaning the church sign, and planting flowers.

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.

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!

| Oct 3-9 | Travis Kingery | Oct 24-30 | Cwik/Deaton |
| Oct 10-16 | Margie Tooley | Oct 31-Nov 6 | Lisa Rose |
| Oct 17-23 | Karen Quintero | Nov 7-13 | Mary Carpenter |

There are many people who are hard at work in preparation for our 14th annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius’ European Christmas Market which will be at the Holshauser Building at the Fairgrounds on Friday, December 10 and Saturday December 11. Be a part of this important fund raiser for our church by volunteering your time and talent by filling in your name for one or many of the tasks required to make the Market a success. Help is needed before, during and after the Market. Be sure to sign up early to secure your favorite job! You’ll find sign up information in the hall or outside after Divine Liturgy. This is our biggest fund raiser and attracts thousands from across the Triangle so we want to provide a wonderful, Christ-focused event that also contributes to our building fund. We need all hands on deck!
By telling the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus wants to show that He takes us seriously as He truly cares for our sanctification and salvation. Christ wants to instill this sense of responsibility in our hearts so that we can take our lives and salvation seriously, and to sincerely accept God. By the example of the fate of the rich man and Lazarus, Christ points to another important thing: that is, he who takes God seriously and who diligently carries out God's teaching, assures himself of God's blessing in life and eternal happiness in Heaven. He also shows us that he who despises God's teaching condemns himself to eternal torment in Hell.

Today's parable asks us questions: What prevents me from the benefits of a spiritual life? What stops me from receiving help from God? Let us look at the lifestyle of the rich man. The rich man was constantly having fun. He had friends and; this was the basis of his life. It also shows our position in life, that the basis of our lives consists largely of relationships with others and material things. Therefore, in difficulties and in times of trouble, we may have doubts about God, His help, and the role of God in our lives. We start to question what He can give us. If a person needs to work hard and harder to solve problems to ensure a normal life, what is God's role?

Constant work, caring for a profitable life diverts man's attention from God, so that he forgets about Him, has no time for Him, for spiritual things, or to think about his soul and eternal life. Various worries of life, care for their own lives make people deaf to God's voice, blind to God's actions, hardened, insensitive to their needs. When a person does not have time for God, he does not have the ability to recognize God's help in life. Reality often shows us quite the opposite, that even the greatest efforts are not able to free a person from a serious illness, to stop the conflict, to protect us from various misfortunes. And this reveals to us the truth that even the greatest human achievements have their limits, and the moment comes when a person is forced to turn for help to other more powerful mediators, in particular to the Lord God. And here the words of Christ are fulfilled: "Without me you can do nothing" “Everything is possible for those who believe" (Mk 9:23).

With every word of his teaching, Jesus Christ tries to show, to testify to his concern for our weaknesses and failings. He shows us that even a person who doubts about God, His help, and the role of God in our lives is still loved by God. He shows us that He takes us seriously and wants to make us serious about Him.

The words of today's parable also await our answer to other questions: Who is Christ to me? Is he a person who connects with me personally, and in the person of others? What role does He play in my life? How close is He to me? A loved one is always treated with respect and trust. And who can give us the greatest self-confidence, if not Christ, who suffered and died out of love, so that we may be happy. Jesus taught, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." By the power of the word, Jesus Christ healed the sick, raised the dead, and calmed the waves of the sea. God's Word has the power to protect us from all evil and misery and to lead us safely on the path of life to the Father's house. "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, shall live for everlastingly." He who believes and trusts in God's teaching will be transformed by Christ by the power of His Word from premature death to eternal life and will dwell with Him in heaven forever. Amen.

**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. Exclusions 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 the age of five (5) years.
   * 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.

Join DIVINE MERCY RADIO October 27-29 for their LIVE 2021 Fall Pledge Drive. Tune in to hear powerful testimonies and stories of faith from listeners, special guests, and community leaders. Help make this event a success by listening, spreading the word, calling in with your pledge, and most of all: praying for NC's largest Catholic Radio station! Listen on-air 540-AM, on-line Catholic540.org, or on-app Divine Mercy Radio NC. Donate online or call 919-300-5400 or email info@Catholic540.org.