25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

MATTHEW APOSTLE - EVANGELIST
NOVEMBER 16, 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 | 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 8:30 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
10:15 AM SCHOOL OF RELIGION  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy |
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| November 14  
Tone 8 | Eph 4:1-6  
Lk10:25-37 | |
| Monday  
November 15 | Guriās, Samonas & Habib - Martyrs  
1 Tim 1:1-7  
Lk 14:1 & 12-15 | 6:30 PM Emmanuel Moleben |
| Tuesday  
November 16 | Matthew Apostle - Evangelist  
1 Cor 4:9-16  
Mt 9:9-13 | |
| Wednesday  
November 17 | Gregory Wonderworker Bishop  
1 Tim 1:18-20 & 2:8-15  
Lk5:1-10 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday  
November 18 | Plato and Roman Martyrs  
1 Tim 3:1-13  
Lk 16:1-9 | |
| Friday  
November 19 | Obadiah Prophet  
1 Tim 4:4-8 & 16  
Lk 16:15-18 & 17:1-4 | |
| Saturday  
November 20 | Gregory the Decapolite - Venerable  
Gal 3:1-12  
Lk 9:57-62 | 4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy |
| SUNDAY | 26TH SUNDAY ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING)  
Liebhaber Baptism |
| November 21  
Tone 1 | Eph 5:9-19 & Heb 9:1-7  

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)  
October donations: $9,674.01

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, November 21, 2021, The Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of the Eparchy of Passic will join us to celebrate the 9:00 AM outdoor Divine Liturgy and to baptize the newest addition to the Liebhaber family. After the Liturgy, food will be served with the main entrée provided by Deacon Ryan and Pani Nicole. A Sign-up Genius will be sent out later this week to add accompaniments to round out the menu. Please be mindful that we are in the Phillips Fast.
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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:
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 and new office space in the former library.

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 two or 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!

| Nov 7-13 | Mary Carpenter | Dec 12-18 | Travis Kingery |
| Nov 14-20 | Nathan Tooley | Dec 18-25 | Margie Tooley |
| Nov 21-27 | Lance Morgan | Dec 26-Jan 1 | Karen Quintero |
| Nov 28-Dec 4 | Will & Sam Leatherwood | Jan 2-Jan 8 | Heidi Cwik/Joe Deaton |
| Dec 5- Dec 11 | Marie Taylor | Jan 9-Jan 16 | Lisa Rose |

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!
The Lord God created man and put in his heart the desire for life, goodness and happiness. As long as the world exists, there will be a struggle for earthly goods and a struggle between people for possession of goods. Sin caused this struggle between, and divided them into groups, classes, friends and enemies. Looking for happiness, we want its manifestations: justice, love, respect, and common good; however, we do not seek good. We make divisions. We separate from each other based on earthly values; such as, appearance, health, human abilities, living conditions, and wealth.

The parable of the Samaritan is a test of religious consciousness and the level of spiritual life and love in us. If we read the Gospel carefully, we will see that Christ in his teachings never speaks of division or differences between people, except one point about age as in the elders and children. He offers unity and calls us to be like the Father. Christ sets children as an example of godliness for the elders. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36). The Samaritan in today's parable does not look at religious differences. He does not create obstacles to keep him from helping the victim. He sees in the wounded man an image of God, his brother, who suffered from robbers and hurries to help him.

Throughout the history of mankind in the world there is a division into classes: rich and poor, men and women, groups of spiritual and secular people. Sometimes people think that we are ordinary people, sinners. We live in the world and there are many troubles and problems around us, so it is difficult for us to avoid sins. We sometimes think that if our group is spiritual and closer to God we will find it easier to commit fewer sins. However, this is a misconception. Any division of people into groups or categories is not from God. Where there is a division of people, there is the action of an evil spirit. The very word devil means to divide. The task of the devil is to introduce division, the difference between people for any reason.

In today's example, we see that spirituality and morality need external manifestation and must serve the good of the people. On the other hand, a good standard of living cannot be built without objective morality. Therefore, the standard of living, piety, and the state of the soul does not depend on the situation; but on the openness of man to God and His grace, and to trust His will.

We react to various events and situations in life with emotions or feelings in a bodily way. The fact that our body responds to various situations in the form of emotions or feelings indicates that we are living beings and express our positive or negative attitude towards them. But this cannot be the main and only way of our behavior. If we react to everything emotionally, look for calming of emotions and feelings in everything, we will go into a dead end and will never be able to find the right or positive solution to problems. Emotions and feelings often lead us to a dead end and do not answer the questions or solve our problems. However, the Christian must approach the problem above the level of emotion, guided by the laws of spirit, faith and the common good, obedience and patience. We must look at the event from a height. Faith helps us to see good in great difficulties, where human possibilities are exhausted, inspires hope in difficult situations.

From the point of view of today's Holy Gospel, we must remember that whoever needs our help, relatives or strangers, enemies or friends, fellow believers or not, we must show our mercy to all and reach out to help, as does our Savior. Pointing to His own example, Jesus says to all His followers, “This is what I command you, that you love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. From this everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you have mutual love.” Amen.