26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church
2510 Piney Plains Road
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Reverend Father Vasyl Sokolovych
Parochial Administrator
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Ryan Liebhaber, Deacon

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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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)

Our sincere thanks to The Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of the Eparchy of Passic who joined us to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and to confer the Mysteries of Christian Initiation to the newest addition to the Liebhaber family, Theodore Gregory. May God grant to His Excellency and to the Liebhaber family peace, health and happiness for many blessed years!
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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!

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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! Please contact Michelle Sapsara Rubush to sign up! 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, having created man, put in the heart of each of us the desire for life, goodness and happiness. He gave us various gifts of nature to meet the basic needs of our lives: health, food, clothing, rest, shelter. These various good things assure a person's life, and bring us happiness. In the parable of the foolish rich man, Jesus Christ reminds us that there are not only visible, material goods, but also spiritual goods. Therefore, man creates his happiness not only by himself, with the help of material goods which he obtains by his own work, but also by spiritual good, with God's help.

Note that in the parable of the foolish rich man, Christ does not express a single word of criticism or negative opinion of the wealth that this man had. The Savior is saddened by his behavior and grieves over the state of his soul. Wealth is not evil in itself, because God created everything good - the world and man. The problem of the rich and people like him is in the clumsy use of earthly goods, such as greed, avarice, selfishness, when the good of the body becomes more important than the good of the soul, and the hope of his happiness rests more on earthly goods, on himself rather than on the Lord God.

Each of us, although we have some material security, feels a great need for love, respect, honor, truth and justice in life. And the lack of these values sometimes causes us more anxiety than the lack of money or other important things. If we look closely at the human way of life, we see a paradox: people want spiritual values in life, but at the same time they connect their lives and happiness with material things, do not fill their hearts with spiritual values: love, mercy, patience, forgiveness, humility and trust in God. I will feel calm. When I keep the commandments, my life will be happy.

If we count and compare the number of material and spiritual values in the lives of modern people, we can see the sad picture that almost 90 percent of human good are material things and occupy most of our lives, and only ten percent are spiritual values. This means that we associate ourselves, our dignity and our lives more with things than with God. How often do we have thoughts, beliefs: it will be good for me when I have this or that (money, position, beauty)? Or, how often do we think that we have to do this or that to have a sense of self-worth; my life will be happy when I have a better house, or better work? How often do we Christians have religious thoughts; such as, if I pray, I will have firm faith, sincere love, humility and trust in God. I will feel calm. When I keep the commandments, my life will be happy.

When a person sees his happiness in things, it makes his love for people and for God materialized. Such a person sees in everything his own benefit, personal benefit. People, although they believe in God, feel a lack of love, truth in life, and yet they turn more to earthly things than to God. They believe in God, yet build their lives with earthly things. They see their happiness in things, not in Christ.

By this behavior we are constantly deceitful before God: in words we believe in Him, but in deeds we love things, not the person of God and our neighbors. We are often like King Herod, who listened to the words of John the Baptist but continued to live in the sin of adultery. Having insulted God by transgressions of the law, he deceitfully hypothesizes that he must keep his oath to his paramour. With feigned sorrow, he adds to his adultery the sin of killing John, preferring the wishes of Herodias and the opinion of the guests.

God is not against wealth. He wants us to be rich not only materially, but rich first of all spiritually, to have spiritual wealth, to be rich in God, rich in his love, mercy, kindness, forgiveness, humility, patience, meekness. Then we will be truly happy.

So let us remember: all we have is from God. He is the Ruler over us. Therefore, let us not become overly attached to the fleeting things of this world, but seek spiritual treasures that may enable us to be eternally happy in the dwelling of our Heavenly Father! Amen.

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**JOB OPENING: ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH, CARY – COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**

Are you passionate about spreading the Gospel and sharing the Good News? Do you have the gift for communicating through visual and written mediums? The Communications Coordinator seeks to keep current parishioners engaged and in the know through traditional parish communications channels (bulletin, website, newsletter, and social media) while also developing marketing and communication strategies that allow the parish to reach out into the community and continue to build disciples. St. Michael's in Cary, NC is a vibrant, active parish with a dynamic staff and leadership focused on growth and evangelization. We are seeking a communications professional with a heart for evangelization to join our team. If you want to impact the Church, we want to hear from you! Learn more & apply at stmichaelcary.org/staff-comms-coordinator
In our Byzantine Church, we prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ with a fasting period called Philip's Fast. This fast can be a challenging one because of the time of year. Our preparation includes not only fasting but also increased prayer and giving. The Nativity Fast or Philip's Fast/Philipkova begins on November 15 through December 24. Here are some resources to help you navigate this time and prepare for the birth of Our Savior! Some families have the tradition of lighting an advent wreath. If you choose to do that, remember that you will light six candles for the six Sundays of advent.

Books:
2. [https://svspress.com/winter-pascha-the/](https://svspress.com/winter-pascha-the/)

Recipe ideas: [https://www.byzimom.com/great-fast-meals](https://www.byzimom.com/great-fast-meals)


Cookbook: [https://www.amazon.com/Fasting-Family-Planning-Preparing-Delicious/dp/1936270528](https://www.amazon.com/Fasting-Family-Planning-Preparing-Delicious/dp/1936270528); [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08KQ9YNW8/ref=sr_1_1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08KQ9YNW8/ref=sr_1_1) (Available in our gift shop.)

A workbook: [https://ucymb.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/pilipivka-workbook.pdf](https://ucymb.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/pilipivka-workbook.pdf)

Week by week activities: [https://ucymb.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/st-philips-plan.pdf](https://ucymb.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/st-philips-plan.pdf)

This newsletter has a good outline for reading the Bible during the Philip's Fast: [https://www.acrod.org/assets/files/PDFS/spf50/SPF%20Issue%204.pdf](https://www.acrod.org/assets/files/PDFS/spf50/SPF%20Issue%204.pdf)

Here's a prayer challenge for the season from the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA: [https://www.acrod.org/consecration/prayerchallenge/](https://www.acrod.org/consecration/prayerchallenge/)

The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially, or in its entirety. Our bishops have decreed that the faithful may relax the law of abstinence and fasting on the days beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday. Our bishops have decreed that the faithful may relax the law of abstinence and fasting on the days beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday. If you have experienced 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. The ascetic guidelines are:

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS** of this fast are *Strict Fast* days. On these days we abstain from meat, dairy, fish with backbones, fowl, alcoholic beverages, and olive oil.

**TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** of the fast are *Wine and Oil* days. On these days the fasting discipline is relaxed a bit to permit wine and olive oil.

**SATURDAYS** and **SUNDAYS** of the fast are *Fish, Wine, and Oil* days. On these days the fast is relaxed even more to permit fish with backbones in addition to wine and oil.

*Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, November 21,* is always kept as a *Fish, Wine, and Oil* day, no matter what day of the week it falls on.

**Foods that are permitted on all days are vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, and shellfish.**

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?