27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 26, 2021

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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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**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)

**2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - The annual Bishop's Appeal is upon us. An excerpt from the November ECL from Bishop Kurt follows: "I ask once again, take care of your own needs and/or your own parish first. If you have extra and would like to help me with my work for the Eparchy, and for the weaker parishes, please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal this year. God will not be outdone in generosity." However, money will not fix our clergy shortage. It is much more important that we pray. May God grant that young men give their lives to him as priests. + Kurt. As a parish we have been generously blessed to have a priest and deacon from our Eparchy. Bishop Kurt is supporting our needs. Please give as generously as possible. We will reap much more than we sow. Trust in the Lord. Please visit the Eparchy's website for more information: [https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/](https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/)
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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:

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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. To all who are making preparations for the St. Nicholas Market, your efforts are appreciated! Thank you to those who replenish paper products in the hall and who clean our church.

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 28-Dec 4 | Will & Sam Leatherwood | Jan 2-Jan 8 | Heidi Cwik/Joe Deaton |
| Dec 5-Dec 11 | Marie Taylor | Jan 9-Jan 15 | Lisa Rose |
| Dec 12-18 | Travis Kingery | Jan 16-22 | Mary Carpenter |
| Dec 19-25 | Margie Tooley | Jan 23-29 | Nathan Tooley |
| Dec 26-Jan 1 | Karen Quintero | Jan 30-Feb 5 | Lance Morgan |

HELP NEEDED: 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. Please plan to volunteer during the week of the market, Market days and the week afterwards. Contact Michelle Sapsara Rubush to find the best fit for your time. We have vacancies available! With God's grace and our tireless service we can make the Market a success!
The bodily ailments, life’s problems, and human conflicts that Jesus faced when He walked among us still exist today. In the words of today’s Gospel about the healing of a crippled woman, Christ wants to spiritually comfort and support us and to revive in us the spirit of hope for a better life.

The story of the healing in the synagogue of a contrite woman gives us an example of Jesus’ behavior among human problems. Jesus first spoke to the woman, then approached her, laid his hands on her, and she was healed. He was the first to show interest in the fate of the sick woman. In the same way today, God is the first to meet man, offer to help him, and point the way to happiness. Christ sees and understands the sad condition of modern man. God wants and tries to help us, but are we always ready to recognize and accept this help through the good news of preaching, various means of God like the Church and the Holy Mysteries, icons, relics of saints and prayers? Perhaps it seems that we have already heard and know this, but the reality is the opposite. When a person encounters some difficulties, he tries to fight them and solve them himself, and only when his efforts are failing does he turn to God. Similarly, the head of the synagogue, although he was the religious leader of the local community, did not recognize in Jesus’ action the presence of God and the action of His grace.

World crises, both nature and manmade, oppress us physically and spiritually. Negative experiences in life such as lack of work, inadequate pay, and injustice lead to a lack of hope. In various passages of the Gospel and in sermons, we often hear what needs to be done for a good Christian life and salvation, but we receive little specific advice on how to do it or how to apply this truth in life. Today’s Gospel gives us practical counsel! First of all, it should be noted that the woman’s healing took place in a synagogue—a Jewish temple. Jesus left us a new temple—His Church. In it we can receive help in the form of a spiritual conversation, such as a priest’s prayer or the Holy Mysteries. Here we receive Jesus’ healing from all the things which bend us to the ground!

Many times the things which cripple us and prevent us from raising our faces to heaven are not the problems that society brings us, but misunderstandings within the family, and in particular between parents and children. Many parents today have difficulty raising their children who do not listen to their advice. The children do not want to learn, spend a lot of time at the computer, become addicted to various games, acquire bad habits, and abuse substances. An example of such a conflict is the misunderstanding between the head of the synagogue and Jesus Christ.

There was a family who had no children, and when finally a boy was born, he was a great joy to his father, mother, and the whole family. The child grew up, and the family tried to raise their son in a Christian way, and they succeeded for some time. When the boy was little, he always wore a cross around his neck, but when he grew up, his parents noticed that he no longer wore the cross. This greatly surprised the parents, and one day the father asked, “Son, did you remove the cross because God no longer exists?” “No,” the son replied after a moment. “God exists, but I do not believe in Him.”

In the problematic behavior of children, it may not be enough to speak to them in the language of orders and prohibitions. It may be necessary to do so, yet it is often impossible to accomplish anything by it. If a child gets into a problem, an addiction that makes his negative behavior harmful to others, then in solving problems you must first pray a lot for yourself and the child. Pray to drive away the influence of evil forces and to protect the child from their further harmful influence. No quarrels of threat or intimidation will help. (Luke 13:16)

As we approach the holiday season, please keep in mind that the annual St. Nicholas Tree will be set up soon in the church hall. In keeping with the traditions of St. Nicholas, this tree has been our “giving tree” for many years and provides the opportunity to contribute money to benefit an orphanage in the Ukraine and provide a monetary gift to the family of Father Iouri Koslovskii.

We are very blessed to have a wonderful website which is maintained by Mary Ann and Chris Meyer. A wealth of information is available. Be a regular visitor! 
https://www.sscyrilmethodius.org/