34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
January 16, 2022

Athanasius and Cyril - Archbishops January 18

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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Liturgical calendars for calendar year 2022 are available
in the narthex of the church. Please take one per family.
| SUNDAY  | 34th Sunday After Pentecost | 8:30 AM Confession  
| January 16 | 1 Tim 15:17  
| Tone 1 | Lk 18:35-43  
| | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| Monday  | Anthony the Great - Venerable Martin Luther King Day  
| January 17 | Heb 13:17-21  
| | Lk 6:17-23  
| Tuesday  | Athanasius & Cyril Archbishops  
| | Mk 10:2-12  
| Wednesday | Macarius - Venerable  
| January 19 | James 1:1-18  
| | Mk 10:11-16  
| Thursday | Euthymius the Great - Venerable  
| January 20 | 2 Cor 4:6-15  
| | Lk 6:17-23  
| Friday | Maximus the Confessor - Venerable  
| January 21 | James 2:1-13  
| | Mk 10:23-32  
| Saturday | Timothy - Apostle Anastasias - Martyr  
| January 22 | Cor 14:20-25  
| | Mt 25:1-13  
| SUNDAY  | 35th Sunday After Pentecost | 8:30 AM Confession  
| January 23 | 2 Cor 6:16-7:1  
| Tone 2 | Mt 15:21-28  
| | 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: Will Leatherwood, Mike Carpenter, Paul Tooley, Paul Cwik, 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)

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL - 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 when we put our trust in the Lord. Please visit the Eparchy’s website for more information: 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: sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!
Christos Kreshdaetza! V'Iordani! (Slavonic)

Please remember in your prayers:
Bob Taylor, Augustine Griffith, Mary Jo and Bill Smith; Jerry Kingery; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; 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. Thanks to all who renovated the bathroom.

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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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
One Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM: First Sunday of each month
School of Religion: Second Sunday of each month starting at 10:15 AM
ByzanTeens: Second Wednesday of each month after 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Altar Server Training/Review: Last Sunday of each month immediately following 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Lord…that I may see. (Luke 18:35-43)

In the words of today's Gospel, Christ invites us to ask ourselves, "Is my vision of faith, of my conscience, sensitive? Can I feel the action of God's grace in my life?"

An important part of the day is a night's rest which restores our physical strength. However, we do not like darkness, but light. Daylight helps us to avoid various dangers and misfortunes. It protects us from harm, and helps us to do many important things. In the same way, the spiritual light of faith helps us to avoid various sins, all of which can harm the health of our souls.

Blind Bartimaeus, although he did not have bodily sight, had good hearing. Faith is born of hearing: "Therefore faith by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." The light of God's truth gives man the sight of faith. We see this clearly in Bartimaeus' behavior. Those who heard and saw Christ told him about the teachings of Jesus and His miracles, and he wanted to see Him. "When he heard the people pass by, he cried aloud." (Luke 18: 36-38) By witnessing to the miracles of Jesus, the Holy Spirit enlightened this blind man that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of David. He saw in the spirit, so he could not keep silent and called on Jesus for help, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." (Luke 18:39)

The example of faith given us by Bartimaeus prompts us to ask ourselves, "Did the words of the Gospel we heard during the past year become my step of faith in God in the form of sincere prayer or more frequent confession? Have they brought me closer to God?" In the conversion of the blind man, we see his spiritual path to faith which led him to Jesus and brought healing.

Faith and trust led the blind man to Christ and a personal encounter with Him. Convincing stories of acquaintances about the miracles of Jesus made Bartimaeus believe in Jesus as the Messiah. This was the faith of the blind man of Jericho, for only that faith could persuade him to ask Jesus for a miraculous healing from blindness. With a loud cry, Bartimaeus expresses the hope of healing that arose in him from the consciousness of his miserable condition and need, on the one hand, and consciousness and faith in the omnipotence and kindness of the Savior, on the other hand. He is patient in his request, because although many people scolded him and ordered him to be silent, he shouted and begged even harder.

Do our prayers have such signs? Hearing the cry of Bartimaeus, Jesus calls the blind man to himself, because every initiative for salvation comes from God. Blessed is the man who hears the voice of God when Christ calls him to Himself. But we need to approach Him personally, get closer to Jesus, and act sincerely. Jesus does not go to Bartimaeus, the blind man, but calls him to Himself, for a personal meeting and conversation. This is how God wants to personally speak to each of us.

God asks both that blind man and every man, "What do you want me to do for you?" You have to ask, like that blind man, "Lord, let me see." And he saw with the eyes of faith God himself, His plans, and His will. But we must also ask that we see ourselves, our natural and supernatural talents, our spiritual progress in virtues, as well as our fornications, passions, shortcomings, everything that needs healing, a touch of grace and love of Christ.

We want in life, in the world, all good things. Every good gift comes from God, and must lead us to God. Therefore, let us seek this light of God's truth and knowledge, so that it may enlighten our hearts and ways of life, and lead us confidently to Christ, the source of goodness and happiness. Amen.

**STATEMENTS FOR 2021**

Statements for your 2021 donations will be available within the next few weeks.

Houses are traditionally blessed with "Theophany water" each year. A house can be blessed at any time, but the usual season for yearly blessings is from Theophany until the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, which begins four Sundays before Great Lent begins. This is not a hard and fast rule, but a good rule of thumb. When a priest visits, there is a pious custom in some places that the family makes a donation to the priest for gas and other expenses. This is appreciated, but it should not be thought of as a requirement. The scripture tells us "Freely you have received, freely give". The priest comes to the home because he wants God's blessing to be upon it, and to better know those in his flock and to be available to them.

IGNITED BY TRUTH - FIRST SATURDAYS

Honoring Our Lady of Fatima's request, a Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Sts. Cyril and Methodius on Saturday, March 5, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00PM.