35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
January 23, 2022

Gregory the Theologian - Bishop
January 25

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church
2510 Piney Plains Road
Cary, NC 27518-6870
919-239-4877
Reverend Father Vasyl Sokolovych
Parochial Administrator
(908-404-0777)

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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Web Site: sscyrilmethodius.org

Liturgical calendars for calendar year 2022 are available in the narthex of the church. Please take one per family.
| Sunday | January 23 | 35th Sunday After Pentecost | 8:30 AM Confession  
|        | Tone 2     | 2 Cor 6:16-7:1               | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|        |           | Mt 15:21-28                  | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| Monday | January 24 | Xenia - Venerable            |                      
|        |           | James 2:14-26                |                      
|        |           | Mk 10:46-52                  |                      
| Tuesday| January 25 | Gregory the Theologian - Bishop |                      
|        |           | 1 Cor 12:7-11                |                      
|        |           | Jn 10:9-16                   |                      
| Wednesday| January 26| Xenophon and Mary - Venerables |                      
|        |           | James 3:11-4:6               |                      
|        |           | Mk 11:23-26                  |                      
| Thursday| January 27| Translation of the Relics of John Chrysostom |                      
|        |           | Heb 7:26-8:2                 |                      
|        |           | Jn 10:9-16                   |                      
| Friday | January 28 | Ephrem the Syrian - Venerable |                      
|        |           | 1 Pet 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10   |                      
|        |           | Mk 12:1-12                   |                      
| Saturday| January 29| Translation of the Relics of Ignatius - Martyr |                      
|        |           | 1 Thess 5:14-23              |                      
|        |           | Lk 17:3-10                   |                      
| Sunday | January 30 | Sunday of Zacchaeus           |                      
|        | Tone 3     | Three Holy Hierarchs         |                      
|        |           | 1 Tim 4:9-15; Heb 13:7-16    |                      
|        |           | Lk 19:1-10; Mt 5:14-19       |                      

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'lordani! (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 continue to support the 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!

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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
The Canaanite woman cries out for Jesus as the apostles ask for her to stop. (Matthew 15:22)

We often lack endurance in prayer. For a long time our priests have been leading our services to God. There is risk that prayer becomes inattentive and distracted. Often we say, "I pray so much, and see no result." We need to understand that we will not achieve anything until we follow Christ, imitating Him in our lives and keeping God's commandments. That is, until we walk in God's ways and pray so that even the Saints in Heaven hear our supplication, as the apostles heard the Canaanite, we must not count on success.

Obedience…Often our human nature rebels. How much can you ask for? How much can I be humiliated? Who is he to insult me? What did Jesus want to achieve in this case? A woman who perceived Jews, such as Jesus, as an enemy and even an occupier, came to Him with a request for her daughter's recovery. (This is how all the Canaanites treated the Jews who had seized their lands.) Christ, by His appearance, brings the woman to a critical point. Yes, she called Jesus the Son of David. Yes, she called Him Lord, but only when this process of growth in faith reached its apogee did Jesus Christ respond to her request. All this was done in the presence of a large number of people. For all of them and for you and me, the Canaanite woman becomes an example of perseverance in prayer and complete submission to God's will.

If we enter into a dialogue with God, even if there is something we do not like to hear about ourselves, it will always end positively. Jesus could barely hear the woman's cry. It was not enough for Him that the disciples asked, "Let her go, for she cries out for us." He waited for this mother's faith to go beyond cultural, religious, and historical conventions. The fact was pagan peoples, such as the Canaanite woman, were often called derogatory names by Jews, such as "dog," etc. The woman likely expected this mistreatment from Jesus when she approached.

Christ's desire was not to offend, but to show us the limits to which we must strive to increase our faith. The woman was prepared to accept everything Jesus might say about her just to get her daughter healed. How far has our faith gone? Who do we consider ourselves to be? What can we sacrifice to allow God to intervene in our lives? Are we able to sacrifice ourselves and our egos?

Would a Canaanite woman come to Christ if she didn't have a problem? How often the comfort and well-being of our daily lives stand in the way of God. Here we find the answer to the question of our patience. God allows patience and trouble to help us draw closer to Him. Surprisingly, a person is able to approach God only when it is very difficult for him.

Would a Canaanite woman have come to Christ if she had not loved her daughter so much? Love of neighbor brings us closer to God. How strong must love be to teach us faith, hope, humility and endurance in prayer?

Christ became the last hope of this woman! There was nowhere else for her to go! Even so, she may have been surprised by her hope in the one true God. For us too, there is no place else to seek salvation. Only in this way can we be saved.

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.

NCs largest Catholic radio station, Catholic 540-AM Divine Mercy Radio has added a new radio show from EWTN to our local Catholic radio station's weekday line-up. The SonRise Morning Show (with co-hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell) will air weekdays from 6-8 a.m. Listen on-air OR on the FREE Divine Mercy Radio App.
IGNITED BY TRUTH
FIRST SATURDAYS - ROSARY FOR OUR NATION
Honoring Our Lady of Fatima's request, a Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at:

St. Eugene Catholic Church
608 Lions Club Road
Wendell, NC 27591
**Saturday, February 5, 2022**
11:00am to 12:00 PM

Sts. Cyril and Methodius
2510 Piney Plains Road
Cary, NC 27518
**Saturday, March 5, 2022**
1:00 to 2:00 PM.

SACRED ART RETREAT: POTTERY, PYSNKY, AND PRAYER
Add something unique to your Lent and come to this one-night sacred art retreat March 18-19 hosted by the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Make your own kiln-fired prayer bowl with personalized prayer stones. Learn the ancient craft of making pysanky eggs, where the tradition is to pray for the person who will receive your creation as a gift. Spend some time in prayer in the beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces at the center. Attendance is limited so register early. Call 828-327-7441, email info@catholicconference.org, or visit www.catholicconference.org/art-retreat.