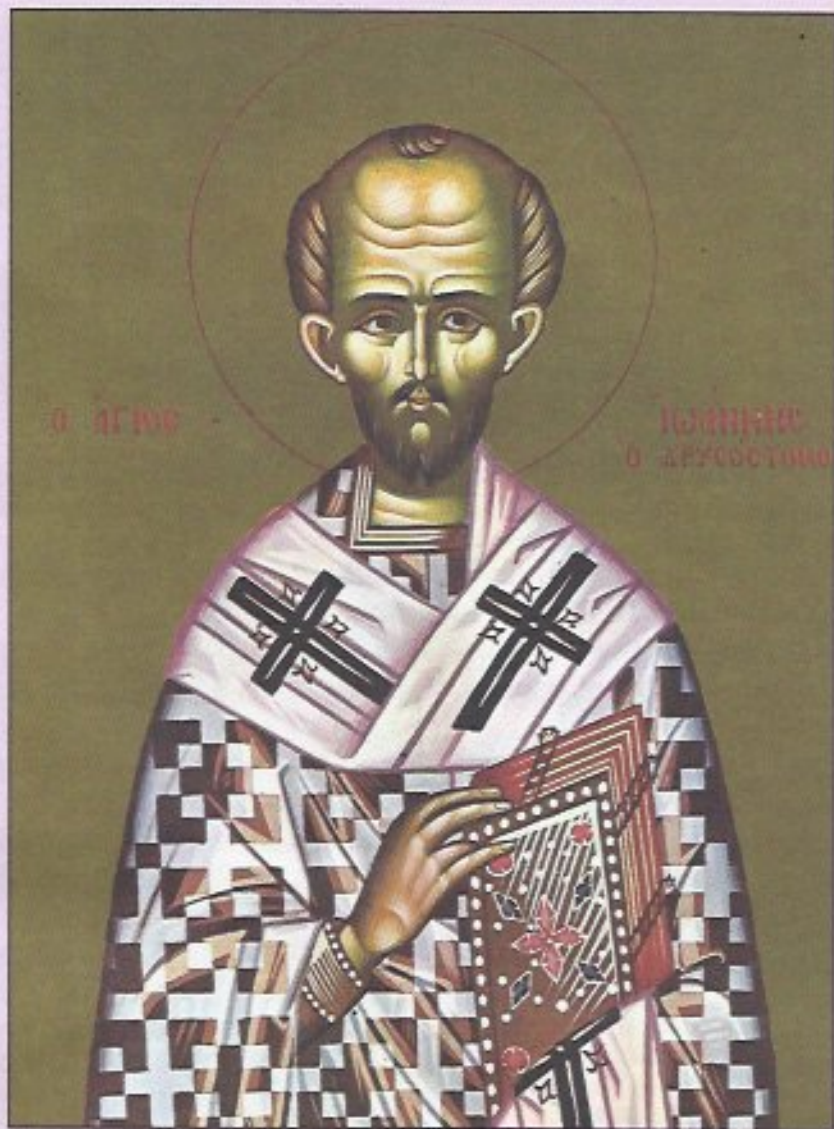


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of Saint John Chrysostom -- November 13th*

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**Archpriest Fr. Daniel Troyan – Pastor**

November 12-19 , 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

**SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) Birthday Intention: Audrey Stoken – Stoken Family**

**23rd Sunday of Pentecost: Feast of St Josaphat November 12, 2017**

**9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners**

**11:00AM (English) +Eugene Naumenko – 2nd Anniversary – Olia & Tom Dunigan and family**

*Fr Dan will be going for out- patient hernia surgery this week so please keep him in your prayers. There will be no Divine Liturgies during the week.*

**MONDAY No Divine Liturgy**

**TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy**

**WEDNESDAY PILIPIVKA: ADVENT BEGINS: 40 day preparation for Christmas**

**THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy**

**FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy**

**SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +John Hutnik –Frank & Margaret OSuch**

**24th SUNDAY After PENTECOST: November 19, 2017**

**9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners**

**11:00AM (English) Health of Joseph Bodnar – Dan & Loretta Bodnar**

**COLLECTION – \$ 1592 .00 Thank you for your generosity and support.**

**Window Repair \$500 In Memory of Robert Hale- Donna Hale**

**BonTon: \$20: Donna Hale, Joann Fulmer, Leiby Family, John Drozd, Anna Drozd, Noel & Vitalia Martinez, Michtchak Family, Karen Clark, Elizabeth Poleschuk, \$10 Marlene Lightcap.**

**Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of +Helen Terlesky -Parish Family**

*Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers*

Betty Terleski

Paul Ridilla

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczykcki

Sophie Troyan

Claudette Kemmerer

Iryna Stefurak

Melvane Thatcher

Craig Stoken

Richard Suter

Thomas Lawson

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Fr Dan Gurovich

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitski

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory & Dot Neff

John Wolfgang

Fr Mark Fesniak

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Anna Drozd

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Barbara Hacker

Fr. David Clooney

Delbert Atherholt

Harold Osmun

Michael Brodt

Paulette Bellis

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THE PRIEST-MARTYR ST. JOSAPHAT**

**Troparion (6):**

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

**Troparion (4):**You have become a brilliant light, O priest-martyr Josaphat. You gave up your life for your sheep like the Good Shepherd. You were slain by the lovers of heresy, and you have walked into the Holy of Holies to rest in the company of the angels. O long-suffering saint, we make this petition to you: Beg Christ, the Prince of Shepherds, to save our souls and to number us among the sheep on his right hand.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Kontakion (4):**You were enlightened by a spark from the crucified Christ from the time that you were a child. You were like an angel in monastic life, living in it with true holiness. You openly preached unity, and with your martyrs blood, you calmed the hearts of those who had been tossed about by schism. Christ has crowned you, and we sing to you: Rejoice, unshatterable pillar of unity.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

**Kontakion (6):** With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. He is for all, the Savior, the Resurrection and the Life, and the God of all.

**Prokimenon (6):**

Save, Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph 2,4-10)**

Brethren: God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

**Alleluia Verses:**

Verse (6): He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (6):He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God; in Whom I hope. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:(Lk 10,25-37)TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

At that time, there was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by to the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Communion Verse:**

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he will not fear. Alleluia

**VETERANS DAY**

We honor the men and women who have served in the military services on November 11, VETERANS DAY. May our Lord continue to bless those serving in the military services, may he heal those who have been injured and disabled through combat, and may those who have given their life be given the reward of eternal life.

**FEAST OF ST JOSAPHAT**

We honor St Josaphat this weekend in our Divine Liturgies. He is the martyr for church unity. In seeking communion with the Pope and the see of Rome, many suffered for their faith. We honor his memory and share in his conviction of living.

## **THE PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS: ADVENT : PILIPIVKA**

Some good things are a long time coming. We know that in our own lives, relationships, and accomplishments at work, school, or elsewhere. The best things in life are worth waiting for and require our patience and preparation. That is true of how salvation has come to the world through our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. The many generations of the Hebrew people in the Old Testament prepared His way. God's messengers, the angels, instructed them through the Law and other announcements and actions. His prophets called the people to faithfulness in anticipation of the Messiah, the One anointed for the fulfillment of all the promises to Abraham both for his descendants and all the people of the world who respond with faith to the Lord. Today we are a few days away from the beginning of our time of preparation for the coming of the Messiah, for the birth of Jesus Christ. Neither merely an angel nor a prophet, He is truly God in the flesh. The Nativity Fast, which we often call "Advent," begins on November 15, forty days before the great feast of Christmas. The weeks leading to the Nativity of the Savior do not have the bright sadness of Lent, as they are a joyful time of getting ready to celebrate Christ's birth by receiving Him anew into our lives as we take our place with angels, shepherds, prophets, and generations of righteous people from all over the world who have rejoiced that the Son of God has become one of us, bringing broken and suffering human beings into the very life of God, Who made us in His image and likeness. We will fast, pray, confess our sins, give to the needy, and forgive our enemies during the coming weeks so that we will have the spiritual strength to celebrate Christmas properly, which means welcoming the Savior into our lives at His birth. Of course, anyone can make a cultural observance of Christmas. But something as profound as the Incarnation, the joining of divinity and humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ for our salvation, requires more than putting up a tree or going to a party. It requires that we unite ourselves personally with the One Who comes to save us, that we prepare the way of the Lord in our own souls. That is what the Nativity Fast is all about as a season of joyful anticipation, a time of getting ready to enter more fully into the salvation of the world. The Savior entered fully into the corruption and danger of our world, voluntarily suffering so that our path of struggle would not be in vain, but become a blessed entrance to eternal life. His unimaginably profound love is manifested through the humility of His birth, life, and death—through which He conquered all the corruption and pain of our fallen humanity in His glorious resurrection. That is how He brings us into His glory when we endure suffering faithfully and obediently. That is how we participate in His glory as we share in His life, which requires dying to sin, taking up our crosses, and serving Him in our neighbors, especially "the least of these." Who in the Church would not praise this way of living? Talk, however, remains cheap; truly to prepare our hearts and souls to receive Him at Christmas requires much more than pious words and warm feelings. It requires actions that grow from a courageous mind and a humble heart. Let us prepare to receive the Lord Jesus!

### **SPECIAL THANKS: Pyrohy**

Special thanks to all those who came this past week for our marathon pyrohy making session. After all the flour settled, we had made 445 dozen! God bless all those who put in the extra effort: Dan Bodnar, Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Linda Hutnik, Teodozia and Marion Sroka, Paulette Bellis, Donna Hale, Maryann Kramer, Robert Sarisky, Jean Lakomski, Olga Bryksa, Fr Dan, Yaroslawa Zuk, Wilhelmina Wichryk, Maria Best, Donna Sidlar, Ed Herman, Diane Bush, Pat Peters, Cindy Cawley, Mike Trusz, Chrissy Mattes, Sherry Bellfy, Lori Wynne ,  
Special thanks to Teodozia & Marion Sroka , Ed Herman and Maria Best for the delicious luncheon that was served for the workers! It was like an early Thanksgiving! God bless all of you for your dedication and time!

### **CHRISTMAS ROLLS: Poppysed, Nut, Prune, Cherry Cinnamon**

December 14-15 we will be having our annual Christmas Bake Sale of Poppysed, Nut, Prune, Apricot, and Cinnamon Raisin Rolls for the holidays. Rolls are \$11.00. The Cinnamon Raisin are \$16.00 Orders must be received by December 10 Help is needed in making the Christmas Rolls. Please sign up to help with the project, whether you can offer an hour or two , or all day, your help would be appreciated. Prep work begins Thursday December 14 at 6:00PM and baking begins Friday at 6:00AM until finished.. Any questions please contact John Drozd Jr at 610-250-2742.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We offer our love and prayers to the family & friends of **+Helen Terlesky** who passed into eternity on Monday, a few days shy of her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Helen was a woman of great character and dignity, she had served Holy Ghost Church community in many ways: she had served as secretary , Religious Education teacher, church pastoral council, and faithful member. She will long be remembered for her kindness and humility, faith and love for God, her family and her community. May she rest among the saints and may her memory be eternal!  
**VICHNAYA PAMYAT!**

### **PRAYERS.. PRAYERS.. and more PRAYERS**

We offer our love and prayers to all those who are mourning the loss of their loved ones in the shootings in the church in Texas. May Our Lord comfort them and be present to them in their greatest time of need.

We offer our prayers to the State Police Officers, Troopers Seth Kelly and Ryan Seiple , who were shot on Rt 33. May Our Lord grant them healing, strength and may they know they are loved and supported.

**We continue to pray for all those affected by the hurricanes and fires throughout our nation.**

## THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY: November 6:** Adult Religious Education classes.
- **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** November 26 Youth Religious Education 12:15-1:00PM followed by Roller Skating at Bushkill Park
- **DECEMBER 5-6** Pyrohy
- **DECEMBER 10** ST NICHOLAS PROGRAM
- **DECEMBER 14-15** CHRISTMAS ROLL SALE
- **DECEMBER 19** CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS
- **DECEMBER 26** CHRISTMAS CAROLLING WITH YOUTH
- **DECEMBER 31:** 3:00-5:00PM Parish Open House at the Chapel

## UKRAINIAN CLASSES

Ihor Mirchuk will be offering Ukrainian Classes for the next ten weeks. Classes will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00PM in "The Chapel". Each class will also include a brief aside on Ukrainian history and culture.

## TRIP TO THE BLUE ARMY SHRINE

We are planning a trip to the Blue Army Shrine in Washingtonville NJ on Sunday November 12 with the Youth Group from our parish. We will be leaving after the 11:00AM Divine Liturgy to spend the afternoon at the Shrine of our Lady in Washington NJ. All are welcome.

## ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER: November 12

The Fr DeNisco Council 3862 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday November 12 from 11:00AM-4:30PM at the council Home on West Bangor Rd in Bangor PA. Tickets are available at the door for \$9.00, children under 8 are free. Please support the Knights of Columbus dinner where our own Bill Hutnik is Grand Knight. Your support helps them achieve their goals of helping those in greatest need. Thank you.

## IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **+Stephen Terlesky** who passed away September 11, 2017. Steve had been an active member of our parish for many years. May his memory be eternal! **VICHNAYA PAMYAT!**

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**Sacraments of Initiation:** Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

**Marriages:** Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

**Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick:** Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

**Confession:** Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

## *Prayer is the Light of the Spirit*

Prayer and conversation with God is a supreme good. ... I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call Him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe.

-The spirit... like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God

provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature. ... I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God ... a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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