

## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 22, 2020

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

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Monday, November 23<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICES

Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM **H/B for the Yaga, Dressler and Skubiak Families** – by Skubiak Family

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM **+ Joseph & Sophia Szabat** – by Bill Szabat

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM **+ Maria Prybeha** – by John Stecura

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Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM **+ Walter & Mildred Tomko** – by Chris and Cindy Ross

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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### Regarding masks when attending the Divine Liturgy:

Dear Parishioners,

The wearing of masks has now been mandated by the Governor while in Summit County and when out in public, **including when attending worship services. As always, please try to maintain at least 6 feet distance between family units.**

*In accordance with this directive and for the safety and comfort of all of our parish family we are asking that you please wear your mask when attending the Divine Liturgy. If you are sick or not feeling well, please consider staying home and watching us live on Facebook. If you do become sick with Covid-19 please let us know as soon as possible!*

*We thank all parishioners and friends who have been supporting our parish during those difficult times and sending your donations by mail or by dropping them in the rectory mailbox.*

### ST. ANDREW'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Traditionally on or around Feast of St. Andrew, the first called Apostle (November 30) our parishes in the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church have a special collection for needs of pastoral ministry of His Beatitude Sviatoslav. St. Andrew's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and his works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows His Beatitude Sviatoslav to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters in the world. The purpose of St. Andrew's Pence Collection is to provide Patriarch Sviatoslav with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, and natural disaster, and help our faithful in the Eastern Ukraine, Siberia and Kazakhstan. As Christians, we are called to look beyond ourselves and be of service to others, especially the less fortunate among us! Let us help His Beatitude Sviatoslav find those who need our help and assistance.

### BOOK STUDY:

On Thursday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am we are starting to read a new book at our Bible Study by Fr, Philippe "Searching for and Maintaining Peace." Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Light a Candle of Remembrance:

Mark your calendar, to light a candle in your window @ dusk, on Holodomor Memorial Day, **Saturday, November 28, 2020.**

On this day people in Ukraine and all over the world are lighting candles in memory of those killed during the genocide of 1932-33. "In 1932-33, Moscow's Stalinist regime deliberately starved millions of Ukrainians to death in a man-made famine. Known as the Holodomor, the Ukrainian term for killing by starvation, the famine stands as one of the most horrendous genocides of the 20th century.

Targeting principally Ukrainian farmers, in a land that for centuries was known as the "breadbasket of Europe," Stalin aimed to annihilate those parts of the Ukrainian population that were especially resisting Soviet repressive policies in Ukraine, and to terrorize the surviving Ukrainian population into submission to the Soviet totalitarian regime.

While the exact number of victims is not known, many scholars and historians place the number at 3 to as many as 10 million. One third of the victims were children; at the height of the Holodomor, tens of thousands died daily of starvation. Years after this unprecedented crime, the Holodomor remains one of the least known genocides."

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

## PHILIP'S FAST (PYLYPIVKA) PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A. TO OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS, SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED FAITHFUL,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

St. Philip's Fast or *Pylypivka* is about to start. It is a joyful 40-day fast, which begins on November 15, the day after the feast of the apostle St. Philip, and lasts until December 24, Christmas Eve. This fast is meant to prepare us spiritually for the great and solemn holyday – the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the time given to us to deepen our understanding and awareness of God's mystery – the Incarnation of the Son of God and the coming of the Messiah, the King of Peace, Emmanuel and the Light of the world. It is time for us to find and rediscover true joy of the Nativity of Our Lord through prayer, meditation, and acts of charity, not like it is in the artificial atmosphere of Christmas parties, buying and exchanging gifts and enjoying specially prepared holiday delicacies.

We may think that the coming of Christ is a completed event and a historical fact of the past, and the anticipation of His coming is only symbolic for us. It is not! Christ always comes to us. He is constantly born spiritually in the heart of every person who believes and expects Him. He comes to us in prayer and the Holy Mysteries, especially in Holy Confession and Communion. Today He comes to be with us and among us.

This year, St. Philip's Fast and the understanding of the coming of Christ and His presence among us takes on a special meaning and significance for us. In the midst of the relentless COVID-19 pandemic, the suffering of many from this deadly illness, often resulting in the sad and tragic loss of family members and friends, political discord and instability, riots, wars and human rights abuses

around the world, we are thirsty for a deep awareness and conviction that Christ the Lord is truly present among us and that His grace is life-giving and necessary.

St. Philip's Fast recalls for us the Old Testament and the world, which froze in anticipation of the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. We will hear readings from the books of the ancient prophets Nahum, Habakkuk, Daniel, and Isaiah, who prophesied of His coming eight centuries before He was born. They wrote that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, about the escape of the Holy Family to Egypt and the return to Nazareth, about His healing of the sick, about His rejection by the chosen people, about His betrayal and taking thirty silver pieces by one of the apostles, about His crucifixion among robbers, about His side being pierced, about His Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven. Later, the holy evangelists, while writing the Gospels inspired by the Holy Spirit, will include these prophecies to show us that Jesus Christ is the Messiah that everyone expected and that He is truly the Son of God.

The story of salvation does not end with the coming of Christ over 2,000 years ago, but it continues to this very day. We are all awaiting His second coming, which He Himself prophesied, and it will be very different from the first. When Christ comes a second time, everyone will recognize Him. During His first coming, He was not loved but was rejected. When He comes a second time, all the tribes will acknowledge Him as Lord. During His second coming, He will also be accompanied by the angels. During His first coming, He entered the world as a helpless baby in the manger. When He comes a second time, He will come as the King of kings and Lord of lords. That is why the expectation of the coming of Christ is not and cannot be symbolic, but is a completely genuine event – He will come a second time.

During the Christmas fast, let us prepare spiritually for His coming. Create a prayer corner in your home and display an icon of the Nativity of Christ, meditating daily on the mystery of the coming of the Messiah. Let us receive the Mysteries of Holy Confession and Holy Communion during these days, especially if we did not have the opportunity to do so during Great Lent. Let us abstain from meat on Fridays, overeating and excessive use of the Internet. Let us be generous

with our time and talents and serve the poor and disadvantaged as much as we can. Let us reconcile with those whom we have offended and those who have offended us. Let us always be aware that Jesus Christ will come a second time as our Lord and Judge, though “of that day and hour no one knows.” (Matt. 24:36).

May you and your family be blessed by Our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, whose joyful Nativity in the manger of Bethlehem we patiently await!

**+Borys Gudziak**

**Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians**

**Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States**

**+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM**

**Eparch of Stamford**

**+Benedict Aleksiychuk**

**Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago**

**+ Bohdan J. Danylo**

**Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma**

**+Andriy Rabiy (author)**

**Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia**

**November, 2020**

*Lord, I have let myself to be deceived;  
In a thousand ways I have shunned  
your love, yet here I am once more,  
to renew my covenant with you.  
I need you. Save me once again,  
Lord, take me once more into  
Your redeeming embrace.*

**Evangelii Gaudium 3**