

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Prophet Habakkuk and Others -- December 2nd

We Pray as We Live

For prayer to have the fervor and the purity it ought, certain conditions are necessary.

First of all, suppress any kind of desire for the things of the flesh. Then, shut the doors of the spirit not only to anxiety, but even to the recalling of any kind of business matters or affairs. Next, renounce evil speaking, vain words, long high-sounding discourses, scurrilous witticisms. Conquer the agitation that comes from anger or melancholy. Cut off greed and attachment to money at the roots.

After we have destroyed these vices, not to mention other defects equally serious and evident, after we have made this purification which results in simplicity and innocence, we ought to lay solid foundations for a deep humility capa-

ble of supporting a tower that reaches to heaven. After that, there is the building of the spiritual edifice of the virtues.

Finally, it is necessary to prevent the soul being allowed to wander off into distractions and anything that would divert it from its aim. Only then will it begin to be exalted to the contemplation of God and to the intuition of spiritual realities.

In fact, everything that we have in our minds before the time of prayer is inevitably brought back by memory when we are praying. So whatever kind of people we want to be in our prayer time, we need to be before we begin to pray.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusoo Khristoo!"

Dec. 2, 2012
The 27th Sun.

OUR TOWN WILL USHER IN the Christmas season with a gala fireworks display at 6:25 pm this Saturday and our Church is a great viewing site. We will begin the Saturday night Liturgy a few minutes earlier so our Faithful can attend the Liturgy and see the display.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL will be in session this Sunday at 10 am and begin practice for their Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 16. Be sure that all your children attend School this Sunday and next, so that they can participate in this most beautiful of events.

THE SUNDAYS WITH FATHER adult seminar will resume next Sunday, Dec. 9, at 10:10 am in the School Lounge. We will discuss the Christmas celebration, both here and in Ukraine. So come and share with us next Sunday and get into the Christmas spirit. Coffee/tea, sweets and a whole lot of fun and fellowship - all free and all for you!

THE BRIDGEPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH has invited us to sing our ethnic Christmas carols at a little concert next Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 pm at the DeKalb St. church. We will have music sheets with words and notes for all our singers. We ask Olga Danko and Kathy Plush to gather up our singers and greeters for this event.

THE GREAT FEAST of the Conception of St. Anne (Immaculate Conception) will be celebrated next weekend in our parish. We will honor Mary who was conceived without sin in the womb of her mother St. Anne. Next weekend we will sing our praises to Mary and anoint all the Faithful after the Holy Liturgy.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is all set for Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 am in our Parish Hall. Our School students will perform on stage in a re-enactment of the Nativity, after which our St. John's men will escort St. Nicholas into the Hall to greet all our children. We will then all enjoy a Holy Supper luncheon with a sampler of the 12 Christ-Eve meal. We invite all our Faithful, all our parents and children to attend this most wonderful event.

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE during November was very good. About 300 good people attended the Liturgy every weekend, thanks be to God! We hope and pray that all these good people and more will continue to attend!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 5:45 pm +Marianne McMichael (The Dinich Family)
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful
Thursday, 7 am +Mamie Budick (The Parish Auxiliary)
Friday, 7 am +Nancy Sendeki (Frank and Sandi)
Saturday, 8 am +Michael Burry (Sister Sophie Murray)
Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful
Sunday, 9 am +Anna Newmaster (Son Thomas)
+Donna Bednar (Fonock-Maruszczak Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: When You did descend unto death, O Life Immortal,
You vanquished hell with the splendor of Your Divinity. When You did raise the dead from the subterranean abodes, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Life-Giver Life-Loving Christ Our God, Glory be to You."

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

TODAY'S KONTAK: You did rise from the tomb, O Savior, and hell saw this miracle and feared, as the dead arose. All of creation saw this and exults with You. Adam and Eve rejoice, O My Savior, as the world praises You forever.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: My strength and my song is the Lord, Who has been my Salvation.

