

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Nicandor and Joannicius -- November 4th*

## *Prayer is Answering the Word of God*

*Isidore said:*

'Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.

'All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.

'None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.'

*Augustine said:*

'Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.'

*Jerome said:*

'Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.

'Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.'

*Defensor Grammaticus (ca. 7th century)*

## Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

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

Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405

Nov. 4, 2012  
The 23rd Sunday

WE ALL BOW DOWN TODAY to give thanks to Our Lord for protecting us from the wrath of Hurricane Sandy. The storm came through here just like the proverbial "freight train" Monday night and roared for several hours. Our only damage was 3-4 trees felled, one of which missed our church building by two feet! God is good! No doubt about it!

DURING THIS MONTH of November we must tally all the folks in attendance at the Holy Liturgy, both Saturday night and Sunday morning, and submit the numbers to the Archbishop. And so it is imperative that you and all your clan attend services this month. You know why!

WE ARE SO PLEASED to announce that our Marian Junior Sodality will be installed next Sunday, Nov. 11, at the 9 am Holy Liturgy. These young girls will be a great asset to our parish with their two-fold mission of service to our neighbors and social events. We have asked Denise Daniels and Michele Burns to be the Moderators.

OUR PARISH MEN'S GROUP, the St. John Chrysostom Society, will gather to sing the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 18. We ask that Judge Bill Maruszczak, the current "Deacon" of the Society, gather up all the fellows in the Choir on the 18th to make our Liturgy most pleasing to the Lord and all the Faithful.

ON TUESDAY, ELECTION DAY, be sure to get out and vote. Our Parish will once again serve the community by hosting the polling place for the 2nd Ward here in Bridgeport.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is now into the fall/winter semester, but you can still register your children. We have a beautiful school program here and plenty of room for your young ones, especially in the Pre-School-Kindergarden Class. The parish policy is that every child must attend Sunday School, so we trust that every good parent will enroll their children to learn about Jesus Christ and His Church.

WE ARE PREPARING a terrific seminar for our adults next Sunday in the School Lounge. Our topic will be "Prayer, Fasting, Good Works". These three activities form the basis of the Christian life. Come and learn with us Sunday next at 10:10 am. You'll be happy you did!

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DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +John and Anne Zolomij (Rose and Len Boris)  
Sunday, 9 am +Nicky Bracaglia (Parents Paul and Natalie)  
Thursday, 7 am +Mary Budick (Lois and Bob Kovack)  
Friday, 7 am +Roman Ploskina (The Fediuk Family)  
Saturday, 8 am +Suzanne Kerick (Patrick Kerick and Family)  
Saturday, 6 pm +Olga Dryer (Craig Snyder Family)  
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful

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TODAY'S TROPAR: Angelic powers were on Your Sepulchre, the guards became dead-like, as Mary stood by the tomb seeking Your most pure Body. You captured hell yet were not detained by it. You are the Bestower of life and met the Virgin, O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER..

TODAY'S KONTAK: When Christ God, the Life-Giver of all things, did raise up from the valley of gloom all the dead, He gave Resurrection to the human race, for He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection and the Life and God of all the world.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, save Your People and bless Your Inheritance.

*Love, Fr. Ronald*