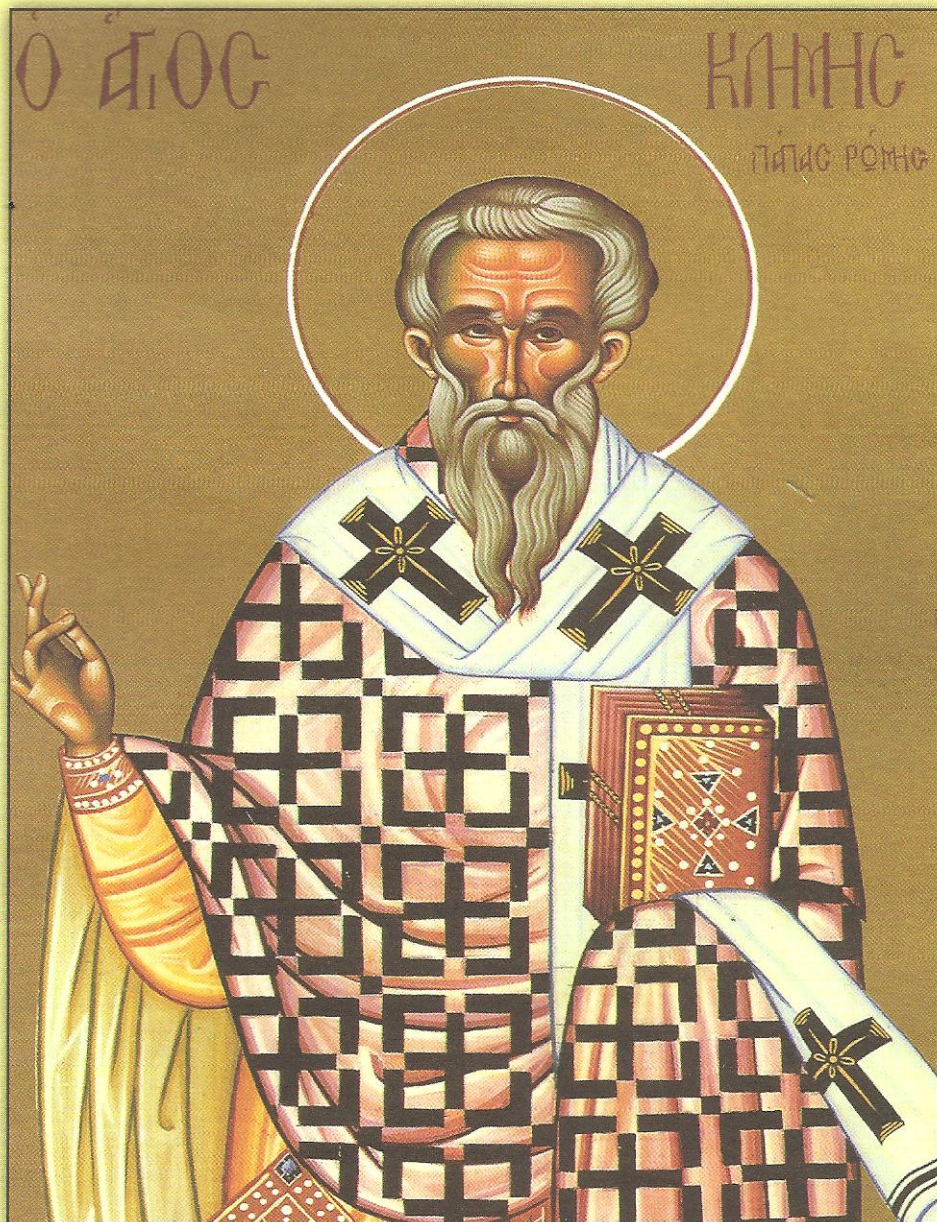


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Clement of Rome -- November 24th*



### *Saint Clement of Rome*

St. Clement was the bishop of Rome and third in succession from St. Peter. Around the year 95 AD, a letter was written by the Church of Rome to the Church at Corinth that is attributed to Saint Clement. This document is the earliest Christian writing besides the New Testament documents. In fact, the Gospel of John is likely written around the same time as this document.

This “first letter of Clement” (a second letter was falsely attributed to him) was copied by the Corinthian Church and circulated all over the empire, rendering the very first papal “encyclical.” It was so highly regarded by the universal church that for several centuries the Church in Egypt and elsewhere regarded it as one of the New Testament scriptures.

The Church of St. Clement is one of the most fascinating places in Rome. Excavations revealed that the medieval Church, built in the

12th century, actually was built on top of a 4th century Church which was in turn built over a house church going back to the first century. It is very possible that this was the house of St. Clement himself.

Saint Clement in his Epistle to the Corinthians prays a blessing for all that call upon God.

“May God, who sees all things, and who is the Ruler of all spirits and the Lord of all flesh, who chose our Lord Jesus Christ and us through Him to be a special people, grant to every soul that calls upon His glorious and holy Name, faith, fear, peace, patience, long-suffering, self-control, purity, and sobriety, to the well-pleasing of His Name, through our High Priest and Protector, Jesus Christ, by whom be to Him glory, and majesty, and power, and honor, both now and forevermore. Amen.”

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

Nov. 24, 2013  
Mary's Entry.

THE FEASTDAY of Mary's Entrance into the Temple service, the start of her public life, will be celebrated this weekend. This Holyday mark's the dedication of parents Joachim and Anna, who brought their young daughter Mary to the Jerusalem Temple. We will sing our ancient hymns and songs of praise to Mary this weekend.

THE TERRIFIC STUDENTS AND STAFF of our School will have their Thanksgiving Liturgy this Sunday, Nov. 24, at 9 am. All our students, along with all our teachers and parents, will attend this service and give thanks to Our Lord for all their blessings of the year.

THE LITURGY for all our newly baptized children is all set for next Sunday, Dec. 1, at 9 am, when we will greet all our new parents and Godparents. We will choose one of these children to play the role of Baby Jesus in our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 15.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DINNER for all our parish workers is all set for Saturday, Dec. 14, at 3:30 pm in Chick's Tavern, Fourth St. in Bridgeport. We hope and expect that all our School Staff, Ushers, Church Officers, Parish Auxiliary. Sodality Moderators - will attend!

OUR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, Visit from St. Nicholas and Holy Supper buffet will take place on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 am in our Parish Hall. ALL OUR PARISHIONERS are invited and urged to attend.

ON THURSDAY we celebrated the funeral service for +Stephen Burry, 86, husband of Ruth and father of Steven, Jon, Michael, Janice and Diane. We all pray that Our Lord Jesus Christ will now take +Stephen home to eternal peace in heaven - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

OUR SUNDAYS WITH FATHER adult education seminar will be held this Sunday at 10:10 am in the School Lounge Room. Our topic will be the Church, its founding, its purpose, its meaning. Come and learn with us Sunday morning. It's all free and all for YOU!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Walter Gutkowski (The Gutkowski Family)  
Sunday, 9 am Thanksgiving Liturgy for all our Blessings  
Thursday, 8 am For all our Faithful on Thanksgiving  
Friday, 7 am Newlyweds Joanna and Jason (Jim Deskiewicz)  
Saturday, 8 am Health of Dr. Noel (Jim Deskiewicz)  
Saturday, 6 pm +Helen Davis, Son Charles (Santangelo/Strouse Family)  
Sunday, 9 am For all the Newly Baptized and Parents

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MARY'S TROPAR: The Virgin Mary, symbol of God's Goodness, Herald of our salvation, today appears in the Temple and proclaims Christ to all the world. Let us today cry out: "Hail, Mary, you are the fulfillment of God's Love for us all." GLORY BE TO...

MARY'S KONTAK: She who is the Savior's most pure temple, the richest palace and holy treasure of God's Glory, today is brought into God's House along with the grace of the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Angels sing today: "She, Mary, is the Heavenly Abode."

MARY'S PROKIMEN: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, amen.

Love, Fr. Ronald