

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Wicked Tenent Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)

August 30, 2020 – 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 4 - 1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42

Sat. Aug. 29 The Beheading of St. John, Glorious Prophet, Precursor and Baptist

7:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy for +Eugene F. Kusnerik by Judith Carol and Family (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Liturgy - One Year Anniversary of His Passing, +Charles Kennick by daughter Karen Kennick (Livestream)

Sun. Aug. 30 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. Aug. 31 Deposition of the Venerable Cincture of the Theotokos

7:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Carol Timko by Carol and Gary Noyes and Family (Livestream)
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Tues. Sept. 1 Beginning of the Church Year

7:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for Special Intention for Mary Lightfoot by LaVerne Marchak (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Wed. Sept. 2 St. Mammas, Martyr (+274)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Charles Kennick by Kennick Children (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. Sept. 3 St. Anthimus, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Nicomedia (+303)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Blanche Gubanich by Family (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. Sept. 4 St. Babylas, Priest-Martyr, Archbishop of Greater Antioch (+250)

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for +Eileen Kekelik by Kekelik Family (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Sat. Sept. 5 St. Zachary, Prophet

7:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy for +Eugene F. Kusnerik by Judith Carol and Family (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Andrew and +Dorothy Malinish by Sue Deeks (Livestream)

Sun. Sept. 6 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

MASK REQUIRED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS

Bishop Milan has joined with Governor DeWine in making masks mandatory for anyone attending Divine Liturgies. (Exceptions are those with health issues that prohibit wearing a mask and children ten and under.) We ask that you cooperate with this request. The goal is to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus which is on an increase in the State of Ohio. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask or simply “uncomfortable” being inside the church we continue to provide the services on livestream for you to watch from home (www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV – PARMA).

For those entering the Cathedral church building, masks are required and social distancing will be observed. The building is sanitized properly, according to the current guidelines in place. Please bring your own mask to liturgy.

All weekly services held at the Cathedral are livestreamed, please see the liturgy schedule in the bulletin for times. The weekly bulletins are emailed, mailed, or available for viewing by all parishioners at www.stmarybyz.com.

Once again, let's be FAITH DRIVEN and EUCHARISTIC CENTERED!

Interested in a 250 Club ticket? The 250 Club has a few tickets available for the next session starting August 9, 2020. Each ticket is \$50.00 and entitles the owner to a chance to win their \$50.00 back in a weekly raffle for 25 weeks. At the end of this 25 week session, is included a raffle/dinner dance, where you can win the grand prize of \$2500.00. Included are other prizes of \$400.00, \$300.00, \$200.00 and \$100.00. All for one ticket! Chances for more winnings are available with sideboard purchases and 10 to 1 drawings. For information or interested in purchasing a ticket, please call Larry Kirchner, (216) 749-4166 or Rosemary Trompak (216) 398-6433.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL): Any bulletin announcements may be called into Patty Bremner at: (440) 884-8452 ext: 100, fax (440) 884-8453, or email: contactus@holyspiritbyzantine.org. All announcements should be received by 3:00 pm on Mondays. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) (ALL): A priest will be available for reconciliation (to hear confessions) during the Divine Liturgies held at the Cathedral (for all four parishes) on Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

A SIMPLE REMINDER All liturgical services for the parishioners of the three parishes, Cathedral, Holy Spirit, and St. Mary's are being held at the Cathedral building, 1900 Carlton Road and Livestreamed on Parma.org. For the continued sake of community, please join together at the Cathedral building for any or all of the services, when you feel safe and comfortable to attend. We are taking the proper safety precautions with individual communion spoons, mask recommendations, continued sanitizing, and social distancing during the pandemic.

ECF Registration (ALL): The parish Eastern Christian Formation Classes, ECFC, will begin sometime in September or early October with an online format using Zoom. Families with students in **grades K thru 12** are asked to register by emailing their students' name and grade level to jdtr@aol.com or telephoning John Trompak - 216-398-6433. **Please register by September 1.**

HOLY SPIRIT CEMETERY CLEAN UP (ALL): It is time to start the Fall-Clean Up in the Cemetery. We are asking for all decorations at the graves in the cemetery to be removed and disposed of by October 1st. This will allow the landscaper to weed properly around the headstones before the winter months set in. Please help out by removing ALL decorations from your own family graves. Throw any trash in the dumpster, DO NOT LEAVE IT AT THE END OF THE ROWS. Thank you for your cooperation. ***Any decorations left on graves after October 1st will be removed by the cemetery maintenance crew.***

UNITY CATHOLIC CREDIT UNION: Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union has a program called "The Giving Back Car Loan". Each time one of their members finances a car, they ask what parish or school they would like to have \$50 donated to. During the 2019-2020 school year, 2 members of the credit union named St. Mary Byzantine – Cleveland as their benefactor. Thank you for your support!

Bishop Milan Lach, SJ cordially invites you to:

EVENING OF HOPE

To benefit

Eparchy of Parma

Saturday, April 24, 2021

6:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY INN

Independence, OH

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Mitchell Pacwa, SJ

- EWTN Live Host
- Scripture Scholar
- Bi-Ritual (Maronite Church)

Divine Liturgy Homilist

Sunday, April 25, 2021

For Sponsorship Information contact:

Judith Matsko

JMATSKO@PARMA.ORG

216-741-8773 ext. 1225

How Saint Michael Saved This U.S. Marine

By RTO.org

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U.S. Soldiers in the Korean War

This is the true story of a Marine wounded in Korea in 1950. Writing to his mother, he told her of a fascinating encounter he experienced in the war. Father Walter Muldy, a U.S. Navy chaplain who spoke to the young Marine and his mother as well as to the outfit commander, always affirmed the veracity of this narrative. We heard it from someone who read the original letter and retells the story here in all its details and in the first person to better convey some of the impact it must have had when first told by the son to his mother.



Dear Mom,

I am writing to you from a hospital bed. Don't worry, Mom, I am okay. I was wounded, but the doctor says that I will be up in no time. But that's not what I have to tell you, Mom. Something happened to me that I don't dare tell anyone else for fear of their disbelief. But I have to tell you, the one person I can confide in, though even you may find it hard to believe. You remember the prayer to Saint Michael that you taught me to pray when I was little: "Michael, Michael of the morning,..." Before I left home for Korea, you urged me to remember this prayer before any confrontation with the enemy. But you really didn't have to

remind me, Mom. I have always prayed it, and when I got to Korea, I sometimes said it a couple of times a day while marching or resting.

Well, one day, we were told to move forward to scout for Commies. It was a really cold day. As I was walking along, I perceived another fellow walking beside me, and I looked to see who it was. He was a big fellow, a Marine about 6'4" and built proportionally. Funny, but I didn't know him, and I thought I knew everyone in my unit. I was glad to have the company and broke the silence between us: "Chilly today, isn't it?" Then I chuckled because suddenly it seemed absurd to talk about the weather when we were advancing to meet the enemy. He chuckled too, softly. "I thought I knew everyone in my outfit," I continued, "but I have never seen you before." "No," he agreed, "I have just joined. The name is Michael." "Really?! That's mine, too." "I know," the Marine said, "Michael, Michael of the morning..."

Mom, I was really surprised that he knew about my prayer, but I had taught it to many of the other guys, so I supposed that the newcomer must have picked it up from someone else. As a matter of fact, it had gotten around to the extent that some of the fellows were calling me "Saint Michael."

Then, out of the blue, Michael said, "There's going to be trouble ahead." I wondered how he could know that. I was breathing hard from the march, and my breath hit the cold air like dense clouds of fog. Michael seemed to be in top shape because I couldn't see his breath at all. Just then, it started to snow heavily, and soon it was so dense I could no longer hear or see the rest of my outfit. I got a little scared and yelled, "Michael!" Then I felt his strong hand on my shoulder and heard his voice in my ear, "It's going to clear up soon."

It did clear up, suddenly. And then, just a short distance ahead of us, like so many dreadful realities, were seven Commies, looking rather comical in their funny hats. But there was nothing funny about them now; their guns were steady and pointed straight in our direction. "Down, Michael!!" I yelled as I dove for cover. Even as I was hitting the ground, I looked up and saw Michael still standing, as if paralyzed by fear, or so I thought at the time. Bullets were spurting all over the place, and Mom, there was no way those Commies could have missed at that short distance. I jumped up to pull him down, and then I was hit. The pain was like a hot fire in my chest, and as I fell, my head swooned and I remember thinking, "I must be dying..." Someone was laying me down, strong arms were holding me and laying me gently on the snow. Through the daze, I opened my eyes, and the sun seemed to blaze in my eyes. Michael was standing still, and there was a terrible splendor in his face. Suddenly, he seemed to grow, like the sun, the splendor increasing intensely around him like the wings of an angel. As I slipped into unconsciousness, I saw that Michael held a sword in his hand, and it flashed like a million lights.

Later on, when I woke up, the rest of the guys came to see me with the sergeant. "How did you do it, son?" he asked me. "Where's Michael?" I asked in reply. "Michael who?" The sergeant seemed puzzled. "Michael, the big Marine walking with me, right up to the last moment. I saw him there as I fell." "Son," the sergeant said gravely, "you're the only Michael in my unit. I hand-picked all you fellows, and there's only one Michael. You. And son, you weren't walking with anyone. I was watching you because you were too far off from us, and I was worried. "Now tell me, son," he repeated, "how did you do it?" It was the second time he had asked me that, and I found it irritating. "How did I do what?" "How did you kill those seven Commies? There wasn't a single bullet

fired from your rifle.” “What?” “Come on, son. They were strewn all around you, each one killed by a swordstroke.”

And that, Mom, is the end of my story. It may have been the pain, or the blazing sun, or the chilling cold. I don't know, Mom, but there is one thing I am sure about. It happened.

Love your son, ~Michael



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The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition

Rev. David Anderson

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

As an old saying goes, the law of prayer is the law of belief. The foundation and authority of Orthodox Catholic catechesis is and always has been the Divine Liturgy of the Church. Rooted in prayer and looking to the Lord, we discover the Orthodox Faith in the face of Christ.



CROWNED WITH GLORY

Understanding the Marriage Covenant

Rev. Stephen Freeman

Wednesday, November 11 @ 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. ET

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together... Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down." - St. John Chrysostom



SEVEN AGES OF THE KINGDOM

A Study of Salvation History

Rev. Daniel Dozier

Mondays, November 30, December 7 & 14 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

The Church as God's Holy People is at the heart of His unfolding plan of salvation that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Join us as we explore how this plan for a universal covenant kingdom unfolds in Scripture through particular stages in the history of God's People.



PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

A Patristic Study of Deification

Rev. Nathan Symeon Adams

Wednesdays, January 13, 20, & 27 @ 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

God has called his people to become partakers of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4). Join us for this three-part series as we explore this process of participating in the Sacramental and moral life of Christ by which each individual and the whole Church are transformed into the mystical body of Christ.

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Live participation is highly encouraged for a full experience, including opportunities for discussion with fellow students and instructors.


For those unable to participate live, lectures are recorded and available on-demand, free of charge, in our event library, currently offering many hours of adult faith formation in the Eastern Christian tradition.

Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events

**“WHERE ALMS ARE, THE DEVIL DARES NOT
APPROACH, NOR ANY OTHER EVIL THING.”**

- St. John Chrysostom

Because of the pandemic, many churches have postponed the following collections. Please prayerfully consider supporting these important causes. Donations can be given to your local church or mailed directly to the **Eparchy of Parma, 5000 Rockside Rd., Suite 310, Independence, Ohio 44131**. Thank you for your charity!



Catholic Home Missions Appeal
AUGUST 22 & 23

Supports 40% of dioceses and eparchies across the United States, including the Eparchy of Parma, who are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work in their communities

Learn more at www.usccb.org/home-missions

We will take a special collection for Catholic Home Missions the weekend of August 29th and 30th in the church. Please mark your envelope with “Special Collection” and it will get forwarded to the Eparchy to be put towards the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

You may also donate online at:

Parma.org/special collections.

Thank you!

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you. **-OR-**

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA
 If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS		
<u>August 23, 2020</u>		
	Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	-	<u>\$1,171.00</u>
Holy Spirit Parish	-	<u>\$ 839.00</u>
St. Mary's Parish	-	<u>\$ 815.00</u>
<u>St. Mary 250 Club Winner</u> - #119 Elias Visnovsky – Captain, Rosemary Trompak		
St. Nicholas Parish	-	<u>\$1,229.00</u>
<i>Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?</i>		
Thank you and may God reward your generosity!		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – Claudia Stibora, John Krenisky,



Kathleen Miller, Mary Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Jean Asmondy; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick;

Catherine Kopko; Larry Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

Please call Fr. Nathan Adams at (216) 334-7407 (NEW NUMBER) for someone ill or in need of prayer.

St. Mary's Church, 4600 State Rd, Cleveland (SM) Phone: 216.741.7979

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St. John's Cathedral, 1900 Carlton Rd, Parma (CATH) Phone: 216.661.8658

Holy Spirit Church, 5500 West 54th St., Parma (HS) Phone: 440.884.8452

St. Nicholas Croatian Church, 3431 Superior Ave, Cleveland (SNC) Phone: 440.884.8452

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Rev. Nathan Adams, Assistant Priest

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary's Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish & St. Nicholas Croatian Parish)

WEEKEND LITURGY SERVICES:

Saturday: 4 pm Great Vespers (SM) and 5 pm Divine Liturgy (SM)

Sunday: 9 am Matins (SM) and 10 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (HS) - 11 am Divine Liturgy (CATH) - 12 pm Divine Liturgy (SNC)

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM) and 7 pm Divine Liturgy (HS)

DAILY SERVICES: 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (SM)

He Who is not With Me is Against Me

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the

prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.