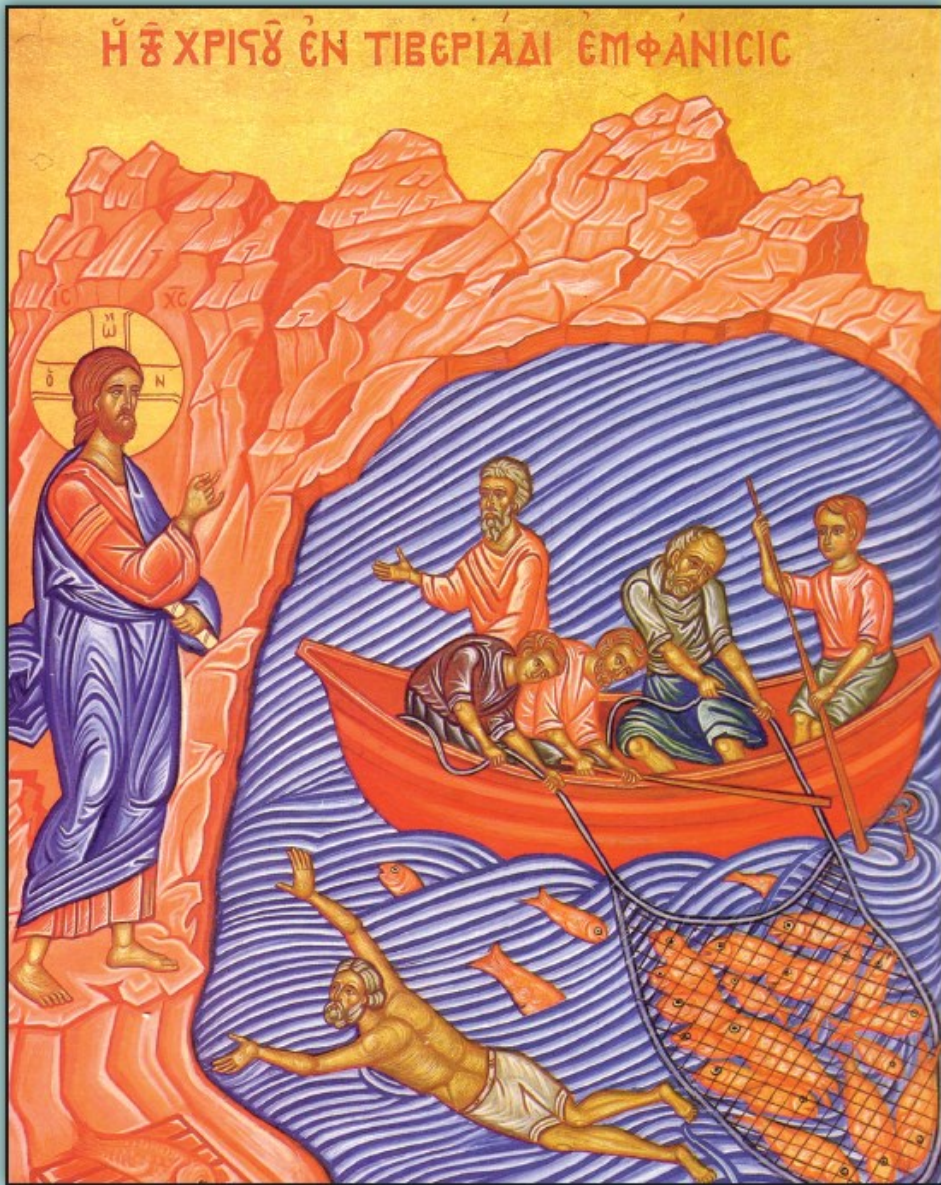


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Catch of Fish

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Sat, Sep 23rd:** **The Commemoration of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for +Olha Trytyak (3rd/9th Days).
- Sun, Sep 24th:** **The 17th Sunday After Pentecost; of the Virgin-Martyr Thecla**
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukr.); Intention for +John and Kathryn Wus, by Walter and Marie Plachta.
12:30 pm: *Theology on Tap—Why Does God Allow Bad Things Happen to Good People?, Weyerbacher Brewery, Easton, PA.*
- Mon, Sep 25th:** **The Venerable Mother Euphrosyna**
No Divine Services
7:00 pm: Tryzub Meeting (Church Hall).
- Tue, Sep 26th:** **The Commemoration of the Passing of the Apostle and Evangelist John**
9:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.
9:00 am: *Pyrohy Preparation (TRICKY TRAY ONLY), Holy Ghost Church Hall.*
6:30 pm: *Moleben for Ukraine; St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA.*
- Wed, Sep 27th:** **The Martyrs Callistratus and His Companions**
No Divine Services
9:00 am: *Pyrohy Preparation (TRICKY TRAY ONLY), Holy Ghost Church Hall.*
7:00 pm: *UAV Post 41 Meeting (Holy Ghost Chapel, West Easton, PA)*
- Thu, Sep 28th:** **The Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton**
9:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.
- Fri, Sep 29th:** **The Venerable Father Cyriacus**
No Divine Services
- Sat, Sep 30th:** **The Hierarch and Martyr Gregory the Illuminator of Armenia**
6:30 pm: Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.
- Sun, Oct 1st:** **The 18th Sunday After Pentecost; the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God**
9:00 am—4:15pm: *Pokrova Pilgrimage, Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase, PA*
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The St. Josaphat Tryzub Association will begin selling tickets for their annual St. Josaphat Dinner, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 12th. For information, please see David Kadingo, or any Tryzub Member.
2. Don't forget, we have a coffee and cake social downstairs in the Church hall after every Sunday Divine Liturgy. Many thanks to the St. Josaphat Tryzub Association for making this social possible. We encourage all of our parishioners to come downstairs after Sunday Liturgy for coffee, sweets, and fellowship.

3. We thank everyone who patronized Holy Ghost parish's Kiffle Sale last week. Holy Ghost parish will be considering holding more kiffle sales in the future; please stay tuned for further announcements.
4. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church is making pyrohy next week for their upcoming Tricky Tray fundraiser. Please note that this week's pyrohy preparation is for the Tricky Tray ONLY and are not for sale until the weekend of October 14th/15th. For those who come and help out, we will be following the usual schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday next week; please come, help out, and bring a friend!
5. The Sisters of St. Basil the Great of Fox Chase, PA, will be hosting their 92nd Annual Pilgrimage for the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God on Sunday, October 1st, 2023. Information flyers are posted in the back of the Church for all who are interested.
6. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
7. Father Paul will be hosting the second of the Theology on Tap events at Weyerbacher Brewery, Easton, PA, on Sunday, September 24th, at 12:30 pm, presenting on "Why Does God Allow Bad Things to Happen to Good People?" All are invited to attend.
8. Don't forget to bring your Redner's receipts! The receipts box is located in the church vestibule.

Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We kindly ask you share this bulletin with your loved ones. Let your family & friends know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Josaphat Church, Bethlehem PA!

St. Josaphat Calendar of Events – Mark Your Planners!

September 27th:	UAV Post 41 Meeting (Holy Ghost Chapel, West Easton, PA)
October 1st:	Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God
October 2nd:	St. Josaphat Tryzub Association Meeting (Church Hall)
October 11th:	<i>Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Noodle Sale</i>
October 14th/15th:	<i>Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Tricky Tray</i>
October 14th:	UNWLA Branch 91 (Soyuz Ukrainok) Meeting (Church Hall)
October 22nd:	Catechetical Sunday/Begin Eastern Catholic Catechism (ECC) Classes
October 29th:	Theology on Tap (Weyerbacher Brewery).
November 5th:	Daylight Savings Time Ends

Please remember to pray for the sick, for those who are shut-in, and for all those who have requested, or are in need of, our prayers:

Anna Kapustiak	Amelia Balandovich	Ethel Bednarchek	Bob Silvert
Slava Harasymovych	Oleh Balaziuk	Mike Wetherill	Rev. John Ciurpita
Rev. Paul Wolensky	Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Roman Mirchuk		
All Our Archeparchial Seminarians		The Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God	

If anyone knows of someone in need of our prayers, or who is sick or shut in and cannot make it to church, please contact Father Paul via email or telephone as listed on the cover of this bulletin if you wish to have their name added to our prayer list. Thank you and God bless you!

Sunday Propers:
The 17th Sunday After Pentecost;
of the Virgin Martyr Thecla

Troparion (8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Troparion (2): The just man is remembered with praises, but for you the Lord's testimony will suffice, O Forerunner, for you truly became more honorable than the prophets and were deemed worthy to baptize the One foretold. Then you suffered for the truth and joyfully announced to those in Hades that God appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world and offering us great mercy.

Kontakion (3): *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.* She who once was barren gives birth today to the Forerunner of Christ, who will fulfill every prophecy. In the Jordan he placed his hand upon the One Whom the prophets foretold, and thus was shown to be the prophet, the herald, and the Forerunner of the Word of God.

Kontakion (8): *Now and for ever and ever: Amen.* When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

Prokimenon (8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle (2 Cor 6:16-18;7:1): Brethren: We are the temple of the living God; as God said: "I will live with them and move among them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Therefore, come forth from them and be separate," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will receive you and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Alleluia Verse (8): Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Тропарі і Кондаки:
17-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа;
Св. первомч. й рівноап. Теклі.

Тропар (8): З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний, і триденне погребення прийняв Ти, щоб нас звільнити від страждань. Життя і воскресіння наше, Господи, слава Тобі!

Тропар (2): Пам'ять праведного з похвалами, для тебе ж доволі Господнього свідчення, Предтече, ти показався воістину і від пророків чесніший, бо сподобився у водах христити Проповідуваного. Тому за істину постраждав ти, радіючи, і тим, що були в аді, благовістив Бога, який у тілі з'явився, взяв гріхи світу і подав нам велику милість.

Кондак (3): *Слава Отцю, і Суну, і Святому Духові.* Перше неплідна, нині Христового родить Предтечу, що є сповненням усякого пророцтва, бо Кого пророки проповідували, на Того він у Йордані руку поклав і явився Божого Слова пророк, проповідник, водночас і Предтеча.

Кондак (8): *І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Коли Ти воскрес із гробу, то й померлих підняв і Адама воскресив; радіє Сва воскресінням Твоїм і кінці світу прославляють Твоє з мертвих воскресіння, Багатомилостивий.

Прокімен (8): Помоліться і хвалу віддайте Господеві, Богу нашому.

Стих: Відомий Бог у Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його.

Апостоль (2 Кор 6,16-18;7,1): Браття, ми бо храм Бога живого, як сам Бог сказав був: "Я поселюся в них, і (посеред них) буду ходити. Буду їхнім Богом, вони ж будуть моїм народом. Тож вийдіть з-поміж них і відлучіться, - каже Господь. Нечистого не дотикайтесь, і я вас прийму. Я буду вам Отцем, ви ж будете мені синами та дочками - каже Господь Вседержитель." Маючи ж такі обітниці, о любі, очистьмо себе від усякої скверни тіла і духа, довершуючи наше освячення в Божому острасі.

Апостольські Стих (8): Прийдіте, радісно заспіваймо Господеві, воскликнім Богу,

Verse (8): Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Gospel (Lk 5:1-11): At that time, Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. (3x).

Спасителєві нашому.

Стих (8): Прийдїмо з похвалами перед обличчя Його, і псалмами воскликнїм Йому.

Свангелїя (Лк 5,1-11): Того часу, коли Ісус стояв біля Генезаретського озера, побачив два човни, що стояли край озера: рибалки вийшли з них і полоскали сіті. Він увійшов в один з човнів, що належав Симонові, і попросив його відплисти трохи від землі, а сам, сївши, з човна почав народ учити. Коли він перестав говорити, сказав до Симона: "Відчали на глибїнь та й закиньте ваші сіті на ловитву." Озався Симои і каже: "Наставнику, всю ніч трудились ми й нічого не пїймали, але на твоє слово закину сіті." Так вони й зробили, і пїймали велику силу риби, і їхні сіті почали рватися. Тодї вони кивнули до своїх товаришів, що були в другім човні, щоб ті прийшли допомогти їм. Прийшли вони й наповнили обидва човни, аж почали потопати. Побачивши це Симон Петро, припав до колїн Ісуса й каже: "Іди від мене, Господи, бо я грішна людина," Жах бо великий огорнув його й усіх, що були з ним, із-за риб, що їх пїймали; також і Якова та Івана, синів Заведєя, які були спільниками Симона. Ісус же промовив до Симона: "Не бійся! Віднині людей будеш ловити." І витягши човна на берег, кинули все й пішли слідом за ним.

Причасний Стих: Хвалїте Господа з небес, хвалїте Його на висотах. (3р).

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"I hate abortion"

"No, I hate
abortion more"



"I hate abortion more"

"No, I do"

The Precepts of the Church [Part 3]

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The Precepts of the Church are rules that all faithful who are Baptized and Chrismated are bound to follow in addition to the Ten Commandments as well as believing with full faith and assent of will to the articles of the Nicæan/Constantinopolitan Creed. The power for making these rules comes from Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and includes everything necessary for the government of the Church and the direction of the faithful in order that they may attain eternal salvation

Precept #3: *To Confess All Of Our Sins At Least Once Per Year*

The Church encourages us to make use of the Sacrament/Mystery of Confession as frequently as needed, or as directed by one's spiritual father/confessor. However, the Church mandates that all should go to Confession at a minimum of once per year (in our Church, this is often encouraged before Christmas and Easter). This mandate is imposed on the faithful to avoid the mortal sin of presumption of God's mercy, which is a sin aimed directly against God the Holy Spirit. Whenever we say, "I don't need Confession, I follow the commandments and I pray to God, He hears me and He alone forgives me, I am saved," this is an arrogant presumption and demand made directly to God, an accusation that says "If you are all loving, then forgive me now and let me go." Always remember, if one demands mercy, it must be accompanied by justice; if one demands justice, it must be accompanied by mercy. To avoid the Mystery of Confession and assuming God's mercy is akin to walking around on a broken leg and then demanding a medal for running a half-marathon.

Parents are especially bound to carefully observe this precept, especially with the education of their children. Once children reach the canonical age of reason where they truly begin to discern the difference of right from wrong (approximately 7 years of age), they are to be catechized and prepared to receive this Sacrament on a regular basis. If parents do not encourage their children to make use of this Mystery, they themselves are committing a mortal sin by their example in presuming on God's mercy.

Note: This precept is only binding on those who are in the state of mortal sin and have not received the Mystery of Confession for at least one year. It also should be noted that, even if in the rare case one has not committed any mortal sins, it is beneficial to at least go to Confession if one has venial sins in so that they may receive spiritual direction and encouragement in their lives.

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THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS
The Virgin Martyr and Equal to the Apostles Thecla
(Commemorated on September 24th)

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The Holy Protomartyr and Equal of the Apostles Thecla was born in the city of Iconium in Asia Minor (currently Konya in Turkey). She was the daughter of rich and illustrious parents, and she was distinguished by extraordinary beauty. At eighteen years of age they betrothed her to an eminent youth. But after she heard the preaching of the holy Apostle Paul about the Savior, Saint Thecla with all her heart came to love the Lord Jesus Christ, and she steadfastly resolved not to enter into marriage, but rather to devote all her life to preaching the Gospel.

Saint Thecla's mother was opposed to her daughter's plans and insisted that she marry her betrothed. Saint Thecla's fiancé also complained to the prefect of the city about the Apostle Paul, accusing him of turning his bride against him. The prefect locked up Saint Paul in prison. During the night Saint Thecla secretly ran away from her house, and she bribed the prison guards, giving them all her gold ornaments, and so made her way into the prison to the prisoner. For three days she sat at the feet of the Apostle Paul, listening to his fatherly precepts. Thecla's disappearance was discovered, and servants were sent out everywhere looking for her. Finally, they found her in the prison and brought her home by force.

At his trial Saint Paul was sentenced to banishment from the city. Again they urged Saint Thecla to consent to the marriage, but she would not change her mind. Her mother in a insane rage demanded from the judges a death sentence against her unyielding daughter, and Saint Thecla was sentenced to be burned. Without flinching, the holy martyr went into the fire and made the Sign of the Cross over herself. At this moment the Savior appeared to her, blessing her present deed, and inexpressible joy filled her holy soul. Saint Thecla, kept safe by the Lord, escaped, left the city, and with the help of a certain Christian youth, searched for the Apostle Paul. The holy apostle and his companions, among whom was Saint Barnabas, were hidden in a cave not far from the city, praying fervently, that the Lord would strengthen Saint Thecla in her sufferings.

After this, Saint Thecla went with them preaching the Gospel in Antioch. In this city she was pursued by a certain dignitary named Alexander, who was captivated by her beauty. Saint Thecla refused his offer of marriage, and so she was condemned to death for being a Christian. The Providence of God preserved the holy martyr unharmed through all her torments. Finally, they tied her to two oxen and began to chase her with red-hot rods, but the strong cords broke asunder like cobwebs, and the oxen ran off, leaving Saint Thecla unharmed. The people began shouting, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The prefect himself became terrified, realizing that the holy martyr was being kept safe by the Almighty God, Whom she served. He then gave orders to set free the servant of God Thecla.

With the blessing of the Apostle Paul, Saint Thecla then settled in a desolate region of Isaurian Seleucia and dwelt there for many years, constantly preaching the Word of God and healing the sick through her prayer. Saint Thecla converted many pagans to Christ, and the Church appropriately names her as "Equal-to-the-Apostles." More than once the Enemy of the race of man tried to destroy Saint Thecla through people blinded by sin, but the power of God always preserved this faithful servant of Christ.

When Saint Thecla was already a ninety-year-old woman, pagan sorcerers became incensed at her for treating the sick for free. They were unable to comprehend that the saint was healing the sick by the power of the grace of Christ, and they presumed that the virgin-goddess Artemis was her special helper. Envious of Saint Thecla, they sent their followers to defile her. When they came near her, Saint Thecla cried out for help to Christ the Savior, and a rock split open and hid the holy virgin, the bride of Christ. Thus did Saint Thecla offer up her holy soul to the Lord.

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

We welcome you to our parish family and invite you to worship with us in a most ancient Church of the Christian East. We are happy to have you with us, and we are honored to share our Ukrainian Catholic tradition of prayer and spirituality with you, your family, and your friends. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to bring them to Father Paul or one of our parishioners. Our doors and our hearts are open to you. May God's blessings be with you always!

Christ Continues to Catch People

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder had made them mute, they beckoned to their partners, to those who

shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey. For many have taken part with the Holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

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