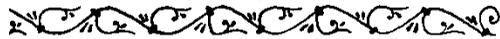




- **Aug. 1 – 14** Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother. We recommend abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays and your own private prayers.
- **Tues., Aug. 10** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall. All Parishioners are invited.
- **Sun., Aug. 15** Parish Picnic after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in Social Hall.
- **Mon., Aug. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.



(PPP) PARISH PICNIC “PARTICULARS”:

When? Sunday, August 15th after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

Where? SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall and Grounds.

Who? YOU...Parishioners & Manor residents.



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Because we are still in the pandemic mode, **the Church will provide all of the Picnic Foods.** (If anyone is so inclined, monetary donations are accepted.) There will be fun and games for everyone. You will need quarters for the wheel and the

CRL game. Come and enjoy an afternoon of good old-fashioned camaraderie! We hope to see all of you there!



Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

Stop in the Social Hall and check out the **LADY BUG BOX.** 

What’s in the box? Who knows.... it is different every month!

Buy your tickets this Sunday!!!

This month’s drawing will be held on Sunday, August 29th.

AUGUST 8, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	8 August	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Dr. Domingo Villareal – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
	9:00 AM	+Stephanie Bodajlo – mom, dad & family
	11:00 AM	Blessings for our Grandchildren – Gary & Julie Sharon
Monday	9 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	10 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	11 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	12 August	<i>The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	13 August	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Transfiguration. Our Venerable Father Maximos the Confessor.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	14 August	<i>Pre-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Micah. Translation of the Relics of our Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Edward Smith (40th day) – mom, Dianna Koza
Sunday	15 August	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.</i> 9:00 AM +John Enasko – wife, Stephanie 11:00 AM +Michael & +Gerald Lickwar – sister & brother



Attentive to the Word
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2 Matt. 18: 23 – 35

*Troparion from Pg. 130 and the rest
from Feast of Transfiguration Pgs. 346 – 350*



TOO POOR TO PAY . . .



When the books of a certain Scottish doctor were examined after his death, it was found that a number of accounts were crossed through with a note: "Forgiven--too poor to pay." But the physician's wife later decided that these accounts must be paid in full, and she proceeded to sue for money. When the case came to court, the judge asked but one question. "Is this your husband's handwriting?"

When she replied that it was, he responded: "There is no court in the land that can obtain a debt once the word forgiven has been written."

And that is the good news that the Gospel offers us this morning. God's attitude is not "I'll forgive but I won't forget," but rather, "Forgiven, Forgotten Forever." Across our debt has been written the words, "Forgiven--too poor to pay."

Once a debt has been cancelled there is no one who can collect on it. God wipes it out of his mind. Oh, if we could only do that. If we could forgive others like that! If we could forgive ourselves like that! That should be our prayer.



Because of their importance and prominence, it is sometimes quite difficult for us to conceive of distinguished and famous people angry with each other. Such a situation arose one time between the renowned William M. Thackeray and Charles Dickens just before Christmas in 1863. When they met in London, neither would speak to the other. Thackeray, however, disturbed by this set of circumstances, grasped Dickens' hand to say that he could not stand the coldness between them.

Dickens was profoundly moved, and the jealous anger gave way to reconciliation. Not long afterwards, Thackeray suddenly died but Dickens was able to stand at the grave of his friend in gratitude that they had shaken hands so warmly only a few days before.

Time and again, Jesus stressed forgiveness. After teaching the disciples the "Lord's Prayer," He said, "Yes, if you forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will forgive you too. But if you do not forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will not forgive you for your offenses."

After preaching the Sermon on the Mount which contained the Beatitudes, Jesus continued, "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who treat you badly."

As our Lord hung on the cross, He looked upon those who crucified Him and prayed, "Father, forgive them! They do not know what they are doing." This unforgettable scene at the crucifixion underlined what He had always taught: forgiveness – even as it was costing Him His life.

What a contrast to the wicked servant in today's Gospel. He had refused to forgive a fellow servant a small debt even though he had been forgiven one many times greater. Is it no small wonder Jesus concluded His parable: "Then his master called him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound then to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' And in anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how My heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

Nothing is more contrary to the teachings of Christ than the lack of forgiveness – grudge bearing. For some, this lasts for years – to their own spiritual and often physical detriment. The verb "To forgive" in the gospel story literally means **to set free, to let loose**. When we set others free by our forgiveness, we truly set in motion the dynamic words of Christ, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Jesus insisted on forgiveness because this is the form love must take in our relationship with others. A mark of an authentic follower of Christ is one who speaks the forgiving word first – the word that dissolves grudges, anger and ill-will: the invitation to reconciliation. God, in Christ, took the first step in reaching out to us with forgiveness. The all-consuming task is given to us to follow that example with each other.