

THE 2015 PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PRIZE WISH LIST

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS YEAR'S BAZAAR THE BEST!
WE APPEAL TO YOUR KINDNESS IN MAKING DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING GIFTS LISTED
BELOW FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

CHILDREN & ELECTRONICS

Barbies	Craft Kits	Remote Control Cars
Bicycle & Helet	Jewelry Crafts	Scooter & Safety Helmet
Board games	DVD Player / Recorder	Sports Equipment
Bookcase Stereo	GPS Receiver	Sports Team Sweatshirt, Caps
Camera	Handheld Electronic Games	Sports Team T-Shirts, Jerseys
CD's, DVD's & Blue Ray	I-POD	Television
Clock/Clock Radio	Leapfrog Learning Pad	WiFi
Computer/DVD Games	Leggos, Lincoln Logs	Watches

Disney, Thomas the Train, Star Wars, Superman, Batman, Captain America, The Avengers, Princess's, Sponge Bob, Scooby Doo, Spiderman, Dora the Explorer, Angry Birds, Power Rangers Samurai, Mario, One Direction.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Art work	Can Openers	Microwave Oven
Bake ware	Comforter Sets	Mixers
Bed Linens	Dish Sets	Shredders
Blankets	Fans / Heaters	Table Linens
Bed Room Items	Food Network Products	Towels (Bath / Kitchen)
Bed Quilts	Glassware	Toaster / Toaster Oven
Candles / Candlesticks	Knives	Vacuum (upright, hand held)
Coffee Makers	Lamps	Vases

Baked Goods ** Christmas Items ***** Fragrance/Bath Sets **** Gift Cards/Certificates: Restaurants, Supermarkets, Department stores. Ukrainian Items: Embroidered linens, pillows, tablecloths, ceramics, etc.**

Help us build Three Special Baskets for our Tombolla Raffle:

For the Italian Basket, the Movie Basket and the Spa Basket; We need for the Italian Basket: pasta pots, wooden spoons, utensils, bowls & plates etc. Please: **NO FOOD ITEMS**

We need for the Movie Basket: movies, snacks, candy, bowls, etc.

We need for the Spa Basket: shampoo, soap, conditioner, lotion, scrub, etc.

Donations of empty large baskets for the Tombolla Raffle would be very much appreciated.

PATRIARCHAL VISIT BY HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK

His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Spiritual Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church universal, will visit us and celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 15, 2015 in our Cathedral at 2:30 pm, during which Consecrated Life will be honored. He will bless the newly installed mosaics of Blessed Sister Josaphata, SSMI and the Venerable Servant of God Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, he also will bless the bell tower with the bell from the original cathedral (named **STEFAN**) which will include special prayers for the betterment of the present situation in Ukraine today. Additional information is forthcoming.

Партіярші відвідини Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука

Блаженніший Партіярх Святослав Шевчук, Духовний Глава всієї Української Греко-Католицької Церкви, під час відвідин Філадельфії в неділю, 15 листопада 2015 р., відслужить о 2:30 дня в Катедрі Божественну Літургію, на якій буде вшановано Богомпосвячене життя. Патріярх також освятить нещодавно встановлені мозаїки Блаженної Сестри Йосафати, ССНДМ, та Преподобного Слуги Божого Митрополита Андрея Шептицького. На завершення Служби Божої Блаженніший благословить дзвіницю з дзвоном, який походить з найпершої нашої Катебри (називається **СТЕФАН**), що встановлена на посілості Катебри, і біля якої будуть молитися за покращення існуючої ситуації в Україні. Просимо слідкувати за додатковою інформацією.

Christopher Columbus

Tomorrow, Monday is Columbus Day, the holiday on which we remember and celebrate when Christopher Columbus discovered America, The New World. Today, some are trying to rewrite the truth of this historical fact, which compels us to restore the truth of his mission. The focus here will not be on what he did, but more on the why he did it; his trust in God and how God worked through him and others, such as Queen Isabella and her confessor.

In Columbus' day, the educated knew the world was a sphere, a globe. However sailors did not cross large bodies of water because the risk of death was so great; they virtually never sailed. As an example even in the Mediterranean, people did not sail across the body of water from Egypt to Italy, but circumnavigated along the coast. However, as early as 240 BC mankind had determined the size of the Earth to be about 25,000 miles in circumference, Eratosthenes of Alexandria calculated this. Further, Columbus had studied the wind patterns in the Northern Atlantic noting that off the coast of Europe, the winds blew generally west to east, and off the continent of Africa, the winds blew generally east to west. He surmised he could sail west along the "Trade Winds," and to return, he could sail east following the "Prevailing Westerlies".

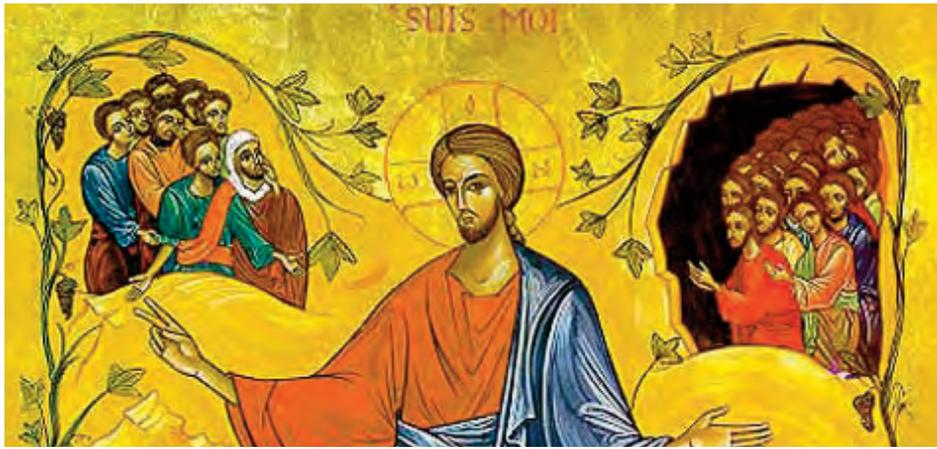
He also knew that land of some kind had to be closer than Asia, because He had picked up reliable reports of strange vegetation and hand-carved wooden objects drifting in from the west, among which were two bodies of men. Even if he were to sail to Asia, Columbus was convinced that he could arrive from Europe within the time during which the provisions he carried in his three ships would sustain his men. What an expression of deep trust in God!

He undertook this voyage with evidence, confidence, determination and his trust in God that the mission would be completed. He was sure that God had chosen him to reach that land, hidden from the Western World for ages, of which the Roman philosopher Seneca had once prophesied would be revealed. His discovery would bring the Catholic Faith, to which he was devoted, to the peoples in those lands.

Lacking funds, Columbus needed financing to accomplish this task. He visited principalities and kingdoms seeking money; all turned him down, even Ferdinand of Aragon. Remember he was of Genoa, not Aragon nor Castile nor Leon, so when Ferdinand refused him money, why, or what was it that influenced Isabella to fund this mission? Well, Isabella, known as "The Catholic", too had a strong devotion to her Faith. She was so intrigued that she went to her confessor, the Bishop of Barcelona, and asked him to meet with Columbus with the task to decide if she should fund his mission. The bishop had dinner one night with Columbus and the two of them stayed up all night talking. That morning the bishop, before returning to his quarters, went to visit Isabella telling her, "Do what it takes to fund this. God is working through this man."

So can you see that Columbus, Isabella and her bishop all were actually living their Faith, doing a courageous action? Not only were they trying to find an easy trade route, but were trying to further and grow the Church, not merely in size, but in a strong devotion to the One True God. Indeed Isabella of Castile and Ferdinand of Aragon turned their little land into a world power. Because of his great discovery, we ultimately have the U.S. of A. and the true religious freedom which we now enjoy. What would life be like today, if circumstances were different?

For more visit: <http://www.ewtn.com/library/HOMELIBR/columbus.htm>



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE SOUTH ANTHRACITE DEANERY YOUTH

Illuminated Church Youth Chatter

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This Publication, a Gift to the Youth and Young Adults of this Deanery, is, I hope, interesting to you and will help you grow in your relationship with God. Please send your comments and ideas for future issues.

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Mary, the Mother of God, Our Intercessor

care of us and wants to help us.

A very special and beloved prayer that we celebrate to honor the Mother of God is called Moleben (молѣбен). Moleben is a prayer service of intercession addressed to Jesus, to the Mother of God or to a saint.

During the Moleben to the Mother of God, we ask for Her intercession using a number of descriptive names. These names or titles give us a better idea of who Mary is for us.

“Rejoice, Mother of Christ our God, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mother of Eternal Love, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mother of God’s grace, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Virgin more honorable than the Cherubim, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Virgin, more glorious than the Seraphim and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mary, untainted Dove, and save all those who place their trust in you.

On October 1, we celebrated the **Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God**. We honor the Mother of God and remember that she is also our heavenly mother, who takes

Rejoice, Mary, fragrant Flower of incorruption, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mary, Canopy more boundless than the heavens, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mary, our Intercessor before the just Judge, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mary Comfort to those in sorrow, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Refuge of sinners, and save all those who place their trust in you.

Rejoice, Mary Advocate who did not abandon us after your Dormition, and save all those who place their trust in you.”

What are the names we used for Mary?

*Mary is:
the Mother of Christ our God
the Mother of Eternal Love
the Mother of God’s grace
more honorable than the Cherubim
more glorious than the Seraphim
the untainted Dove
the fragrant Flower of incorruption
the Canopy more boundless than the heavens
the Intercessor before the Just Judge
the Comfort to those in sorrow
the Refuge of sinners
the Advocate who did and does not*

abandon us.

Each of these titles tells us something about Mary and helps us grow in our trust of her. She is our Mother, our canopy, our comfort, refuge and advocate. She is the one who stands up for us, when we need support and help. She does not leave us nor does she refuse us.

Who are some of the people you trust?

What are some of the words that you can use to describe these people? What are some of the “titles” that you can give them?

Take some time to think about these names and titles, then write them down. Write a prayer, including some of these descriptive names, thanking God for them.

Think about the Mother of God in your life. What do you know about her? What names or titles would you give to the Mother of God?

What are some of the needs that you or your family or those on your ‘trust’ list may have? Write a prayer, asking the Mother of God to intercede with Jesus for these needs.. Use the names or titles that you have created for Mary in your prayer.

Learn this prayer to the Mother of God that we use during the Divine Liturgy.

It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and by far more glorious than the seraphim; ever a virgin, you gave birth to God the Word, O true Mother of God we magnify you.

October Trivia

 Oct. 7, 3761 BC - The first day of creation, according to the Jewish Talmudic Calendar.

 Oct. 7, 1952 - WFIL in Philadelphia introduced Bandstand (later called American Bandstand)

 Oct. 9, 1888 - The Washington Monument officially opened to the public.

 Oct. 11, 1962 - Pope John XXIII convenes the Second Vatican Council, changing several rules, including saying the Mass in the local languages.

 Oct. 16, 1978 - Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope John Paul II, the first non-Italian pontiff since 1523.

 Oct. 24, 1901 - Annie Edson Taylor, at age 63, became the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

 Reese's Peanut Butter Cups rank as the most popular Halloween candy, followed by Life Savers, Baby Ruth, Tootsie Rolls and Milky Way. M&Ms and Hershey bars are also very popular.

Our Saints: People We Should Know St. Francis of Assisi

Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy and his baptismal name was John, but his father renamed him Francesco, in honor of his love for France. His father was a wealthy cloth merchant and Francis was a handsome, well-educated young man who spent much money holding parties for his friends. Francis had very little time for God. He dreamed of adventure and being a knight. He joined in the war between Assisi and Perugia at the age of 20.

In that war, Francis was wounded and taken prisoner. He spent a year in prison and contracted malaria. When he returned home, to Assisi, he was quite ill. When he recovered he returned to the military to join in battle under the leadership of Count Walter of Brienne. Along the way to the battle he heard that the Count had died and became very depressed. His malaria returned.

One night a mysterious voice asked him, "Who do you think can best reward you, the Master or the servant?" Francis answered, "The Master." The voice continued, "Why do you leave the Master for the servant?" Francis realized the servant was Count Walter. From that moment on, Francis began to care for the sick and the poor, especially lepers, convinced that God called him to take care of the sick.

In 1205, while he was praying in the abandoned Church of San Damiano, Francis heard a voice coming from the crucifix which challenged him to rebuild the church. At first he thought he was being asked to rebuild San Damiano Church. He later understood that he was to work with the poor and preach the word of God. He began to beg for his food, wear old clothes, and preach peace. Others, inspired by his holiness, began to join him and to live as he did.

In 1209 with the blessing of the Pope, he founded the Friars Minor (today, the *Franciscans*). Then in 1212, together with his friend, [St.] Clare of Assisi, they founded the Order of "Poor Ladies" (today, the *Poor Clares*).

In 1224, Francis was the first person (recorded) to receive the *stigmata* (the five wounds of Christ). Francis was never ordained a priest, due to his great humility, and remained a deacon all his life. He had a great love for animals and all of God's creation. Francis died at the age of 44 on October 4, 1226. He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX less than two years later. When Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected the 266th pope of the Catholic Church in March 2013, he chose St. Francis as his patron saint, becoming Pope Francis.

We celebrate the Feast day of the Venerable Father Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4.



For more information and/or questions, please contact any of our South Anthracite Parishes:

Mt. Carmel - Centralia www.sspeterandpaulmc.org

Shenandoah - St. Clair www.first-ukrainian.com

Minersville - Middleport
St. Nicholas Church
415 N. Front St. Minersville, PA 17954
570-544-4581

Frackville -Maizeville www.stmichaelucc.com

Shamokin www.transfigurationchurchshamokin.com

McAdoo - Hazelton
Patronage of the Mother of God Church
210 W.Blaine St. McAdoo, PA 18237
570 -929-2804

There are many 'odd' holidays that are celebrated everyday. We have never heard of most of these 'holidays'. Some are fun, but all can allow us an opportunity for kindness.

Celebrate:

Oct. 12 -- Columbus Day

Oct. 14 -- National Dessert Day

Oct. 17 -- Sweetest Day

Oct. 24 -- Make a Difference Day - neighbors helping neighbors

Oct. 24 --United Nations Day

Oct. 27 -- National Tell a Story Day

Oct. 30 -- National Candy Corn Day

Oct. is also: Popcorn Popping Month

Clergy Appreciation Month

Cookie Month

Computer Learning Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Bullying Prevention Month

How will you like to celebrate?