

Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is “faith apart from works dead?” When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: “If you do not believe, neither shall you understand.” But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.” What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and

granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea

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Sunday – May 29, 2022

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday May 29 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council (For the Parish) (+Roman and +Alexandra Lucyk from Family)
Wednesday June 1 9:00 a.m.	(+Benjamin Davis from Family)
Thursday June 2 9:00 a.m.	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Irene)
Friday June 3 9:00 a.m.	(Peace in Ukraine from the Nagurney Family)
Saturday June 4 9:00 a.m.	100th Day of the War (Liturgy - Peace in Ukraine – Panakhyda for the Lives Lost)
Sunday June 5 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pentecost (+Jane O'Shea from Friend) (For the Parish)

2022 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

We will gather at the Main Cross on Sunday May 29 at 2:00 p.m. for the celebration of Panakhyda. This will be followed by the blessing of the individual family graves of those attending the ceremony at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746.

SECOND BANNS OF MATRIMONY – KANLIYAK - CURTIS

Christina Curtis, a Ukrainian Catholic of our parish, and Gregory Kalinyak, a Roman Catholic of our parish, will be married on Saturday, June 11, 2022. If anyone has a reason why they should not be married; please see Fr. Robert immediately.

FAMILY CATECHISM DAY TODAY, MAY 29, 2022

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a family catechism day for the younger children of the parish and their parents Today, Sunday, May 29, 2022. Lunch will be served following the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy. After that, there will be various planned activities including prosphora baking, arts and crafts, age-appropriate Scripture reading, and music. There is no cost to attend.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

Memorial Day Weekend 2022

This weekend we begin the summer season, please remember to pause and remember those who have given their lives that we might be able to celebrate peacefully, safely, and with freedom. Our American Way of life and the freedom we hold sacred has been secured by the sacrifices of brave men and women who answered our nation's call to duty. May they rest in peace and know Eternal Life in Christ – Vichnaya Pamyat!

God Bless the United States of America!