

Condolences to the Chuff family
on the falling asleep of their grandmother and great-grandmother Mary.
May her memory be eternal. Вічна пам'ять

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

In Iconium, Lyconia, St. Thecla, Virgin and Martyr, was brought to the faith by St. Paul the Apostle. During the reign of the Emperor Nero she overcame fire and wild beasts, and after she overcame a multitude of tests of her belief she came to Seleucia, where she died in peace. The holy Fathers have celebrated her with the highest praise. The veneration of this supposed follower of St. Paul was widespread in early Christianity, and we have images of her from as far back as the sixth century. Her story comes to us through the 2nd-century Acts of Paul and Thecla. Its most dramatic elements are the Iconians' attempts to kill her first by fire, second by throwing her to the lions, and when that also failed by sending enraged bulls against her. In these situations she protected herself with the Sign of the Cross, so images will sometimes show her with a cross. Having survived all these attempts on her life, Saint Thecla continued her life of asceticism and then peacefully fell asleep in Christ at the age of 90. Shortly after her death a community of virgins went to live in her mountain cell, building a small chapel to en-shrine her body. This Convent of Saint Thecla still exists today near the village of Ma'loula, Syria. Because of her many sufferings for the Faith the Church counts her as a "Protomartyr". And because she converted so many people to Christ-ianity she is also known as an "Equal-to-the-Apostles". Indeed, the martyrology of the Greek Church lists her with the title, "Protomartyr among women and equal to the Apostles." St. John of Damascus' eighth-century hymn to St. Thecla seems to imply that it was her willingness to be a martyr that made her one. ("You chose to die, and now you live to the ages."). St. Thecla is commemorated on September 24.



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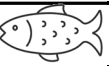
Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of Sept 17 to Sept 24, 2023

Sunday, Sept 24	17th Sunday after Pentecost	✠Michael & Catherine Lutak
Sept 25	No Liturgy	
Sept 26	No Liturgy	
Sept 27	No Liturgy	
Sept 28	No Liturgy	
Sept 29	No Liturgy	
Sept 30	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Oct 1	Holy Protection of the Mother of God 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Robert & Mary Ann Manculich

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

17th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Luke 5:1-11

Troparion (Tone 8)

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days for burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Kondakion

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.

Theotokion

To you, O Mother of God, the invincible leader, we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. With your invincible power free us from all dangers that we may cry out to you: "Hail, O Bride, and pure Virgin!"

Prokeimen

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

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

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - September 17, 2023 - \$324.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will resume:

Oct. 7th 2-3:30 for the Children Oct 14th 10-12 for Adults

Nov. 18th and December 9th Adults 10:00-12:00 and Children 2:00-3:30.

2024 Envelopes - Anyone who currently does not have envelopes and would like a box for next year, please see Deacon Chris.

Potato Fest

The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

There are sign-up sheets in the vestibule for giving of your time to help with the fundraiser.

Please sign up and give time to help.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Parish Feast Day

Sunday, October 1st is the Feast of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God.

We will have a covered dish dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a side and a dessert.

Chicken will be provided by the church. Please sign up for the dinner.

Happy 42nd Anniversary to Bob and Mary Ann

May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!

Многая і благая літа!

Joke of the Day

A month after Donald MacDonald started at Harvard, his mother called from Scotland. "And how are the American students, Donald?" she asked.

"They're so noisy," he complained. "One neighbor endlessly bangs his head against the wall, while another screams all night."

"How do you put up with it?"

"I just ignore them and play my bagpipes."