NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Charitina and Methodia -- October 5th

Life's Choices

Native Americans have a legend about the two paths one can take in life. One path is broad and easy and slopes down rolling hills. At the bottom of the hill, however, is a barren dessert where nothing lives. The other path is

narrow and rocky. It winds around dangerous curves and is filled with unexpected difficulties. However, at the end of this path is the lush greenness of life and happiness.

The Native Americans told this story to their children in order to teach them that the easy way is not always the best way. Strong character is built by facing obstacles, not by avoiding them. In the same way, Christians grow in virtue and grace often through facing trials and struggles.

The life of the holy martyr Charitina

is witness to this lesson. She was a young orphan girl – of great beauty – who was raised by devout Christian parents. At an early age she made the decision to dedicate her life to Christ in perpetual virginity. Through her example, many others were converted to Christ. This infuriated the pagan emperor who ordered that the hair of this beautiful servant of God be cut

to abide with Him in Paradise.

Her path in life was not an easy one, but it was the right one. Upon which path do the decisions that we make in life place us? Do we choose merely the easy path or the path that leads to Life?

off and that hot coals be placed upon her head.

She endured this and other inhumane and de-

grading tortures until the Lord took her soul

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Slava Isusu khristu! "Glory to Jesus Christ!

Oct. 2. 3, 2021 The 19th Sunday

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL has now started classes for our parish youth. So far we have enrolled some 55 students and we still have room for more. Please tell all your friends, relatives and neighbors about this great program of educating our youth about Jesus Christ and His Holy Church. To enroll a student, simply go to the church's website, fill out the registration form and we will contact you. It's all free for you!

THE BRIDGEPORT COUNCIL of the knights of Columbus will be visiting us this weekend to seek donations for the Pro-Life movement, i.e. to help pregnant women. Please greet these men with kindness.

ON SATURDAY, THE 9th, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE BURIAL SERVICES FOR Marianne Smisko Cameron, at 10 am. We all pray that the Good Lord will now take Marianne home to Paradise to sing with the angels, VICHNAYA PAMYAt.

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 6 pm via the Youtube platform. Next weekend our holy liturgy will be livestreamed on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 9 am. Be sure to inform all your love-ones about this great service we perform for all our elderly and distant folks. It's all free and all for you!

TO BE BAPTIZED AND CHRISMATED SUNDAY: Olivia Philomena, daughter of Christopher and Megan (Collins) Lachenmayer; Siena Rose, daughter of Matthew and Danielle Lasorda-Long. We all pray that the all-loving Lord Jesus will bless these two families with much love, good health and a robust faith in Jesus Christ "for many good years".

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT the parish orchard today. You may find some persimmons and apples ready to harvest, Happy Picking!

FEMA AND OTHER AID GROUPS have set up their local office at Montgomery County Community college to help those folks who suffered damage from the recent flooding episode. For information and an appointment simply call 1-800621-3362.

WE THANK ALL THE GOOD FOLKS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH this week, both in person and by mail. May God bless all of you for your love for the Lord and His Holy Church here in Bridgeport.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK:

Saturday, Oct. 2. 6 pm

Sunday, Oct. 3, 9 am

Saturday, Oct. 9, 6 pm

Sunday, Oct. 10, 9 am

TODAY'S TROPAR:

of Your Divinity. When You raised up the dead from the subterranean abodes, the powers of heaven cried: "O Lifegiver Christ, Glory to You."

TODAY'S KONTAK:

with Youeven as the world praises You forever, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

COVE,
Fordal

My strength and my song is the Lord, my Salvation.

You rose from the tomb, O Savior Almighty, as hell itself feared. Then all creation exulted

+John, Walter Grohoski (Nancy Auton

Health of the V. Tryciecky Family

+John, Kathy Nicola (Joe Nicola)

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND...

When You did discend unto death, O Lihe immortal, You vanguished hell with the splendor

+Fr. Wolodymyr, Olha (Dychdala Fam