

From the Fathers

When going to the Holy Mysteries, go with simplicity of heart, in full faith that you will receive the Lord within yourself, and with the proper reverence towards this. What your state of mind should be after this, leave it to the Lord Himself. Many desire ahead of time to receive this or that from Holy Communion, and then, not seeing what they wanted, they are troubled, and even their faith in the power of the Mystery is shaken. The fault lies not with the Mystery, but with superficial assumptions. Do not promise yourself anything. Leave everything to the Lord, asking a single mercy from Him — to strengthen you in every kind of good so that you will be acceptable to Him. The fruit of Communion most often has a taste of sweet peace in the heart; sometimes it brings enlightenment to thought and inspiration to one's devotion to the Lord; sometimes almost nothing is apparent, but afterward in one's affairs there is a noted a great strength and steadfastness in the diligence one has promised.

—St. Theophan the Recluse



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 2021



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (3rd)

1: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

2: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him
Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.

3: For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: **O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

Resurrection Troparion (Tone 2) pg. 38

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You put Hades to death by the splendor of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from below the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out to You: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1) pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion (Tone 2) pg. 16

O never-failing Protectress of Christians, and their ever-present Intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you

Last Week's Collection

Regular	\$ 1,456
Candles	\$ 22
Flowers	\$ 5
Coffee Hr .	\$ 20
Diocesan	\$ 40
Donation	\$ 15
Total	\$ 1,558

God bless you for your generosity!



PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to form a Parish Council this fall. It is an important part of parish life. For a parish of our size, I think nine people will be enough, at least to begin. We will elect six members and I will appoint three. Currently, we have both a Finance & Building committee. Each of these committees will have a representative on the Council.

We will have an election this Fall. If you are interested in serving on the Council or want to nominate someone, please let me know. The election will take place in late September.

Please remember that the Parish Council, like all of the councils, is an advisory body. It's purpose is to advise the pastor on elements of church life, not to set policy for the parish. It is not a governing body. Problems often arise when that distinction is not understood by all, including the pastor.

Summer Liturgical Schedule

Wed June 23, 6PM - Vespers for the Nativity of the Forerunner

Mon June 28, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul

Mon July 19, 6PM - Vespers for the Feast of St. Elias followed by blessing of cars

Thu Aug 5, 6PM - Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Fri Aug 6, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by blessing of grapes

Sun Aug 15, 10AM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today +**Aileen Abraham.** Requested by Tom Syseskey
June 27 +**Nicholas & Theodora Barouk.** Requested by Michael & Virginia Mischitelli and Antonio & Karen Solitro

Today's flowers were donated by Sadie Mirante in memory of George Hajjar & Family

FINANCIALS

May 2021

Income \$5,830
Expenses \$7,185
Net **(\$1,355)**

YTD (10.1.20-5.31.21)

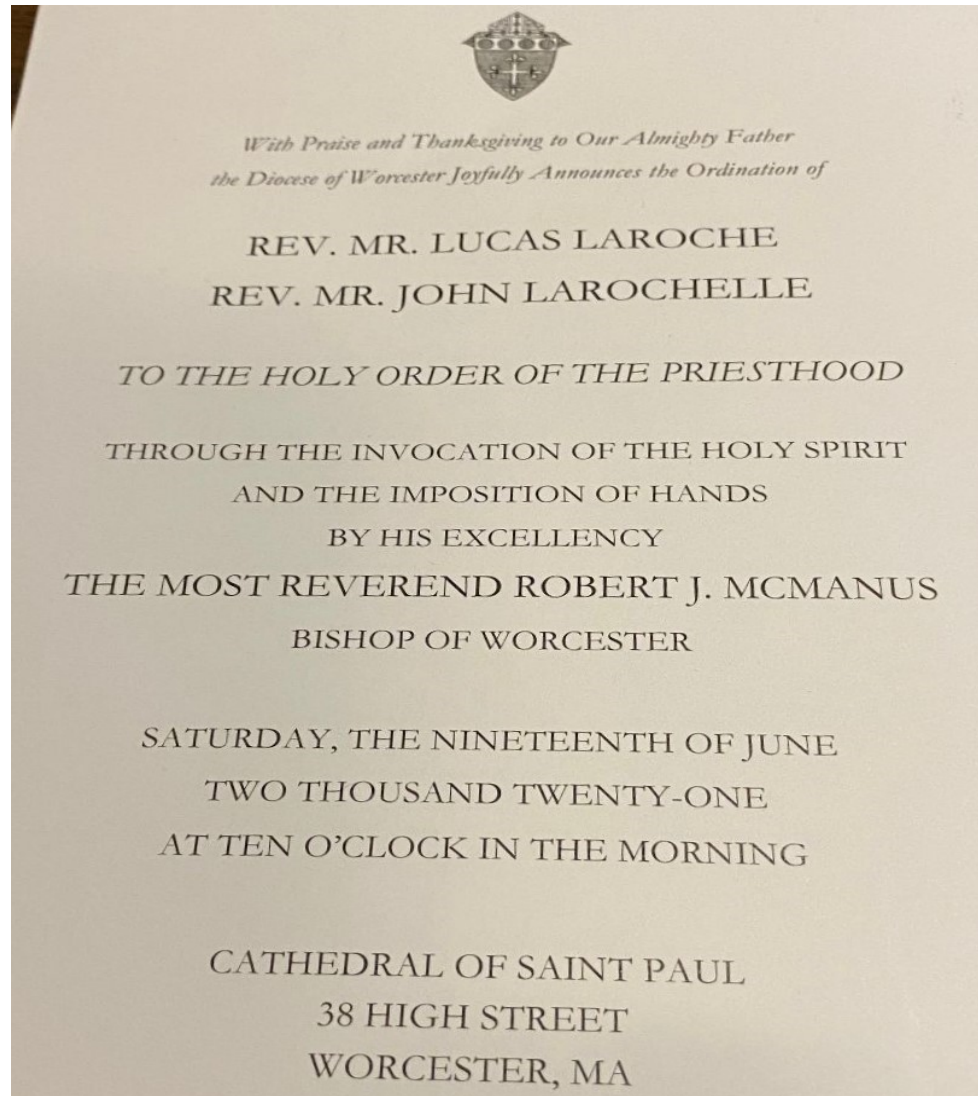
Income \$55,743
Expenses \$62,465
Net **(\$ 6,718)**

While we are running a deficit for the year, it is not too bad. As we head into the Summer months, please don't forget the parish while you are on vacation. Just like you, our bills do not stop in the Summer. Our next two projects are enhancing the lighting in the church and repairing the candle area in the back of the church. We hope to have estimates soon. If you would like to make contribution toward either project, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

As you know, we were not able to have our Picnic last year due to the pandemic. I would like to try to have something this Fall. It doesn't have to be on the same scale. I was thinking of several things: We could have a simpler version of the Picnic or a Take-Out Food Fair. Someone also mentioned a Memorial Service for all the loved ones we lost during the pandemic followed by a luncheon. We would charge a minimal amount for the luncheon, which would be catered. That gives everyone a chance to enjoy the event. If we make a little profit, that's great, but the primary purpose is to welcome everyone back to the parish. As I have several times, you are missed!

If you have some other ideas or would like to help with one of the above possible events, please call, text, or email me. My contact information is on the first page of the bulletin.



COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour is back. We are keeping it simple. I would like a different family to host the coffee hour each week. This includes setting up, buying some sort of food (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.), making the coffee and cleaning up after. Last week's Coffee Hour was hosted by Marilyn and Zenon Tencza. If there is a mercy meal after a memorial Divine Liturgy, the family of the deceased should host the coffee hour, provide the food. And clean up.

This is an act of love for your brothers and sisters in the parish. The Coffee Hour is a time for us to visit and share with each other what's going on in our lives. I will have a sign-up sheet so that you have the opportunity to host the coffee hour.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and help!

This week's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Sam and Hiam Francis

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to start religious education this fall for adults and children. We will use diocesan resources for the children. For the adults, we will discuss different aspects of our Faith. If there is anything you want to know more about, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I believe that our Byzantine music is also part of religious education, so I plan to have regular music sessions so that those who want to become more familiar with our music have that opportunity. We will begin with the music for the Divine Liturgy and then move on to feast day and other music. I hope you will be able to join us!

There will be more to come during the summer.

Prokimenon

Reader: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

People: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

Verse: The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

People: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

Reader: My strength and my courage is the Lord,

People: And He has been my Savior.

Epistle: Rom 5:1-10

Alleluia Verses

The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; may the Name of the God of Jacob defend you.

Verse: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Gospel: Mt 6:22-33

