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Liturgical services for the week of September 12 – September 19, 2021		
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		
<i>Festal Anointing following the weekend Divine Liturgies in honor of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos</i>		
Saturday	September 11, 2021	<b>Tone 7, p.156</b>
	3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) <b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) <i>Health and Blessings for Thomas and Gwenn Petty requested by parents, Anna Jane and Thomas Petty</i>
Sunday	September 12, 2021	<b>Tone 7, p.156</b>
	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Nicholas) <i>In Memory of +Michael Obering requested by Ken and Carol Reichmann</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) – <b>Livestreamed</b> <i>Health and Blessings for the Parish Family of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church and St. Nicholas Church</i>
Tuesday	September 14, 2021	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross - SOLEMN</b>
	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	<b>Festal Tone, p.253</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) <b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Nicholas)
Saturday	September 18, 2021	<b>Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <i>Festal Anointing following the weekend Divine Liturgies in honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
	3:00-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	<b>Festal Tone, p.258</b> Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) <b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) <i>Health and Blessings for Thomas Petty requested by wife, Anna Jane and son Tom Petty</i>
Sunday	September 19, 2021	<b>Festal Tone, p.258</b>
	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Nicholas) <i>Health and Blessings for the Parish Family of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church and St. Nicholas Church</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> (St. Mary) – <b>Livestreamed</b> <i>In Memory of +Mary T. Dano requested by John Dano and family</i>

**Mask Wearing in Church: Should I or Shouldn't I?**

The June 2021 edition of the Eastern Catholic Life newspaper contained updated guidelines concerning the pandemic. Bishop Kurt states that people are free to wear a mask for personal protection or as a courtesy to the vulnerable. To protect our vulnerable parishioners, we strongly encourage our parishioners who are not vaccinated to wear a mask during Liturgy or other indoor church activities.

**“Come and See” Weekend of Discovery Set for November**



**WHO?**  
Invited to the “Come and See” Weekend of Discovery Retreat are men, ages 18 to 35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**WHY?**  
Every young man eventually has to make some hard decisions – college, career, marriage, family, religious life. How do I know what’s right? Does God care what I decide? “Come and See” will help you answer these questions as you witness a seminarian’s life of work, study, prayer, and joy!

**WHAT?**  
“Come and See” is a retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The retreat includes sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community.

**WHEN?**  
Friday evening (5:00 PM), November 5, 2021 through Sunday afternoon (4:00 PM), November 7, 2021. Those able to arrive on Friday morning (by 10 AM, no earlier than 8 AM) or Friday afternoon (by 1:30 PM) will be welcome to sit in on Seminary courses.

**WHERE?**  
Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214. 412-321-8383, office@bcs.edu

**For more information visit:** <https://bcs.edu/2021/08/20/come-and-see-retreat-of-discovery-2021/>

**Cardinal John Henry Nouwen meditation: LET IT GO**

The world is only evil when you become its slave. The world has a lot to offer—just as Egypt did for the children of Jacob—as long as you don’t feel bound to obey it. The great struggle facing you is not to leave the world, to reject your ambitions and aspirations, or to despise money, prestige, or success, but to claim your spiritual truth and to live in the world as someone who doesn’t belong to it. . . . All the good things our world has to offer are yours to enjoy. But you can enjoy them truly only when you can acknowledge them as affirmations of the truth that you are the Beloved of God. The truth will set you free to receive the beauty of nature and culture in gratitude, as a sign of your Belovedness. That truth will allow you to receive the gifts you receive from your society and celebrate life. But that truth will also allow you to let go of what distracts you, confuses you, and puts in jeopardy the life of the Spirit within you.