

January 27, 2019
Thirty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! ~ Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 135 - 137, Tone 3

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JAN. 27

THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:00 A.M.

Holy Rosary

8:30 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY

+ **Anna George**, offered by Michael and Theresa Chapes

Any Holy Day Liturgies will be announced on Sundays if not listed in bulletin

SUN., FEB. 3

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

8:00 A.M.

Holy Rosary

8:30 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY

+ **Anna George**, offered by the Poiarkoff family

Come! Receive the Light

As Jesus approached the blind man the blind man cried out and said, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The beggar's hand was stretched out to receive a penny from man but found himself receiving the gift of God. "Son of David, have mercy on me!" He understood that Jesus was the Son of David, the David who had spared the blind and the lame of the Jebusites (2 Sam 5:6-8). How did Jesus answer him? He said, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." The blind man's faith first gave him life and then gave him bodily sight.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! We invite everyone to join us in our café.



Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

None for the Week

Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

January 28: Joseph & Marian Yurosky, 35 years!

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

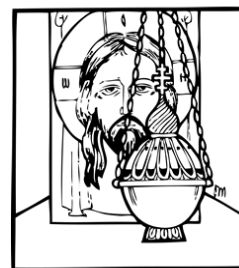
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

Beaver Meadows (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

Epistle Readers – Jan. 27: Joanne Futato – Feb.3: Jackson Liller
Ushers – Jan. 27: T. Liller/R. Mudron – Feb.3: E. Maruhnich/T. Liller
Troica Holders – Jan. 27: F. Hersh – Feb.3: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

Jan. 27 – Feb. 2, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord

In Loving memory of:
Julianne Popovnak

Offered By:
Sister, Marge



"Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided;
not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver."

(2 Cor 9:7)

Upcoming:

Pirohi Sale: February 8

Great Fast Begins: March 4

Lenten Soup Sale

The ECF will have a soup sale just in time for your strict fast needs. The ECF students will sell delicious homemade vegetable soup on **Forgiveness Sunday, March 3** following Divine Liturgy. Our strict fast begins the next day, March 4. The soup will be \$8.00 per quart.



Holy Land Pilgrimage - Walk Where Jesus Walked!

With our former pastor Fr. Elias O'Brien, O. Carm - April 1 - 10, 2019

Make your way through the Holy Land to experience Him, follow in His footsteps, and see Him in the works He performed - your footsteps will become His. Celebrate votive Masses in the very places where these miraculous gifts became pages in the Gospel. See where He was back then and feel how He is still there today! Information can be found at <http://www.pilgrimages.com/obrien/>

Evangelism is Everybody's Job

Far from being the exclusive ministry of the clergy, evangelization and church growth is the calling of every Byzantine Catholic. Just as the Holy Spirit equipped the apostles to proclaim the risen Christ, the members of the Body of Christ –clergy and laity alike – also are equipped with gifts and functions by which the Gospel might be proclaimed.

The attitude that says, “God does not need me to make the Church grow,” is wrong. We are all called to work with Christ to reach others. All those who hear the gospel are expected to proclaim it. Just as faith, hope and charity are virtues every Christian needs and strives for, so the responsibility for Church growth is that of every Byzantine Catholic.

Growth and evangelism cannot be delegated to a clergy specialist like repairing the roof. Much of the day to day work of evangelization can and should be done by the laity. Laity are more numerous than clergy. Laypersons usually have more contact with unchurched through jobs, schools and civic organizations than clergy.

Even if you are a small parish you should do everything as if you are a large parish.

*****Due to the recent bad weather, we are far behind in selling our Super Bowl squares. WE NEED TO SELL THEM THIS WEEK. If you have not bought squares, please do so today. Please ask family, friends, and co-workers if they would like to participate in the Super Bowl Pool. IF JUST 10 OF US BUY AND SELL JUST 8 SQUARES, IT WILL BE FULL. Remember, it is a fundraiser for our Church and we need everyone's help!***

Super Bowl LIII Pool Fundraiser

HOW IT WORKS: “Squares” can be purchased beginning today for \$10 each with prize giveaways based on the scores at the end of the first quarter, half-time, third quarter, and final score. Since this is a Fund Raiser, part of the proceeds will benefit our St. George Church, and part will be distributed among the people with the winning squares. Once all the squares have been selected, numbers will be randomly picked, 0-9, for each team in the Super Bowl; one row of numbers for the AFC team and one for the NFC team. For example: if the score is AFC 17 - NFC 14, then the winning square is the one with an AFC number of 7, and an NFC number of 4. The Super Bowl will be on Sunday, February 3. Grids will be passed out to each participant when completed.



If all 100 squares sell the prize amount will increase. Ask family and friends to participate.
Thank you!

If less than 100 sell

Q1\$50
Half\$100
Q3\$50
Final\$225

**Unsold squares will
be assigned to St.
George Church.**

If all 100 sell

Q1\$75
Half\$150
Q3\$75
Final\$300

*Purchase Super Bowl squares following Sunday Liturgy, in the Center
or from Francis Hersh anytime 724-407-8206.*

**Eastern Christian Formation classes (ECF) following Divine Liturgy,
10:15-11:30. Visiting children are welcome to attend, ages 3 and up.**

“Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” ~ Proverbs 22:6

The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nazianzus.



Each of these saints have their own feast day. St. Basil the Great, January 1st; St. Gregory the Theologian, January 25th; and St. John Chrysostom, January 27th. This combined feast day, January 30th, was instituted in the eleventh century during the reign of Emperor Alexius Comnenus. At one time a debate arose among the people concerning who of the three is the greatest? Some extolled Basil because of his purity and courage; others extolled Gregory for his unequalled depth and lofty mind in theology; still others extolled Chrysostom because of his eloquence and clarity in expounding the Faith. Thus some were called Basilians, others Gregorians, and the third were called Johannites.

This debate was settled by Divine Providence to the benefit of the Church and to an even greater glory of the three saints. Bishop John of Euchaita had a vision in a dream: At first, all three of these saints appeared to him separately in great glory and indescribable beauty, and after that all three appeared together. They said to him, "As you see, we are one in God and there is nothing contradictory in us; neither is there a first or a second among us." The saints also advised Bishop John that he write a common service for them and to order a common feast day of celebration. Following this wonderful vision, the debate was settled in this manner: January 30th would be designated as the common feast of these three hierarchs. The Greeks consider this feast not only an ecclesiastical feast but their greatest national school holiday.

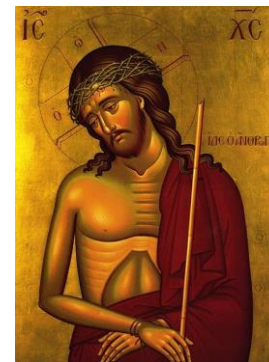
- From the Prologue of Ochrid

The unity of the Church follows of necessity from the unity of God; for the Church is not a multitude of separate individual persons, but a unity of the grace of God, living in a multitude of rational creatures, each submitting themselves to grace.

- Alexei Stepanovich Khomiakov

We Begin our Preparation for the Spiritual Struggle

We Begin our Preparation for the Spiritual Struggle The great feast of Pascha may seem just a twinkle in the eye of Old Man Winter right now, but in just two weeks, we as Eastern Christians will begin our pre-Lenten preparations. This is the time the Church has set aside for us to prepare for the Great Fast (also called the Great Lent): the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Sunday of the Last Judgment ("Meatfare") and Sunday of Forgiveness ("Cheesefare").



The Great Fast is the most important fast period of the Byzantine Church since it focuses on a change of heart, repentance and a return to God. We are called to enter into a spiritual warfare to recapture the Robe of Incorruptibility that we received in Baptism. This change of heart in each of us calls us to turn closer to God and away from the ways and the cares of the world. As we all know, our daily lives can consume a person's every waking moment. We need to take a break and re-focus on God through prayer, spiritual reading, meditations and reflections, the sacraments, and most importantly the nourishment of our souls by the reception of the Holy Eucharist. During these weeks from **Sunday, February 10 until Sunday, March 3**, let us prepare ourselves through gradual diet modification and with the spiritual instructions and themes of humility, judgment, repentance and forgiveness.

It is over these four Sundays that we can bring out our spiritual armor in order to begin our spiritual struggle, which has as its aim the attainment of Christian virtue. Let us willingly take into our hands the spiritual weapons for the great spiritual battle which leads us to salvation. The Church invites us during these weeks of preparation and the season of the Great Fast to simplify our lives and to immerse ourselves in the "bright sadness" of repentance.

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

"Love Christ and put nothing before His Love. Christ is Everything. He is the source of life, the ultimate desire, He is everything. Everything beautiful is in Christ."

Elder Porphyrios

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Bob Bartz, Louisa Hersh**

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Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff**

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office
Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness
Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding
Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine liturgy
Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month
St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

