

April 14, 2024

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, Christ is Risen!



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

*Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Христосъ воскресе! Воистину воскресе!*

Propers for third Sunday of Pascha: pp. 177-180

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., APRIL 14
8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY of the MYRRH-BEARERS
DIVINE LITURGY
+ John Pinchot, offered by Gene & Trudy Mendenhall

SUN., APRIL 21
8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY of the PARALYTIC MAN
DIVINE LITURGY
+ Sr. Rose Elizabeth, offered by James Mudron

Go! Tell the world He is risen!

The women were first to honor the risen Christ, the apostles first to suffer for Him. The women were ready with spices; the apostles prepared for scourges. The women entered the tomb; the apostles would soon enter the dungeon. The women hastened to express their eulogy; the apostles embraced chains for His sake. The women poured oils; and the apostles poured out their blood.

(Peter Chrysologus)

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Happy Birthday Greetings:

April 15: Butch Dzumba, John Simunick

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

April 15: Butch & Judy Dzumba, April 16: Francis & Connie Hersh

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

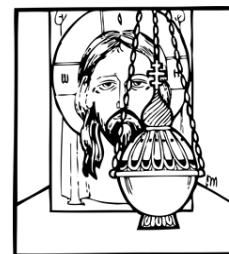
Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Erik Fetkovich, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan

Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Epistle Readers – April 14: Prudy Peya – April 21: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – April 14: M. Bobanic – April 21: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

April 14 - 20, 2024

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Joseph Haber

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Darlene & John Simunick

The myrrh-bearing women arrived just before the dawn at the tomb of the Giver of Life and found an Angel seated on the stone who spoke these words to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the incorruptible among those subject to decay? Go announce the Good News to His Disciples."

Paschal Stichera

*Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
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St. George Patronal Feast Day Celebration

Our St. George Patronal Feast Day is on Tuesday, April 23. To celebrate, on the following **Sunday, April 28**, there will be a Sunday Divine Liturgy moved to **10:00 A.M.** followed by a celebration luncheon. The parish family of St. Mary in Ambridge is also invited to attend Liturgy along with staying for the luncheon. We welcome all parishioners and guests to come and honor our Patron, St. George the Great Martyr and to celebrate together as a parish family. A sign-up sheet for the luncheon is in the Narthex.

St. George Family Bowling and Fellowship Night - In continuation of our Patronal Feast Day celebration, we will once again have a bowling and fellowship night at Sheffield Bowling Lanes in Aliquippa (*Date, time, and cost to be announced in the next bulletin*). Even if you do not wish to bowl or are not able to bowl, you can still join us for fellowship and food. Ricky Dee's Pizza and soft drinks are included in the event. Sheffield Bowling Lanes also has a lounge. So, plan on joining us for this Church family fun event!



Mark Your Calendar!!

Our annual Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale will be on Friday & Saturday, June 21 & 22 Plan on volunteering in any capacity from planning, set-up, advertising, or working the sale. Details to follow. *We are NOW accepting donations for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center.*

Upcoming Event Which Features Various Slavic Heritage

The **Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitians** will present their 66th Annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Ambridge Area High School, 901 Duss Ave, Ambridge PA. The curtain will open at 3:00 P.M. Dances and songs from Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Ukraine will be presented. In addition to the Junior Tamburitians, there will be a local group to round out the show; Sacred Heart Adult Tamburitians. Following the performance, a reception will be held at the Aliquippa Croatian Center located at 2365 Concord St. Aliquippa, PA 15001. The dedicated staff of the Center will prepare a wonderful buffet dinner for our guests. There will be music during and after dinner for listening and dancing throughout the evening. The group's parent organization will hold a bake sale with many homemade treats and there will be Chinese auction with many great baskets up for grabs. Ticket prices for the concert and reception are as follows: Adult Concert and Reception \$25.00 (Concert only \$10.00 / Reception only \$15.00) Children under 12 Concert and Reception \$15.00 (Concert only \$5.00 / Reception only \$10.00) Children under 2 are free. The group looks forward to seeing all our family and friends as we present our annual spring concert. Hope to see you there. *St. George parishioners Alex Hersh is director and choreographer, and Louisa Hersh is an assistant director. Both are alumni of the group.*



A Note from Fr. Christiaan

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! As we move toward Pentecost, it might be good to review what's happened in the last few weeks to our parish facilities, just to keep you updated. About four weeks we suffered some wind damage to St. Mary's on the roof. Fortunately, our experienced parishioners who are constantly vigilant to preserve our building knew exactly who to call, upon seeking their advice and a preventive maintenance plan was hatched to cut back pesky trees which are the culprits. What is more, at St. George's we have had a challenge three weeks ago with a bad radiator leaking. The costly repair was performed by my own service provider at the Byzantine Seminary in Pittsburgh. Both it and the St. Mary damages were substantial, being between three and four thousand dollars each. Because of our generous and industrious volunteers for pierogis at both parishes, we can confront the challenge for the most part. What is more, we also have a newer challenge at St. George's with a porch collapsing in the back of the hall, for which I expect the results of this week's estimate in the upcoming week.

In old business, due to the diligence of Fr. Geoff, I've received one estimate on the St. George parking lot repair and pavement venture. Once all three estimates are in, then I can submit the plan (which being over 7, 500 USD requires consultation with the Archeparchy by statute) for approval but will consult with St. George's parish council to see if there is a positive consensus, prior to submitting to the chancery in Pitt. What I am learning through these experiences is that there are many committed parishioners at both parishes. Not only have they been generous with their time, but informative to me and truly helpful in lightening my burdens, as I am so new to our two campuses.

To get to know, so to speak, "how the sausage is made," I've begun my Aliquippa-Ambridge pierogi tour by spending time working this week at St. George in the kitchen (unsurprisingly I was immediately unmasked as an unskilled laborer) but it did not go as I had imagined it. My ill-omened beginning boasted of the most leaky containers in living memory so that I became literally butterfingers through the packaging process. But I definitely plan on coming back to contribute to the work that keeps our lights on and our doors open for divine worship! This coming week, it is my plan to help at St. Mary's Church with their pierogi team. I anticipate an early morning but the same or similar enjoyment that had at St. George's. This part of ministry is great for getting to see you all and working with you to boot. By the way, if you got butter all over yourself this week from St. George's pierogi packs leaking, I was in charge of quality control... so, you're welcome!

Fr. Christiaan

The Gospel Accounts of the Visits of the Myrrh-Bearers to the Tomb



After examining all the accounts of the movements, visions and testimonies of the Myrrh-bearing women, the following conclusions present themselves:

The Myrrh-bearers did not go all together to the tomb, but in separate groups and at different times. The first visit was of Mary Magdalene (Gospel of St. John); the second visit was of Joanna with other women (Gospel of St. Luke); the third visit was of Mary, the mother of James and Salome (Gospels of Ss. Matthew and Mark). All of this is evident and clearly apparent from the details of the Gospel accounts.

The time sequence of the holy women's visits to the tomb unfolds itself as follows: Mary Magdalene, while it was still dark; Joanna, with the others, very early in the morning; Mary the mother of James and Salome, when the sun was rising. This is thus a series of non-simultaneous events. And all these events embrace a time span of several hours – from the dark before the dawn to the rising of the sun.

First Visit: Mary Magdalene alone goes to the tomb while it is still dark. She saw the stone rolled away, her first thought is, "They have taken the Lord away." She runs to tell the Apostles Peter and John, who set out for the tomb.

Second Visit: While the Apostles Peter and John are on their way to the tomb, Joanna and the other women arrive at the open tomb. Angels explain to them the mystery of the absence of the Lord's body. They leave and go tell the Apostles. Meanwhile, Apostles Peter and John with Mary Magdalene reach the tomb without having met Joanna and her companions. After the Apostles leave, Mary Magdalene remains at the tomb and is blessed with an appearance of the Lord. She then sets out again to the Apostles.

Third Visit: After Mary Magdalene's departure, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome come to the tomb with companions. An angel reassures them that the Lord is risen. They enter the tomb and another angel repeats what the first had told them. The angel tells them to go and tell the Apostles everything related to them. As they are running, the Lord Himself appears to them.

- By St. Theophan the Recluse

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

He has risen, He is not here.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

April 22	6:00 PM Vespers Divine Liturgy for our Patron St. George
April 24	Mid-Pentecost
April 28	Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM, Patronal Feast Luncheon following
May 9	Feast of the Ascension, <u>Holy Day of obligation</u>, Liturgy time TBA
May 10	Last Pirohi Sale before summer break
May 12	Mother's Day Breakfast, following Liturgy
May 18	Fifth and final All-Souls Saturday
May 19	Pentecost Sunday, wear green to Church
May 27	Memorial Day
May 27 - June 28	Apostle's Fast
June 16	Father's Day Breakfast, following Liturgy
June 21 & 22	Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale (info in bulletin)
June 29	Saints Peter & Paul Holy Day, <u>Holy Day of obligation</u>
August (Date T.B.A.)	Church Picnic

Choir Paschal Program

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites faithful and friends to an inspiring program of Paschal hymns and songs of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Presented at St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church in Munhall, Pa. on **Sunday, April 21**, the program will begin at **3:00 p.m.**, and will feature many beloved and seldom-heard renditions of the triumphant Paschal greeting, "Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!" A cake-and-coffee reception will follow the program in the Church social hall. Members of the Archeparchial Choir and Father Vitalii Stashkevych, pastor of St. Elias Church, invite everyone to this joyous celebration on **Sunday April 21**. St. Elias Church is located at 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120.

Church Mice

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

~ Matthew 28:5-6



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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Before Liturgies, or by appointment

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the priest

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the priest prior to surgery or in the event of illness

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the pastor six months prior to wedding

Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month

St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club Everyone welcome to participate

Opportunities for Stewardship Church and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday,

Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Христос Воскресе! Воистину Воскресе!