

June 9, 2024
Third Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 2: pp. 130 - 132

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 9
8:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
DIVINE LITURGY
+ Lorraine Foister, offered by Sr. Mary Virginia

SUN., JUNE 16
8:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, *Father's Day*
DIVINE LITURGY
For our fathers living and + deceased

Life Is a Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - ***Think of someone who can't speak.*** Before you complain about the taste of your food - ***Think of someone who has nothing to eat.*** Before you complain about your husband or wife - ***Think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.*** Today before you complain about life - ***Think of someone who went too early to heaven.*** Before whining about the distance you drive - ***Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.*** And when you are tired and complain about your job - ***Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.*** And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - ***Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.***

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Happy Birthday Greetings:

(Last week) June 5: Brian Cushin,
June 13: Dwight Dickey, June 14: Michael Bobanic, June 16: Gretchen David

Wedding Anniversaries:

None for the week

Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins

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

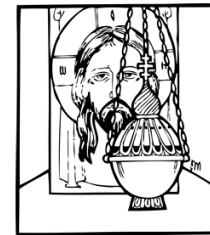
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – June 9: JoAnn Hersh – June 16: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – June 9: Rich Mudron – June 16: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

June 9 - 15, 2024

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Nicholas Maruhnich, Jr.

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Brother, Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

Jesus teaches us to trust in God our Father at all times and in all circumstances. St John Chrysostom, in his commentary on Matthew, speaks to us about the meaning of the images used in this passage. Just when the lilies of the field are all decked out Jesus no longer calls them lilies but “grass of the field.” He then points further to their vulnerable condition by saying “which are here today.” Then He does not merely say “and not tomorrow” but rather more callously “cast into the oven”. These creatures are not merely “clothed” but “so clothed” in this way as to be later brought to nothing. Do you see how Jesus everywhere abounds in amplifications and intensifications? He does so in order to press home his point. Then He adds, “Will he not much more clothe you?” The force of the emphasis is on “you” to indicate covertly how great is the value set upon your personal existence and the concern God shows for you in particular. It is as though He were saying, “You, to whom He gave a soul, for whom He fashioned a body, for whose sake He made everything in creation, for whose sake He sent prophets, and gave the law, and wrought those innumerable good works, and for whose sake he gave up his only begotten Son.” **This is a powerful message.**

Father’s Day Breakfast Next Week

Join us for a nice sit-down breakfast for Father’s Day following the Divine Liturgy next **Sunday, June 16**. Our hard-working cooks will prepare this delicious **homemade** breakfast in honor of our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and those who play a fatherly role in our lives. Whether your father is with you or not, join us in their honor. *Everyone is invited!*



A Note from Fr. Christiaan

Dear Parishioners,

I am very pleased to give you the news that I received on Tuesday, just past. Our new priest will be Fr. Anthony Constantino, whom you may remember as Fr. John of the Cross when he was living his monastic vocation and celebrating liturgies at our parishes as a guest celebrant. With over half-a-dozen years in monastic or religious life, Fr. Anthony comes to us as a native of the greater Pittsburgh area. I was very pleased that he lived with us at the seminary from the start of this year and helped us teach seminarians in preparation for priesthood. What I am most pleased with is that you are receiving a full-time young priest who is going to be dedicated to serving and revitalizing your parishes.

Having gotten to know Fr. Anthony these last months, I would have chosen him to be my successor were I asked about the priest I would send. He has served inner city parishes in the past and is enthusiastic to have a fuller liturgical schedule and to look toward ways to build parish life at both campuses. His knowledge of the area is another benefit as he assists, (like me) part-time, local Roman Catholic parishes and has family in the area.

I am relieved to know that I am leaving you with an enthusiastic priest, trained in liturgy along the same lines as myself at the seminary, and who will be in residence in Ambridge/Aliquippa (something that you have not experienced in a number of years!). I and Fr. Anthony have already spoken about working together in the transition to make sure it's seamless process and that he can immediately hit the ground running with the projects that need attention.

I received this good news with some sadness as I was fast becoming comfortable with all of you and enjoying our social time and common worship. Again, the archeparchy was very consistent with me about the temporary nature of my assignment from the beginning, as I shared this in all my updates with you. I and some of you held out hope that circumstances might make my assignment permanent. So, I think it says something that I am relieved that you have someone coming in who I think should be a great fit and will be more present and more able to grow our congregations. Fr. Anthony and I are planning on him visiting in late June for me to give him a tour and to allow him to start moving in. Our transition is scheduled for the beginning of the fiscal year, July 01. Until then, I am pleased to have several more Sundays with you for us to worship almighty God together, where I’ll be thanking Him for giving the best possible situation that augurs growth for our parishes.

Fr. Christiaan



DO NOT WORRY

Discover the hidden words.



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Word Bank

BIRDS

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HEAVEN

ANXIOUS

FOOD

FATHER

KINGDOM

TREASURES

EARTH

WORRY

FEAR

JESUS



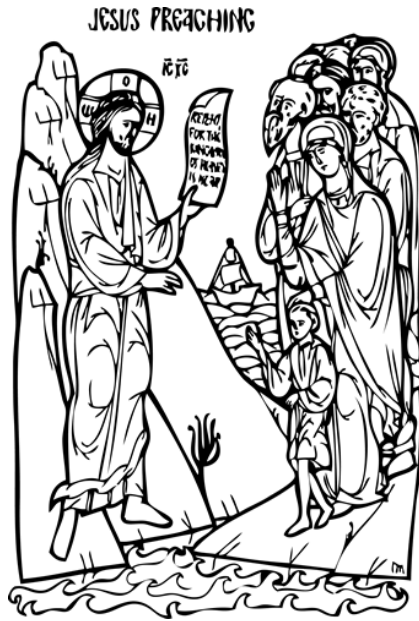
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Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Today's Scripture readings speak of faith, which is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). The Epistle tells us, "now that we have been justified through faith, let us have peace with God." In today's world we desperately need peace: All over the world, and especially in our country, we see civil unrest, riots, disease, injustice, and death. Yet Saint Paul says that we Christians "exult in tribulations." That's not to say that we are glad these terrible things are happening, but we rejoice because through them God works good: "tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God's love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." By suffering, God makes us stronger, better people. Though the gift of faith, we have hope, we can be sure of God's love for us, and that He has a plan. God is taking care of us, and St Paul explains why we can be sure of this, saying that, though we would be hesitant to give our lives even for righteous men, Jesus gave His life for us, even though we are sinners!

The Gospel reading continues this theme, comparing us to birds and the flowers. Jesus says "But if God so clothes the wild flower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore do not be anxious." Jesus is telling us to trust Him completely, not worrying about tomorrow. But this doesn't mean that we should do nothing. We should give ourselves over to God completely. In the last verse of today's gospel, Jesus says, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." In other words, if we seek God in all things and at all times, and we strive to do His will and follow His commandments, then He will take care of us and make sure that we have what we need. Jesus tells us that, to do this, we must make sure our spiritual eyes are healthy. We need to pray often, and look at God, and not at the chaos and evil in the world around us, lest we forget Him. If we do this, as Saint Paul tells us, we will have peace. (But that doesn't mean we won't have trials and troubles, for trials and tribulations make us stronger!)



But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides.

Reflection

"If therefore thine eye be pure thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." Here the mind is called the eye, and the entire composition of the soul is called the body. Thus, when the mind is simple then it is light in the soul; when the mind is evil, then it is dark in the soul.

What are a simple mind and an evil mind? A simple mind is one which accepts the word of God as is written and is convinced beyond a doubt that all is indeed as is written. It has no deceit, no wavering, or hesitation. An evil mind is one which approaches the word of God with slyness, artful disputing, and questioning. It cannot directly believe but subjects the word of God to its sophistry. It approaches the word not as a disciple, but as a judge and critic, to test something stated there, and then either scoffs at it, or says in a haughty manner, "Yes, not bad." Such a mind has no firm tenets, because it clearly does not believe the word of God, and its own rationale is always unstable — today one way, tomorrow another. It has only wavering, confusion, questions without answers; everything is out of place with it, and it walks in the dark, fumbling its way.

A simple mind sees everything clearly: everything in it has a definite character, determined by the word of God. That is why everything in it has its place, and it knows exactly how to behave with relation to things — it walks along open, visible roads, with complete assurance that they lead to the true goal.

St. Theophan the Recluse

Our Flea Market is Fast Approaching!

Our annual Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale will be on **Friday & Saturday, June 21 & 22 from 9:00 – 2:00**. Plan on volunteering in any capacity from planning, set-up, advertising, or working the sale (especially the check-out counter!). **Tables will be put up next Sunday, June 16, following the Father's Day Breakfast for those who wish to help. Setting up of the Flea Market will begin on Monday, June 17.** We are STILL accepting and NEED donations. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center. **We will also need bake sale items, so please consider baking. FLYERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TAKE AND PASS OUT OR POST IN THE COMMUNITY. YARD SIGNS ARE READY. PLEASE POST THEM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR NEARBY ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS.**

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St. George Church

**FLEA
MARKET**

Haluski Sale, Bake Sale

June 21 & 22

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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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, October - May

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