

June 16, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вѣку!

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 3: pp. 135 - 137

Divine Services for the Week:

- SUN., JUNE 16 8:30 A.M. **FOURTH SUNDAY** after PENTECOST, *Father's Day*
DIVINE LITURGY
For our fathers living and + deceased
- SUN., JUNE 23 8:30 A.M. **FIFTH SUNDAY** after PENTECOST
DIVINE LITURGY
+ Jane Klacik, 40th day after passing, offered by JoAnn & Francis Hersh

Father's Day Breakfast TODAY



Join us for a nice sit-down breakfast in honor of our Fathers following the Divine Liturgy **TODAY**. Our hard-working cooks are preparing 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!*

Thank you to our cooks! Mnohaja lita!

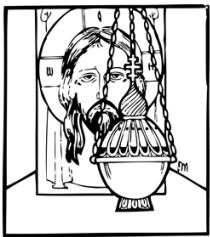
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Happy Birthday Greetings:
June 16: Gretchen David

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 16: Dan Pinchot – June 23: JoAnn Hersh
Ushers – Stand in as needed
Troica Holders – June 16: F. Hersh – June 23: Rich Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
June 16 - 22, 2024
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
Our Fathers
Living and Deceased

Embrace Faith

There is no coercion with God. He always has a good will towards us. He gives reliable counsel to men and angels (who are also rational beings), to whom He has given the power of choice. Those who yield obedience therefore possess what is good freely and justly. It is given by God but preserved by themselves.... The human spirit is possessed of free will from the beginning, and God is possessed of free will, in whose likeness man was created. Man is advised to hold fast to the good and thereby be responsive to God. This refers not only to works but to faith as well. God preserved the human will free and under self-control, as is shown in Jesus' words to the centurion: "Go. Be it done for you as you have believed."

Setting up & pricing: Monday beginning at 9:00 A.M, and each day until finished
Work the Flea Market: Fri. & Sat. 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

St. George Flea Market

This Week!

MANY NICE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED! EVERYONE please PRAY, come, and bring your friends to our Flea Market THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 21 & 22. Also, tell EVERYONE you know about our Flea Market! Come and browse, get some lunch, and take home some baked goods. **This is a GCU matching funds event. Up to \$3000 will be matched by the GCU. Please tell everyone you know and advertise on your social media. You can also make a monetary donation in any amount you wish (*which will be matched*) to help ensure we meet our goal.** If you still have items to donate, just bring them any day this week beginning 9:00 AM. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!



Bakers Needed for Flea Market Bake Sale!!

Our Bake Sale is very popular and we are in need of a nice selection of baked goods. Please consider baking for our Bake Sale if you are able. **You may bring your baked goods any time by Friday morning.** Thank you for your help and support with this major fundraiser.

Social Media Advertising

Many nice items have been donated to our Flea Market. We now need to get the customers here! If you are on social media at all, Facebook, Instagram, etc., please take a flea market flyer and post a picture of it on your page and on any community or flea market/garage sale groups of which you are a member. This will be an immense help for our sale.

Flea Market Table Set-up

TODAY following the Father's Day breakfast, WE WILL NEED HELP PUTTING UP THE REMANDER OF THE TABLES FOR THE FLEA MARKET. All who are able, please plan on helping with this set-up. Thank you for all your help!

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Come and help!

A Note from Fr. Christiaan

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks so much for letting me know your thoughts last week on announcement of your new permanent priest. I continue regularly to speak with Fr. Anthony Costantino and to prepare to welcome him. I start up these next two weeks training deacon candidates at your seminary. Our Byzantine Churches in three years may ordain about fifteen deacons (God willing) to serve like Dcn. Tom! I am privileged to organize their summer program each year, including two liturgical celebrations each day (typically Divine Liturgy and Vespers), meals, social time, and – yes – education, which lets out before the 04 July weekend. I teach them the history of dogmas and about pastoral care, that is the situations that our people can expect us to help them in their life challenges (alcohol/drugs, divorce, marriage, and much more).

I also fly to North Carolina this coming Friday to give a retreat on Friday and Saturday, which I had scheduled before coming to our parishes on 31 January. My plane should get back Saturday night. I may try to contact a priest as an insurance policy since I'm nervous about airports. It's pretty difficult to find a sub these days, as Byzantine priests are becoming as rare as white rhinos. But maybe I'll get lucky.

Lastly, I told you that we had clergy days or clergy-business meetings over a week ago. The policies we reviewed were really helpful. They ensure professionalism in our administration where it has been lackluster in the past. One important development is that we administrators are held to appropriate expectations for a safe environment for both children and vulnerable adults (who may not have use of their all their mental or physical faculties). I spoke with Fr. Anthony and we agreed that he'd need to review what are called "clearances" or simple documents for employees and volunteers so that they are safe to be around children. They are supposed to be updated every five years. As priests we should find a way to make this process simple, non-invasive of your time (as possible), and convenient as possible. Fr. Anthony will be reviewing this when he takes the helm. It is good for you to know that some positions at our parishes require – especially since our archbishop and curia presented this information on 05 June – background checks. Just to give you perspective, as a seminarian (I volunteered and was unpaid), in 8 years I had to take two psychological tests of many hours, go through criminal background checks, child safety training, and a number of workshops to make sure – as far as humanly possible – that I am trustworthy in an administrative position for protecting the vulnerable in our parishes. My records are stored with the Archeparchy. This is exactly what will happen with some who need to do *less paperwork*, as volunteers, only clearances and child protection training. Your parish priest, Archbishop William, Fr. Andrew Deskevich (Protosyncellus), and Sr. Joanne Licvar (Safe environment coordinator) have access to my records (as yours): criminal background information and child safety training for those designated in our parishes to have supervisory roles that put them in contact with children (potentially) or with adults for whom they can be held to be liable for their wellbeing. I respect the desire of anybody who wishes all information, including SS #s, to remain completely private. Certain roles, when we have influence on others or charge of their wellbeing bring with them a legal liability when we volunteer in a church. We no longer represent only our private interests but become legally representatives of our church. So, the archeparchy needs us to make sure that all our leaders and employees are presentable to have charge over others. I'll write more about this process soon!

Fr. Christiaan

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

How great must have been the faith of the Centurion who came to Christ asking for a healing of his servant, whom he loved, who was faithful to him. He heard Christ say, "I will come and heal him.", and he could answer, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed."

This is an event of the life of Christ; it is an event that touched not only the Centurion, not only his servant, but every member of the household. He came without Christ, and the servant was healed. Who of us, in dire, agonizing pain is capable of turning to the Lord, present Him his request, ask Him to show mercy and to manifest His power, and when the Lord says to us, in our hearts, 'I shall come, I shall work this miracle for you' - who of us would have the courage to say, 'No, Lord! Your word is enough!'...

And again, who of us, at moments when the Lord came close to us, have the thought of saying such words, realizing because of the holiness of Christ, the holiness of God, how unworthy we are of Him, of His life, His teaching, His example, His death, His descent into hell, to the very rock bottom of evil. And this hell is not only an image; isn't it within us? Isn't there in us a darkness that needs more than enlightenment - the Light of God, God, the light of the world.

On this Sunday the amazing centurion's faith was manifested. So often when we pray, we ask the Lord insistently to come close to us, to make His presence felt, so that we may clearly feel His power. This man acted with great simplicity, saying to Christ, "No don't trouble yourself to come. I am a sinful man and not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed. One word from God - that was what the man asked for, not the joy of contact which we all long. Today, we ask the Lord that He should fulfill our requests and, in addition to that, grant us the miraculous joy of His presence. Amen. As children of Almighty God we stand before many challenges in this world. One of them is choosing the right Master. Which one will it be? Let us choose the ONE that will keep our lives "full of light", full of happiness and true joy. Let us put the spiritual first, and then all other things will work out around that for our good and spiritual benefit of our loved ones. Amen.

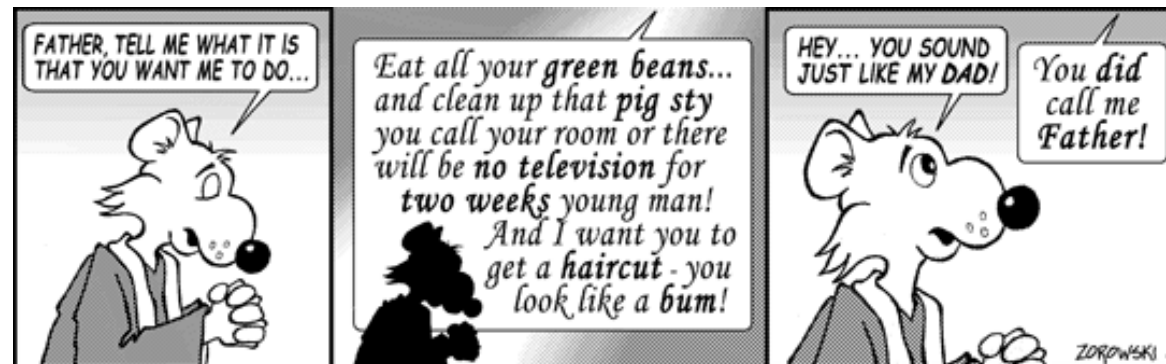
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Christ is among us! He is and shall be!

Happy Father's Day

O Eternal and Almighty God, the Heavenly Father of us all: we pray to You on this festive day for all of our fathers. We commend them to Your paternal protection, and we beseech You to always look favorably upon them in order that they may always behold the joy of their children and their children's children. Fill them with that same paternal love that You, our Eternal Father, show toward your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And, grant that all of our fathers may ever be sustained in those same paternal qualities that You, as the Father of the human race, show toward all of us, Your children. We implore You, O Heavenly Father, on this special day honoring all of our fathers, to graciously hear us and have mercy on them.



Archbishop William has made the following appointments:

Effective, Monday, June 10, 2024: Father David A. Bosnich relieved as Temporary Administrator of St. John Church, Uniontown and appointed Assistant to Very Reverend Frank A. Firko at Holy Ghost Church, Pittsburgh. – Father David A. Bosnich appointed Assistant Chancellor – Newly ordained Father Kyprian Wojciechowski appointed Administrator of St. John Church Uniontown.

Effective Monday, July 1, 2024: Father Donald J. Voss relieved as Administrator of St. Nicholas Church, McKeesport and retired from active ministry. – Father Christiaan Kappes relieved as Administrator of both St. Mary Church, Ambridge and St. George Church, Aliquippa, and appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Duquesne and Administrator of St. Nicholas Church, McKeesport. – Father Anthony Costantino, with the approval of his bishop, appointed Administrator of St. Mary Church, Ambridge and St. George Church, Aliquippa.

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Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff - Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh

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



"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house forever; the son continues forever. So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."