

July 7, 2024
Seventh 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 Иисусу Христу! Слава на вѣку!*

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 6: pp. 152 - 153

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 7
8:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
DIVINE LITURGY
+ **John Pinchot**, offered by Francis & JoAnn Hersh

TUE., JULY 9
8:00 A.M.

Holy Martyr Pancratius
DIVINE LITURGY

(St. Mary: Wed., July 10, 6:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy: Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia)

THUR., JULY 11
6:00 P.M.

Holy Martyr the Illustrious Euphemia
DIVINE LITURGY

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

SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
DIVINE LITURGY
+ **John Dulick, 1 year after passing**, offered by Dulick family

"The Church is a community made up of the souls of us faithful and cannot be built by stone and mortar but must be built by the spiritual growth of its members into the full reality of Jesus Christ." This is what Church growth is all about and how we must understand it.

St. John Chrysostom

Happy Birthday Greetings:

July 13: Eleanor Fedell

Wedding Anniversaries:

July 12: Dwight & Mary Dickey

Please Pray for Our Sick, Shut-ins, and those in need of prayer

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

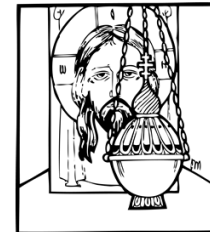
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – July 7: JoAnn Hersh – July 14: Dan Pinchot

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – July 7: F. Hersh – July 14: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ **George Seech**

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Sister, Mary Elizabeth Olack

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."

***May we all discover what a blessing the Church truly is,
and honestly become active in being the Church!***

GCU Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood (102nd Year!)
 This year's Russkij Den' will be on **Thursday, July 25**. Discounted tickets can be ordered through the GCU (\$27 for ages 4+ ; Free for ages 3 and under) Contact Fraternal Communications Department at 1-800-722-4428 x 3810 or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com. You can also order tickets at www.gcuusa.com/events. The deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, July 10th . To order tickets for the Luncheon (\$25 for Adults - age 11 +; \$20 for Youth - ages 3-10)



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Stay for Fellowship Hour

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to join us following the Sunday Divine Liturgy for Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts today and every Sunday!
*We invite **EVERYONE** to **STAY** and join us.*



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I am happy to say I have felt very welcomed by all I have met at both St. George's and St. Mary's. it seems as if both parishes have very dedicated groups of parishioners who have kept the Churches running in the midst of many clergy changes. I am very excited to serve your parishes full time and hopefully provide more consistent pastoral care than you've been able to experience in recent years.

There are several projects I wish to undertake at both parishes in the upcoming weeks. These include getting a website for St. Mary's and updating both parishes' Facebook accounts. As Fr. Christiaan mentioned, we will be working towards meeting the Archeparchy's Safe environment requirements so stay tuned for information. I have already been training altar servers and hope to train more.

Most importantly, we will begin celebrating weekday liturgies this upcoming week. Worship of God is the most important thing we do as a parish and so making Divine Services as available as possible is a major goal for me. It will take a little while to fine-tune the liturgical schedule long-term. I am open to hearing suggestions to tweak the schedule as I want to make liturgies as accessible to the greatest number of people. Please consult our bulletin for each week's schedule.

I look forward to meeting all of you here in the upcoming days and weeks.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David."

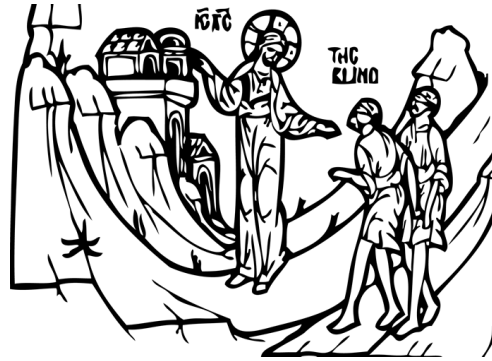
Again and again we hear in the Gospel the story of men or women who were healed of their illnesses, and it seems so simple in the Gospel: there is a need, and God meets it. Why is it then — we ask ourselves — that it does not happen to each of us? Each of us is in need of physical healing and of the healing of our soul. And yet, only a few are healed — why? What we miss in the reading of the Gospel is that Christ did not heal people indiscriminately. One person in a crowd was healed; many, who were also sick in body or soul, were not. That comes from the fact that, in order to receive the grace of God, so that it acts in us unto the healing of soul or body, or both, we must be open to God — not to the healing, but to God.

Illness is something which we so often wish to banish from our experience, not only because it hampers our life, not only because it is accompanied by pain, but also — I suspect even more — because it reminds us of our frailty, it speaks to us of our mortality.

What can we do then? We must ask ourselves attentive questions, and when we come to God asking Him to heal us, we must first prepare ourselves to be healed. To be healed means not just to be made whole with a view to going back to the kind of life which we had before, it means being made whole in order to start a new life, as though we had become aware that we had died in the healing act of God, aware that all that was the old man in us, this body of corruption of which St. Paul speaks, must go in order for the new man to live.

Are we capable of receiving healing? Are we willing to take upon ourselves the responsibility of being made new in order to enter, again and again, into the world in which we live, with a message of newness — to be light, to be salt, to be joy, to be hope and faith and love, to be surrendered to God.

Let us reflect on it, because we all are sick in one way or another; we all are frail, all are weak, all are incapable of living to the full, even the life which is offered us on earth. Let us reflect on it, and become capable of opening ourselves to God in such a way that He may work His miracle of healing, make us new — but in order for us to bring our newness, indeed God's newness, into the world in which we live. Amen.



"Have mercy on us, Son of David."

"Yes, Lord!"

The two blind men could not see Christ but were told about him. The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health, but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, they offer them sight.

(St. Hilary)

Teachings of Christ the Savior

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?"

(Mark 8:34-37)

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

(John 11:25-26)

The Devil Removes the Word of Catechesis

When you come out of the church, do not begin to be distracted toward empty and useless matters, lest the devil come and find you occupied with them. It is like when a crow finds on the plain a grain of wheat, before it has been covered with earth, and picks it up and flies off. The devil removes the memory of these words of catechetical lectures from your hearts, and you find yourselves empty and deprived of beneficial teaching.

Symeon the New Theologian: Discourse 30.1



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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



Christ is Among us! He is and Shall be! ~ Christos posred’i nas! Jest’ i budet!