

July 14, 2024
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Proprs for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 7: pp. 156 and for the Six Councils: pp. 341 - 342

Divine Services for the Week:

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
TUE., JULY 16 8:00 A.M.	The Holy Martyrs Athenogenes and his Ten Disciples DIVINE LITURGY

(St. Mary: Wed., July 17, 6:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy: The Holy Great Martyr Marina)

THUR., JULY 18 6:00 P.M.	The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris DIVINE LITURGY
SAT., JULY 20 9:00 A.M.	Holy Prophet Elijah, Simple Feast Day DIVINE LITURGY, <i>Blessing of Cars</i>
SUN., JULY 21 8:30 A.M.	NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST DIVINE LITURGY + Mike & Margaret Tesla, offered by Prudy Peya

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!

Happy Birthday Greetings:

July 14: Margaret Dzugan, July 16: Dawn Dickey, Daniel Kapaldo, July 18: Shawn Cody

Wedding Anniversaries:

July 16: David & Suzanne Klacik

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

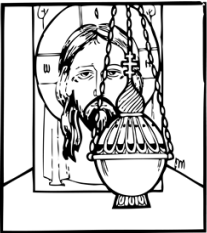
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – July 14: Dan Pinchot – July 21: Prudy Peya

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – July 14: R. Mudron – July 21: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 14 - 20, 2024

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Kathryn Dulick

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:
Children

PRAY FOR THE FALLEN AWAY
3 DAY PRAYER MISSION
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Liturgy Intentions:

You may request weekday Liturgy or Holy Day Liturgy intentions in addition to Sundays.

The Holy Prophet Elijah, July 20

Of all the Old Testament prophets it was St. Elijah (Greek: Elias) the Tishbite who, in a special way, captured the imagination of our Byzantine Slav people in Eastern Europe. The prophet, whose name means "strength of the Lord" was a man aflame with the fire of the love of God and was uncompromising in his faithfulness to the one true God. He was a powerful and courageous figure who had been given power over the elements: rain, wind, fire, etc.



St. Elijah lived during the reign of Ahab, the seventh king of Israel (875-854 B.C.). The king had married Jezebel, the pagan daughter of the king of Tiro. She brought with her hundreds of pagan prophets (ritual priests) to Samaria and introduced the worship of the Phoenician deity, Melkart, also known under the general name of Baal. Apart from the sacrifices they offered as part of their priestly function, they observed a special ritual dance accompanied by musical instruments.

Every spring they had a ceremony of fire to mark the awakening of their god who had slept through the winter. They enkindled a great fire from which the god was supposed to renew his strength. During this time, the priest-prophets of Baal danced and whirled faster and faster in a frenzy, even to wounding themselves with swords and spears on their arms and legs. Under the influence of Queen Jezebel, the true prophets of Israel were persecuted and the Israelites became divided in their loyalty between Baal and Yahweh. They thought they could worship both, the God of their fathers and the pagan god, Baal, whom the Queen favored. Elijah's strong and determined opposition to this divided loyalty earned for him the hatred of the queen. St. Elijah's loyalty to God and uncompromising faithfulness is a model for those who are straddling between loyalty to God and to the world.

Blessing of Cars

St. Elijah ascended into heaven as the Second Book of Kings describes it: "...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Because of this ascension of Elijah into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles. Now each year, we bless our cars on or near the feast of St. Elijah (July 20). **There will be a Divine Liturgy for St. Elijah on Saturday, July 20, at 9:00 A.M. followed by blessing of the cars.** *Plan on being here for this special blessing.*

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A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Many exciting things are on the way at our sister parishes! St. Mary's should have a new website up within the next week. St. George's will have at least two children making First Confessions next month. From July 23rd to July 25th, we will be having a parish mission consisting of three days of prayer for the return of fallen away Catholics to the practice of the faith. We have two wonderful guest priests as well as some seminarians coming to join us for this special event. Please invite your family and friends. I have spoken to three local Roman pastors of large parishes in the area and they will be advertising for this mission as well so hopefully we will have some guests joining us. Together let us pray for the revitalization of our parishes!

As I continue to acclimate to life at St. George's and St. Mary's, I continue to be impressed by the commitment and dedication of our parishioners. In particular, I'd like to thank Dan Tisak for his commitment and dedication to St. Mary's in Ambridge over the years. After many years serving as the parish's cantor, he has stepped aside from this position. Dan's long history and love for our Church continues to be an asset to our parish and may God grant him many years! Seminarian Mark Leroy as well as parishioner Jordan Sonnett who is home from Louisiana are filling in as cantors this month. Mark's wife, Rebecca, will be St. Mary's full-time cantor starting August 1st. As you see Mark and Rebecca around our parishes this next month, please be sure to give them a warm welcome.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

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*Information in
today's bulletin!*

First Reconciliation: Sunday, August 18th

Two of our parish's children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will receive Communion for the first time having gone to Confession. Following the Divine Liturgy, we will gather in the Center to honor the Communicants.



Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Today we remember the Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils, those pastor-bishops who met in various gatherings from the fourth to the seventh centuries to combat heresies and formulate canons, or rules, to guide the Church in holy living. We honor these Fathers – indeed, we honor all the saints – because they are friends of Christ, because they show us Christ. The Fathers committed their lives, many of them as martyrs, to teaching clearly and faithfully the word of God. We are called to consider carefully the outcome of their life and to imitate their faith. We are to follow their examples in never neglecting to do good and to share what we have, for such is the way of the fathers, the way of the saints, and such sacrifices are well-pleasing to God.



One of the reasons our churches are filled with icons is to aid us in this task. In worship we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, a tremendous company of those who teach us in word and deed the way of Christ. Many of them were mistreated by the world. Like their Lord Christ, they met their end in dishonor, “dying outside the city,” far removed from fame or fortune. For here they had no lasting city, but rather they sought a city which is to come. As a community of faithful, we are to remember them, we cling to their relics, we venerate their icons, because we know that they’re not simply dead and gone, buried and forgotten. We know that in Christ they live! Dwelling in the fullness of His presence, they are in a certain profound sense more alive than we are in our present struggles.

And so we ask their prayers, that our lives may become more deeply rooted in the life and love of Christ, just as theirs are. We remember them this day and every day. In the words of St. John of Damascus, who wrote in the eighth century: “Let us carefully review the life of these men, and let us emulate their faith, love, hope, zeal, and way of life, and endurance of sufferings and patience even to (the shedding of) blood, in order that we may be sharers with them in their crowns of glory.” Amen.

For the Glory of God the Father

In asking to be glorified, Jesus is asking his Father not to give him glory so much as He is seeking to reveal the honor the Father had already given Him. The Son's willing obedience and his glorious deeds reflect back on the Father. They are then passed onto us as the gift of salvation we receive through faith. The Gospel recounting the High Priestly Prayer is placed on this Sunday because today we also celebrate the memory of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils at which the divinely inspired Church Fathers put down in writing our theological teachings.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds.



Today’s Gospel reading from the holy apostle and evangelist Matthew relates to us the feeding of the five thousand and the miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes. This miracle teaches us several things that are helpful in our journey of faith. We can see how this miracle is also a revelation of the Savior’s divinity, of the power of Christ. The miracle takes place when the day is already far spent, but Christ is not limited by time; He is the Lord of Time. Where does this miracle take place? In a desert place, in the wilderness; therefore, Christ is also the Lord of Space. He blesses and multiplies bread and fish; He is also the Lord of Land and Sea.

We see in this miracle how Christ not only feeds us with material food, but also with spiritual food, for, as it is written in the Holy Scriptures, “man shall not live by bread alone”. Look at the numbers mentioned in this Gospel.

Why five loaves? The number five, as we read in the Psalms and in the prayers of thanksgiving after communion, represents our five senses. These five senses are fed by Christ, the Bread of Life.

What about the two fishes? They represent the two parts of the New Testament, the Gospels and the Epistles, which were written by fishermen, who became fishers of men, for we are spiritually fed by their writings.

Why twelve baskets of fragments? They represent the twelve Apostles who preach to the ends of the universe, the fragments who feed our souls with the words of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

As we meditate upon this Gospel reading, let us open our minds and souls to Christ our True God that we too may be fed and satisfied with the Bread of Life.

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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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