

August 25, 2024
Fourteenth 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 вики!

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 5: pp. 146 - 147

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 25 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

10:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, Picnic following
+ Raymond Ozimok, offered by Ozimok family

THUR., AUG. 29 BEHEADING of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST HOLY DAY, *Strict fast*

4:45-5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY,

For a successful surgery for Carmella and a smooth recovery process

FRI., AUG. 30 PRAYER SERVICE

6:00 P.M. Moleben for those Suffering from Drug or Alcohol Dependence

SUN., SEPT. 1 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

Feast of the Indiction (beginning of the church year)

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY,

+ Nicholas Maruhnich, offered by Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

Note: Fr. Anthony is on vacation Monday to Wednesday afternoon and will not be regularly checking messages. In the event of an emergency please call Mary Queen of All Saints Parish at 724-775-6363.

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:

None for the week

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

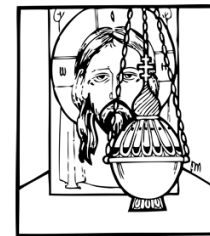
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – August 25: Louisa Hersh – September 1: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – August 25: F. Hersh – September 1: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

August 25 – September 1, 2024

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Thomas, Jack, & George Seech

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Sister, Mary Elizabeth Olack

Born to Eternal Life – In what way, then, was this just man harmed by this demise, this violent death, these chains, this imprisonment? Who are those he did not set back on their feet – provided they had a penitent disposition – because of what he suffered, because of what he still proclaims today – the same message he preached while he was living. Therefore, do not say: “Why was John allowed to die?” For what occurred was not a death but a crown, not an end but the beginning of a greater life. Learn to think and live like a Christian. You not only will remain unharmed by these events, but will reap the greatest benefits. (*St. John Chrysostom*)

Regular Confessions Offered

St. Mary 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Wednesdays and **following** every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. George 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Thursdays and **before** every Sunday Divine Liturgy

Parish Picnic Today



Welcome to all here today joining us for Divine Liturgy and our St. George/St. Mary Parishes picnic! The picnic will follow today’s Divine Liturgy. Picnic festivities include picnic buffet and BBQ, bingo, Sevdah Adult Tamburitzan group, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, money tree raffle, outdoor games, fun and fellowship.



Enjoy Your Day!

Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great at Mt. St. Macrina in Uniontown are hosting their 90th annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help August 31 & September 1. This year’s theme is: “Theotokos, Our Rock, Our Refuge, and Our Strength: Celebrating 90 Years of Grace” As is the tradition, the festivities will include Divine Liturgies, Vespers, Compline, the Blessing of Water at the Lourdes Grotto, opportunities for the Mysteries of Reconciliation and Anointing, and a Parastas, as well as many social opportunities. For more information, visit <https://sistersofstbasil.org/events-2/annual-pilgrimage-honoring-our-lady-of-perpetual-help/>

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St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., AUG. 28 BEHEADING of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST HOLY DAY
4:45 – 5:45 P.M. Confessions
6:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
Anonymous intention

SUN., SEPT. 1 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Lydia Heinen to be a holy religious sister

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist August 29

As forerunner of our Lord’s birth, preaching and death, the blessed John showed in his struggle, goodness worthy of the sight of heaven. In the words of Scripture: “Though in the sight of men he suffered torments, his hope is full of immortality.” We justly commemorate the day of his birth with a joyful celebration, a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering and which he adorned with the crimson splendor of his own blood. We do rightly revere his memory with joyful hearts, for he stamped with the seal of martyrdom the testimony which he delivered on behalf of our Lord...Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer. **By tradition, a strict fast from meat and dairy products is observed on this day. This strict fast is to remind us of the strict life of St. John the Baptist and his martyrdom.**



Holy kinsman of the Lord, prophet, forerunner and Baptist John, pray to God for us!

Are you prepared to meet the Bridegroom?

The Father has made a marriage feast for his Son by joining the Church to him through the mystery of his incarnation. The womb of the Virgin who bore Him was the bridal chamber of this bridegroom, and so the psalmist says: “He has set his tent in the sun, and He is like a bridegroom coming forth from His bridal chamber.” (Psalm 19:5-6) He truly came forth like a bridegroom from his bridal chamber who, as God incarnate, left the inviolate womb of the Virgin to unite the Church to himself. And so he sent his servants to invite his friends to the marriage feast. (St. Gregory the Great)

There is a 2-sided insert in today’s bulletin for upcoming events.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I have greatly enjoyed our various liturgical and social functions as we seek to worship God and continue to foster a welcoming community to the best of our ability.

It has been a very busy first two months at our parishes and I am exhausted. To recharge my batteries, I will be on vacation from Monday to Wednesday afternoon next week. I will not be checking messages frequently. Our Roman neighbors at Mary Queen of All Saints parish have graciously agreed to accept any emergency calls so please call them in the event of a sacramental emergency. I will return in time though for a Wednesday evening Vespertine Liturgy at St. Mary's in commemoration of the Beheading of John the Baptist, a significant feast in our liturgical calendar (and traditionally a day of strict fast). I will celebrate this feast as well at St. George's on Thursday. Next week, we will begin our regular schedule of Tuesday to Friday liturgies with as little disruption as possible.

I am so grateful to all our cantors at both parishes for helping make possible the more full and consistent liturgical schedule that I believe will greatly contribute to the spiritual, social, and economic health of our parishes. At St. Mary's, I would like to welcome 2 additional cantors, Tasney Broussard and Naedia McCann. Tasney is originally from Minneapolis and is the wife of Alex Broussard, one of our Archeparchy seminarians. You will see her most Sunday's at St. Mary's and her first liturgy at St. Mary's will be this Wednesday for the Vespertine Liturgy. Naedia hails from Weirton, WV and comes from a very musically talented family and sang at St. Mary's for the first time for Dormition. You will see her from time to time as well.

We have a couple of exciting events in the near future. On Thursday, September 5th, Fr. Jacob Gruber, a good friend of mine from my time in seminary, will be giving a talk at 7:00pm at St. George on how to pray with Scripture. This will be a very enriching event that will teach us how to help grow in our spiritual lives and our relationship with God. I highly encourage everyone who can to attend.

Please also sign up online or in the back of the Church if you will be able to participate in our procession for the Exultation of the Cross on September 14th.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Procession for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sat. Sept. 14, 8:30 AM

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"Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

"Many are called, few are chosen". At first this may seem to us to be a hard saying. And yet when we look around in this country and many other countries and see half-empty or even totally abandoned Churches, then we can see that this is true, for all are called to come to Church, but few choose to come and worship Christ. Today's Gospel reading of the marriage-feast remains as true today as when it was first spoken.

If we ask those who do not come to Church why, they will give various answers... Some hide behind excuses, which mean only that their faith is not a priority for them: I'm too busy. I'm too tired. I'm seeing someone. I don't like the other people. I'm buying a new car. Others at least have the merit of being honest: I have lost my faith! But whatever the reason given, ultimately there is only one reason why people do not come to Church - because they are ignorant of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Comforter, and the Spirit of Truth.

Every Sunday we are invited to a banquet, the banquet of the Kingdom of God, the Eucharistic meal, in which we are united in a sacramental way to the risen Christ, for our personal sanctification and the building of the Church. That is why we start our Liturgy by saying: "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". And at the Great Entrance with the gifts, the priest says: "May the Lord God remember in his Kingdom..." And prior to receiving Holy Communion we pray: "Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom!"

We can find many excuses not to come to this banquet. But if we really love the Bride, the Church, and if we really love one another, all these excuses become nonsense. When the priest invites the people to the Communion, he says: "Approach with fear of God and with faith!" We come to the Eucharistic banquet full of reverence, faith, and love. So that, after the Holy Communion, we can sing with joy and thankfulness: "May our mouths be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we may sing of your glory, for you made us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal, pure and life-creating Mysteries. Preserve us in your holiness that we may meditate on your righteousness all day long. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!"



ST. GEORGE THURSDAY SPEAKER SERIES
PRESENTS:

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES LIKE THE SAINTS

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER
5TH

7PM
FOLLOWING
6PM LITURGY

ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE
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ABOUT THE TALK

Down through history, the Bible has been appreciated both as a magnificent literary feat and as the repository of the Divine Word. Although it can be easy to simply read through the Scriptures like any other text, the greatest Saints of the Church have been uniformly convicted: the Scriptures are meant to be prayed. After all, if it is the Word of God addressed to us, then it is meant to be only the beginning of the most important dialogue of our lives. Through an exploration of the ancient practice of lectio divina, Fr. Gruber will be speaking about how we can approach the Scriptures in a radically new way, which can change our spiritual lives forever.



GUEST SPEAKER
FR. JACOB GRUBER

Fr. Jacob Gruber is a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, ordained on June 24, 2023. He is the twelfth of fifteen children, and one of three priests from among his siblings. For seminary, he studied at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA and the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is nearing the completion of his Licentiate (STL) degree in Biblical Studies from the Catholic University of America, and he treasures any opportunity he can get to speak on the goodness of the Word of God.

PROCESSION
FOR THE FEAST OF THE

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 14th

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with a special procession **with a Relic of the True Cross** from St. George Byzantine Catholic Church to St. Titus Roman Catholic Church.

Register online for free:



using either parish website, or by calling the
Mary, Queen of Saints parish office:
724-775-6363, ext. 101

8:30AM	DIVINE LITURGY <i>ST. GEORGE</i>
9:30AM	PROCESSION BEGINS <i>ST. GEORGE - ST. TITUS</i>
10:30AM	MASS <i>ST. TITUS</i>
11:30AM	REFRESHMENTS <i>ST. TITUS' TITAN HALL</i>

Transportation available back from
St. Titus to St. George after the procession.



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Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, Louisa Hersh, David Klacik, Dan Pinchot

Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh – Church Office: Judy Dzumba

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Thursdays 4:45-5:45 P.M. & before Sunday Liturgy

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



Many are called but few are chosen.