

January 20, 2019
Thirty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! ~ Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 130 -132, Tone 2

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JAN. 20 **THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ Anna George, offered by Mary & Dwight Dickey

SUN., JAN. 27 **THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ Anna George, offered by Michael and Theresa Chapes

Wisdom from the Church Fathers

BROTHER: What is purity of soul?

OLD MAN: Remoteness from anger and from the error of the remembrance of evil things, and being weaned from the bitter nature, and reconciliation with our enemies, and peace which is beyond troubling, and simplicity of love which is above this world; with these things is the inner man cleansed, and he puts on Christ and is redeemed.

E. A. Wallis Budge, "The Paradise of the Holy Fathers"

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

January 22: Keith Marko, January 23: Judy Dzumba,
January 25: Mary Elizabeth Olack, Megan Sirko, January 26: Elanie Ferrand

Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

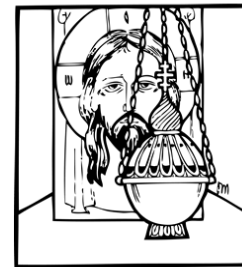
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malacknich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

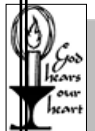
West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

Beaver Meadows (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

Epistle Readers – Jan. 20: Bob Bartz – Jan. 27: Joanne Futato
Ushers – Jan. 20: M. Bobanic/F. Hersh – Jan. 27: T. Liller/R. Mudron
Troica Holders – Jan. 20: M. Mudron- Jan. 27: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
January 20 - 26, 2019
Burns before the real presence of our Lord
Health and God's Blessings for:
Elanie, Zoe, & Grandma
Offered By:
Family



“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor 9:7)

Upcoming:

Pirohi Sale: February 8

Great Fast Begins: March 3

Lenten Soup Sale

The ECF will have a soup sale just in time for your strict fast needs. The ECF students will sell delicious homemade vegetable soup on **Forgiveness Sunday, March 3** following Divine Liturgy. Our strict fast begins the next day, March 4. The soup will be \$8.00 per quart.



Holy Land Pilgrimage - Walk Where Jesus Walked!

With our former pastor Fr. Elias O'Brien, O. Carm - April 1 - 10, 2019

Make your way through the Holy Land to experience Him, follow in His footsteps, and see Him in the works He performed - your footsteps will become His. Celebrate votive Masses in the very places where these miraculous gifts became pages in the Gospel. See where He was back then and feel how He is still there today! Information can be found at <http://www.pilgrimages.com/obrien/>

Love God or your possessions? Choose one.

The pain of abandoning is the same whether one abandons much or little. Come and let us see the real meaning of the matter by a trivial example. Suppose two men had to stand naked. The one took off expensive clothes while the other put off only what was cheap and easy to get. Would not the pain of the nakedness be equal in both cases? It can be very difficult for all men to give up love of possession in order to love God.

(St. Cyril of Alexandria).

DID YOU KNOW?

Geese fly in the V-formation because when each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in the V-formation, the whole flock can fly at least 71% further than if each bird flew on its own. Christians who share a common direction and sense of community can also get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust and uplift of one another.



Super Bowl LIII Pool Fundraiser

HOW IT WORKS: "Squares" can be purchased beginning today for \$10 each with prize giveaways based on the scores at the end of the first quarter, half-time, third quarter, and final score. Since this is a Fund Raiser, part of the proceeds will benefit our St. George Church, and part will be distributed among the people with the winning squares. Once all the squares have been selected, numbers will be randomly picked, 0-9, for each team in the Super Bowl; one row of numbers for the AFC team and one for the NFC team. For example: if the score is AFC 17 - NFC 14, then the winning square is the one with an AFC number of 7, and an NFC number of 4. The Super Bowl will be on Sunday, February 3. Grids will be passed out to each participant when completed.



If all 100 squares sell the prize amount will increase. Ask family and friends to participate. Thank you!

If less than 100 sell

Q1\$50
Half\$100
Q3\$50
Final\$225

Unsold squares will be assigned to St. George Church.

If all 100 sell

Q1\$75
Half\$150
Q3\$75
Final\$300

Purchase Super Bowl squares following Sunday Liturgy, in the Center or from Francis Hersh anytime 724-407-8206.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! We invite everyone to join us in our café.



Eastern Christian Formation classes (ECF) following Divine Liturgy, 10:15-11:30. Visiting children are welcome to attend, ages 3 and up.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it." ~ Proverbs 22:6

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Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

If we put this Gospel Lesson in a modern Orthodox context, it is possible to imagine the average Orthodox parishioner coming to confession and telling the priest, “I don’t really know what to confess for I haven’t murdered anyone, I haven’t committed adultery, I haven’t stolen anything or told any big lies.”

To that the priest can reply like Christ: *“Good for you, then all you need to do is sell all you have and give it to the poor and go and follow Christ!”*

How many of us would walk away from such a confession every bit as sorrowful as that certain ruler of the Gospel lesson? For we might think highly of ourselves that we haven’t committed any major sins, and yet we pray constantly in the Church that we might spend the remaining time of our life in repentance.

If however we are so unaware of what sins we might be committing, then we do need to do what Christ offered to that certain ruler: sell all we have and distribute it to the poor and then follow Him. Only once we have freed ourselves from our riches will we be able to follow Him.

Such in the challenge of today’s Gospel. Maybe it really is “easier” for us to examine our consciences a bit more and to repent of our sins (to give our sinful ways away!) than it is for us to give up our wealth (however meager it may be). It is easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for the rich to enter into heaven. Before we go into confession and say we have nothing much to confess, we might want to examine our consciences, or be prepared to be told to sell all we have and then follow Christ.

As a second point, consider Jesus’ words that where your treasurer is there your heart will be as well. Our treasures are not always our “material wealth” or “prosperity.” Sometimes the things we treasure in our hearts are our anger against someone, the unwillingness to forgive, our sexual lust, our greed, our self willfulness. We treasure our time in front of our TVs and computers, pornography, alcohol, drugs, sex. All of these things are our “riches” because we are determined to hold onto them and never give them up.



We can try to get around Jesus’ words by being exactly literal – I too have not committed adultery or stolen or committed murder. But like the rich ruler, I may have stored up these other treasures in my heart. And indeed holding a grudge and keeping your hatred is making that a treasure. So sometimes the things we value and refuse to give up are obviously spiritually harmful too, yet we cling to them, our anger and lust, every bit as much as the ruler clung to his gold – to his detriment and to our own.

Evangelism is Everybody’s Job

Far from being the exclusive ministry of the clergy, evangelization and church growth is the calling of every Byzantine Catholic. Just as the Holy Spirit equipped the apostles to proclaim the risen Christ, the members of the Body of Christ –clergy and laity alike – also are equipped with gifts and functions by which the Gospel might be proclaimed.

The attitude that says, “God does not need me to make the Church grow,” is wrong. We are all called to work with Christ to reach others. All those who hear the gospel are expected to proclaim it. Just as faith, hope and charity are virtues every Christian needs and strives for, so the responsibility for Church growth is that of every Byzantine Catholic.

Growth and evangelism cannot be delegated to a clergy specialist like repairing the roof. Much of the day to day work of evangelization can and should be done by the laity. Laity are more numerous than clergy. Laypersons usually have more contact with unchurched through jobs, schools and civic organizations than clergy.

Even if you are a small parish you should do everything as if you are a large parish.

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office
Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness
Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding
Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine liturgy
Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month
St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

