

May 26, 2019
Sunday of the Man Born Blind, Sixth Sunday of Pascha



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
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Divine Services for the Week:

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| SUN., MAY 26 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 10:15 A.M. | SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND, 6th SUNDAY of PASCHA <i>Holy Rosary</i> Divine Liturgy + Deceased veterans Adult ECF, introduction, and coffee hour |
| WED., MAY 29 6:00 P.M. | ASCENSION of OUR LORD, obligation VESPERS with DIVINE LITURGY |
| SUN., JUNE 2 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. | SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL <i>Holy Rosary</i> Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners |



Touched by Divine Light - St. Ambrose of Milan teaches that the blind man touched by Jesus received more than just his sight. In one instant we see both the power of his divinity and the strength of his holiness. As priest, by an action symbolizing baptism he wrought in him his work of redemption. The only reason for his mixing clay with the saliva and smearing it on the eyes of the blind man was to remind you that he who restored the man to health by anointing his eyes with clay is the very one who fashioned the first man out of clay, and that this clay that is our flesh can receive the light of eternal life through the sacrament of baptism. **You, too, should come to Siloam, that is, to Him who was sent by the Father, as He says in the Gospel: "My teaching is not my own; it comes from Him who sent Me."** Let Christ wash you, and then you will see.

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

May 26: John C. Poiarkoff

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

May 29: John & Janice Gural

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

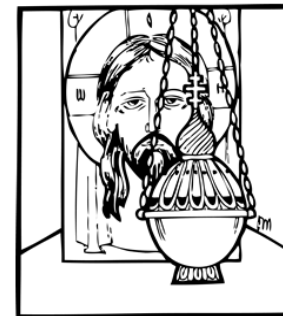
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

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 – May 26: Joanne Futato – June 2: Louisa Hersh
Ushers – May 26: R. Dzumba/F. Hersh June 2: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh
Troica Holders – May 26: F. Hersh – June 2: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 26 – June 1, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Mary Ann Chabala Dobias

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Mary Elizabeth Olack

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

(2 Cor 9:7)

You are a shining light to those in darkness!

Upcoming Free Tamburitzan Concert

The Tamburitans (Formerly Duquesne University Tamburitans) will have a FREE concert on Sunday, June 9 at 7:30 P.M at Hartwood Acres, 200 Hartwood Acres, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. The Tamburitans, now in their 82nd season, are the longest-running multi-cultural dance company in the country. The Tamburitans are dedicated to perpetuating international cultural heritage through entertaining performance – while awarding scholarships to talented and deserving students attending a Pittsburgh-based college. *Parishioner Alex Hersh is one of the performers.*



Walking with Jesus

The health benefits of a brisk walking habit are well known, including:

- weight loss
- stress management
- improved mental health
- lowered blood pressure
- restorative sleep
- cardiovascular health

But what are the spiritual health benefits of walking? Here are a few:

- time for prayer
- marveling in the body God created
- giving thanks for creation
- sharing with a companion walker
- sense of stewardship for God's gift of life



Do you walk for regular exercise? Would you like to walk for regular exercise? Some of us will begin walking here at St. George Church this summer. Our Church has a peaceful setting and a perfect loop for walking. It is ¼ mile which makes it easy to measure how far you walk. **Beginning June 11**, we will meet every **Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to begin walking around 7:15 A.M.** to be finished before the heat of the day sets in. This is for any and all ages and fitness levels and would be at your own pace, a leisurely stroll or challenging hike. You can stay for water, juice, and fruit following the walks. Stepping away—literally—from the demands of our daily routines to walk, reflect and pray reminds us that God created us and wants to come near to us.

Both bodies and souls are important to the Christian

WELCOME - TODAY: Fellowship coffee hour combined with informal adult ECF discussions. This is a great opportunity to grow spiritually together and to be a catalyst for other social and spiritual events.



Welcome Cory Bates - Following the Divine Liturgy **TODAY**, please join us in the Center to welcome our adult ECF facilitator, **Cory Bates, Master of Theology Student at Franciscan University**, as we embark on learning about our Byzantine Catholic faith and grow spiritually. This will be informal discussions of our Eastern Catholic traditions of various topics. If there are any topics you would like to know more about or have questions about, this is the time to find out. Topic suggestions can be submitted to Jo Ann Hersh or Erik Fetkovich anytime, or to Cory Bates at the adult ECF sessions. **As the harvesters of the Lord's vineyard, it is OUR DUTY to be educated and well-informed of our Eastern Catholic faith in order to build up the Kingdom of God and to grow in our own personal relationship with the Most Holy Trinity.** Support your Church, enrich your faith!

New Technology Purchased - A donation from the GCU was used toward the purchase of a flat screen television for our ECF program to enable us to have presentations for our adult ECF classes. This will also be used for other presentations for the parish as needed. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the remaining cost of this technology or towards additional materials for our adult education, please mark an envelope as such and drop in the collection basket or see Jo Ann Hersh. **Plan on participating!**

Father's Day Breakfast June 16 - On Sunday, June 16, our annual Father's Day Breakfast will take place in the Center following the 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy. We will come together as a Church family in honor of all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, spiritual fathers, and all who portray a fatherly role. **Everyone is invited.** This will be sponsored by our Ladies Guild.



St. George Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale, July 12 & 13!!

Our third Annual Flea Market will be on July 12 & 13. Plan on volunteering in any and all capacities from planning, set-up, advertising, or working the sale. Speak to Jo Ann Hersh at jhbyz@comcast.net or call 724-777-5097 for details or to volunteer. **We also will need bakers for the bake sale. Flyers are now available to begin to promote our Flea Market.** *We are now taking donations. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center.*

Prayerful Condolences - We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of St. Mary parishioner Theresa Shuster who passed away this past Saturday, May 18. Theresa came to our combined parish events and was a friend to many of us here. May God grant blessed repose and eternal memory to His servant Theresa. **Vičnaja jej pamjat'.**

The Ascension of Our Lord

On the fortieth day after His Passover, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified with God the Father, Who had sent Him into the world to accomplish the work the Father gave Him to do. In the Ascension resides the meaning and fullness of Christ’s Resurrection.

Having destroyed the power of death, the Lord now leaves us in order to glorify us with Himself, to “prepare a place” for us and to take us into the blessedness of God’s presence in the “heavenly sanctuary ... the Holy Place not made by hands”. He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Him and His gospel in the world, making Him powerfully present in the lives of disciples.



Feast of the Ascension - This Thursday, May 30, is the feast of the Glorious Ascension into Heaven of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. **It is a holy day of precept (obligation) for all Byzantine Catholics.** To commemorate this Feast we will have a Vespersal Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 PM.**

Excerpts from Christ Our Pascha:

Enculturation of the Good News. In this way, the one Gospel of Jesus Christ took flesh in the multitude of cultures of Christian peoples; the one Tradition of the Word of God was expressed in a diversity of traditions. Through its own tradition, every particular church makes its own contribution to the understanding of this one Tradition. (#62)



Growth in Faith: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation. In the first centuries, the catechesis of non-baptized adults in the church took place in three stages: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation. The Catechumenate (from the Greek katekhounenos, meaning one being instructed) began with a presentation of the new candidate to the Christian community. With the agreement of the community, the candidate became a catechumen. The name of this person was announced to the community; and now, the Holy Scriptures would be announced to the catechumen. Such catechumens sometimes remained in the narthex of the church, which served as an outward symbol of the catechumens’ inner spiritual state: they were leaving the world behind, but had not yet fully entered into the Church, the temple of the faithful. Having listened to the Word of God and the homily at the Divine Liturgy, the catechumens were obliged to leave the church after the prayer of the church community for them - the Litany for the Catechumens. (#63)

A Summer Full of Spiritual, Liturgical, and Fun Events...

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 26 **Adult ECF begins!** (info in bulletin)
- May 27 **Memorial Day**
- May 29 .. 6:00 P.M. Vespersal Liturgy, Feast of the Ascension, **Holy Day of obligation**
- May 30 **Feast of the Ascension**
- June 8 **Fifth and final All-Souls Saturday**
- June 9 **Pentecost Sunday**, wear green to Church
- June 11 & 13 **Walking with Jesus, 7:00 A.M.**
- June 16 **Father’s Day Breakfast, following Liturgy**
- June 17-28 **Apostle’s Fast**
- June 18 & 20 **Walking with Jesus, 7:00 A.M.**
- June 23&24 **50th Anniversary of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Liturgy and Assembly, at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall**
- June 29 **Saints Peter & Paul, Holy Day of Obligation**
- July 12 & 13 **Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale** (info in bulletin)
- August (Date T.B.A.) **Church Picnic**

St. Anthony Congregation - The Feast of St. Anthony of Padua will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the 4:00 P.M. mass held at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa. The mass will be celebrated by Fr. Michael D. Ruffalo, former Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Monaca, PA. The St. Anthony Congregation invites everyone to attend this special mass and also extends an invitation for all to attend a reception at the St. Anthony Center in West Aliquippa following the mass. Gino Romano will provide the entertainment for the evening. For more information call 724-601-6645.

Freedom Has a Cost - This is Memorial Day weekend. For some, it has little meaning other than a day off and the running of the Indianapolis 500. Yet, the origin of the day began with remembering the dead in the Civil War - the women of Pennsylvania who decorated Union graves in August of 1864, the women of Virginia who decorated Confederate graves in April of 1865, and the women of Columbus, MS who decorated the graves of both Union and Confederate dead - prompting Horace Greeley’s editorial and the subsequent events which called for national observance of such memorials. This day reminds us of all those who have died in war, hence that freedom has a cost.



God Bless America!

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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, Sept. through May

St. George Ladies’ Guild & Men’s Club..... Everyone welcome to participate



God has entrusted St. George Church to each of us. Each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future! Let’s work together to build up our Church and God’s Kingdom!

