

June 2, 2019
Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christ is Glorified! Exalt Him Forever!
Christos Proslavlenyj! Velicajme Jeho vo v'iki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 196 - 202

Divine Services for the Week:

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
SAT., JUNE 8 9:00 A.M.	FIFTH and FINAL ALL-SOULS SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGY, Hramoty
SUN., JUNE 9 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M.	PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>Holy Rosary</i> Divine Liturgy For the Parishioners



Eternal Life in Christ

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 after Ascension because today we also celebrate the memory of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council held at Nicea in A.D. 325. It was at this Council when the Church affirmed that Christ was of one essence with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

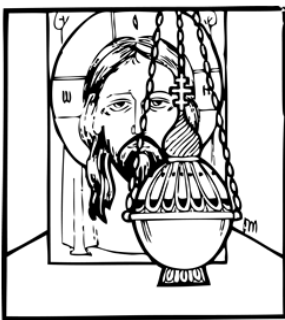
Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:
June 5: John Dzumba

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 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 – June 2: Louisa Hersh – June 9: Reaghan Cody
Ushers – June 2: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh - June 9: F. Hersh/ M. Bobanic
Troica Holders – June 2: M. Bobanic – June 9: R. Dzumba



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
June 2 – June 8, 2019
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Mary Polas
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
Daughter, Betty

“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
(2 Cor 9:7)

Your regular attendance and sacrificial offerings benefit the overall welfare of our Parish

Upcoming Free Tamburitzan Concert - The Tamburitzans (Formerly Duquesne University Tamburitzans) will have a FREE concert on Sunday, June 9 at 7:30 P.M at Hartwood Acres, 200 Hartwood Acres, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. The Tamburitzans, now in their 82nd season, are the longest-running multi-cultural dance company in the country. The Tamburitzans 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.*



Summer 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 by 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.*

St. Anthony Congregation - The Feast of St. Anthony of Padua will be celebrated Today, 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.

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. **Please sign up in the Center so we may plan accordingly.**



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.*

Next Sunday: Wear Green for Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday – the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is also known as the Green Sunday. Why? Green is the color of spring and summer, the color of life, and life is an attribute of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord and giver of Life” who animates us all. In commemoration of Pentecost, please **wear green** to celebrate this day!



Adult Enrichment Continues June 9!!

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. Will you seek to nurture an encounter with God that leads **each of us** into a deepening communion with Him? **Join us over coffee for informal discussions and accompanying video presentations next Sunday, June 9.**

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 stay and join us.



Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea

The Church was strengthened into one faith through the preaching of the Apostles and the doctrines of the Fathers. The Church is robed in truth woven of the word of God from above. It teaches truth, and glorifies the great mystery of faith.

Today we celebrate the memory of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council which is annually celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost, following Ascension Thursday. As we witnessed on the Feast of the Ascension, when Christ ascended, He reiterated His promise of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. The Holy Spirit guided the Church, and this guidance is magnificently made manifest in the history of the Ecumenical Councils, when dogmas were confirmed and heresies were corrected. It was the Holy Spirit who guided the Holy Fathers in the councils and confirmed their pronouncements.

There have been seven Ecumenical Councils, which were convened when there was some heresy that endangered the purity of the true faith. The First Ecumenical council that we celebrate today was held in 325 AD in a small town in Asia Minor called Nicea. According to the historical documents, 318 bishops participated in the council, who are called “holy fathers of Nicea” or just ‘holy 318’. The number 318 has a biblical significance as the bishops are seen like 318 servants of Abraham (Gen 14:14). This First Ecumenical Council produced four important documents: 1. Confession of Faith (Symbol), which Arius and two of his supporters declined to undersign and were thereby excommunicated and exiled to Illiricum. 2. The council decided upon the date of Pascha-Easter and controversies on this issue were settled. 3. Twenty Canons to the question of ecclesiastical discipline. 4. A Synodal letter, which was sent to all sister Churches to explain the proceedings of the council and thereby a call to obey the decisions of the council.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the Holy Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.



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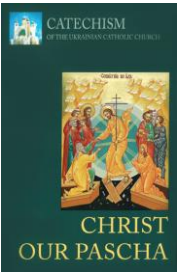
A Summer Full of Spiritual, Liturgical, and Fun Events...

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 8 Fifth and final All-Souls Saturday, 9:00 A.M. Liturgy
- June 9 Pentecost Sunday, wear green to Church
- June 11 & 13 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- June 16 Father’s Day Breakfast, following Liturgy
- June 17-28 Apostle’s Fast
- June 18 & 20 Walking Club, 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

Excerpts from Christ Our Pascha:

Growth in Faith: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation. The Catechumenate initiated the stage during which catechumens familiarized themselves with the Faith and prepared for Baptism. Before the actual Baptism, the status of catechumens was changed to “those being enlightened” [i.e., the stage of illumination]. During pre-baptismal catechesis, they were taught the Symbol of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, the “Our Father.” The pre-baptismal catechesis culminated in the *catechetical instruction* delivered by the bishop himself. (#64)



Baptism immerses a person into the mystery of Christ’s Death and Resurrection. It is the beginning of initiation into the mysteries (in Greek, *mystagogia*). Having become a participant in Death and Resurrection of Christ, the newly baptized person is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Chrismation, and in the Eucharist receives the food of eternal life. (#65)

Summer Reading

We have many books and resources for you borrow this summer from our “upstart” Church Library. These resources are available at the Church Store display in the Center. **More titles and resources are coming soon!**



Dive-in to some spiritual reading during the lazy days of summer

On Spiritual reading: Remember that no one can simultaneously think about two subjects. If you occupy your mind with good thoughts (reading spiritual books or studying some worthwhile subject), the bad ones will not be able to linger in your mind.

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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!

