

June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday, The Descent of the Holy Spirit



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki!
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Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 9

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Holy Rosary

Divine Liturgy

For the Parishioners

ADULT ENRICHMENT, *Enrich your faith!*

"Pentecost is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered and a heart of flesh takes its place."

— Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap.

The Lord's Day is the original feast day... a day of joy and freedom from work

SUN., JUNE 16

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY of ALL SAINTS, Father's Day

Holy Rosary

Divine Liturgy

+ For our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Spiritual Fathers



The Breath of Life

Theodore of Mopsuestia (A.D. 350-428) teaches that after Jesus breathed on them he mentioned the Spirit. Why? So that his disciples would believe that the body was made imperishable through the resurrection because of the power of the Spirit. He said to them, you must truly believe in what has been said to you and must have no doubts about the resurrection. You must not reject the honor of the apostolate because you are scared of being sent as messengers of a new doctrine into the world. You will indeed receive the effect of the Spirit, which, at the right time, will confer on you resurrection and immortality...

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

June 13 - Dwight Dickey, June 14 - Michael Bobanic

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

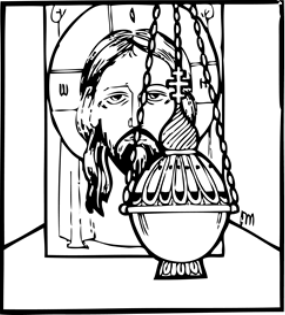
West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

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

Epistle Readers – June 9: Reaghan Cody – June 16: Prudy Peya

Ushers – June 9: F. Hersh/ M. Bobanic – June 16: F. Hersh/

Troica Holders – June 9: R. Dzumba – June 16: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

June 9 - 15, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Olga Duker Markin

(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)

On the Spirit in the Church: *What the soul is to the body of man, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ - the Church. As the soul animates the body, so does the Holy Spirit animate the Church.*

- Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo

Upcoming Free Tamburitzan Concert TONIGHT

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

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

Other days or times can be added for those interested

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.*

WELCOME - 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 Divine Liturgy, **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. We invite everyone to stay and join us.**



...Through the Spirit you will receive - in this life - an amazing, supernatural strength to perform unheard-of-miracles by a mere word. You will be able to face any afflictions that may befall you because of those who oppose your preaching. And even though there were many other things to be accomplished in them through the Spirit, without mentioning them he mentioned the most important argument of all. Here, he says, is what will clearly demonstrate to you the strength of the Spirit. Indeed, as soon as you receive it you will be able to absolve the sins of whomever you want, as well as to pronounce a sentence of condemnation against anyone. If you, a man, after receiving the gift of the Spirit, will be able to do all these things that are of God – indeed, only he has the power to judge – I leave you to consider what the effectiveness of the Spirit is. Once you have received it you must no longer doubt.

(Adapted from Theodore' of Mopsuesita's commentary on John)

Father's Day Breakfast NEXT SUNDAY Sign-up by TODAY

Next 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.*

DE-CAFÉ Today!!

“Decaffeinate” from the world. In other words, get rid of, or “set aside all Earthly cares” for a bit and enrich your faith. **Join us over coffee for Dynamic Eastern Christian Formation & Enrichment and accompanying video presentations today.** Remember; **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?



We will get out of church, our faith, and relationships, what we put into them

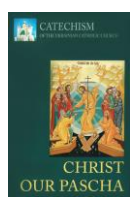
Pentecost-Descent of the Holy Spirit

In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God’s gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ’s death and resurrection, our “exodus” from the slavery to sin to the freedom of God’s Regime. In the New Testament as well, the pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the “new law,” the law of the Spirit.

Once again it must be noted that the feast of Pentecost is not simply the celebration of an event which took place centuries ago. It is the celebration of what must happen and does happen to us in the Church today. In baptism we all have died and risen with the Messiah-King. In the sacrament of Chrismation we have received “the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit”. Pentecost has happened to us.

The whole point about Pentecost was that the disciples, up till then hiding away in an upper room, were blown out on to the street by the rushing mighty wind to speak the truth of God in Christ in public... The world of the first Christian centuries was full of competing and clashing cultures, religions and tongues, and the followers of Jesus discovered that the tongues of fire which rested on the apostles enabled them to address these different cultures with a fresh judging and healing word of truth. May it be so again in our day.



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha: Growth in Faith: Catechumenate, Illumination, Sacramental Initiation. In our tradition, Christian sacramental initiation is expressed also in spatial terms. Baptism begins in the narthex or baptistery, Chrismation takes place in the nave or temple of the faithful, and Holy Communion at the threshold of the sanctuary. The newly baptized are clothed in bright garments which in the early church were worn throughout all of Bright Week. These garments signify the joy of life in Christ and the expectation of the fullness of one's encounter with God at the second coming of Christ. (#66)

Pentecost Week

As we commemorate the birthday of the Church on this Great Feast of Pentecost, the entire week is free from fast and abstinence for the faithful.



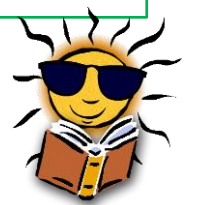
Let Your Good Spirit guide me in ways that are level and smooth. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

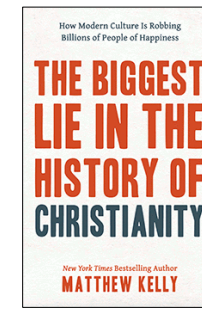
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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: 9:00 A.M. Liturgy
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 9 & 11 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- July 12 & 13 Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale (info in bulletin)
- July 16 & 18 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August (Date T.B.A.) Church Picnic

Summer Reading - We have many books and resources for you to borrow this summer from our “upstart” Church Library. These resources are available at the Church Store display in the Center. **MORE TITLES AND RESOURCES HAVE ARRIVED!**



Dive-in to some spiritual reading during the lazy days of summer
On Spiritual reading: “When you immerse your mind and heart in spiritual books, you will always be filled, for spiritual reading gives you a foundation in God”
(St. John Chrysostom Third Homily on Lazarus)



Just Arrived!: We all want to be happy and live life to the fullest, but the answer isn’t found in the world’s definition of happiness. Modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. The lies that affect you the most, however, are the ones you tell yourself. These lies steal your joy, sap your energy, and cause you to lose hope. They prevent you from discovering the kind of vibrant faith the first Christians experienced. But as Matthew Kelly shows, we’ve arrived at a crucial moment in history. People are disillusioned with what the world offers. The world is in desperate need of change, and no one is in a better position to effect that change than Christians. We have an incredible opportunity to dispel the lies and cut through the confusion and false promises around us. This book provides the practical tools necessary to help you regain your fervor and leave your mark on the world—and experience more happiness than you thought possible. Together we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time.

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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!

