

June 16, 2019
Sunday of All Saints



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 16 **SUNDAY of ALL SAINTS, Father's Day**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **Divine Liturgy**
+ For our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Spiritual Fathers

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

SUN., JUNE 23 **SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **Divine Liturgy**
+ Theresa Shuster, offered by a friend



Confession with the lips leads to salvation - The Son does not here speak soothing words but instead speaks of the consequences of denial. Note carefully: It is not by some power within yourself that you make your confession but by the help of grace from above. But if you deny me, the Son, he is saying, then I will deny you in the presence of the Father. Someone may then object: "How then am I to be blamed if God, forsaking me, denies me?" The answer is, your being forsaken is the fault of you yourself, the forsaken person, not of God.

"But why," you object, "should I need to confess faith with my mouth if I confess faith in my mind?" No. We must confess with our mouths in order that we may be steadily trained to speak boldly. It is only through this more abundant love and determination that we will be raised on high...

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

June 16: Gretchen David, June 22: Dante Gural, June 23: Dakota Gural

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

June 16: Jason & Christy George

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

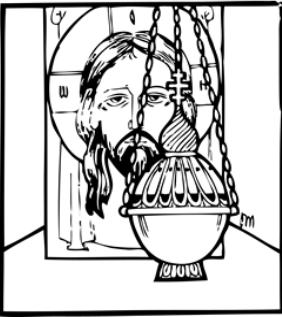
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

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 16: Prudy Peya – June 23: Reaghan Cody
Ushers – June 16: F. Hersh/ E. Maruhnich - June 23: R. Dzumba/R. Mudron
Troica Holders – June 16: R. Mudron – June 23: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
June 16 - 22, 2019
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Michael Popovich
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
Family

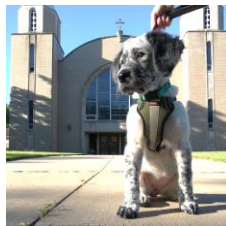
"Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Cor 9:7)

Let us make our parishes places where everyone who attends Liturgy can also make friends, find mentors, and feel known, loved, and supported.

Summer Walking Club Tuesdays and Thursdays



Walkers will meet again this week Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to walk the ¼ mile loop and trails on our Church grounds (*Weather permitting*). Water, juice, and fruit will be available 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. **Bring your dog, bring the kids! Both bodies and souls are important to the Christian.**



Charter member

As we read in today's letter from Saint Paul: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith. Amen.



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. **CHECK OUT THE MANY TITLES AND RESOURCES!**

On Spiritual reading: “In order for our spiritual reading to “echo in our soul” we have to be diligent and prayerful, for understanding comes from the Holy Spirit”

(Archimandrite Amilianos)



New! Quick Reads: Since its first publication over four decades ago, Acceptance has shown the way to serenity and peace of mind for millions upon millions of readers. In its own simple and modest way - with not too many words, and not too few - Acceptance makes a difference.

Partnership is filled with simple, direct advice for anyone with feelings of inadequacy and discouragement. This pocket-sized pamphlet points the way to happiness and fulfillment through dependence on God.

These two pocket sized pamphlets can be borrowed and returned but if you wish to keep one, please donate \$1.00 per pamphlet.

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.



... In this way Jesus addresses himself to each one of us personally. He is not here addressing only his original disciples but also every one of us who follows after his disciples in accord with their witness to him. One who learns this lesson will teach it in boldness to others, prepared to suffer all things easily and with a ready mind. That is why so many have come to have faith in the witness of the apostles and the saints to this Word. (*St. John Chrysostom, Adapted from the Homily on Matthew.*)

FYI - Father Michael is in the confessional in the front of the Church to hear Confessions every Sunday. Simply arrive early before Liturgy. Regular Confession is a vital part of our Byzantine Catholic life. “*As the man whom the priest baptizes is enlightened by the Holy Spirit, so does he who in penance confesses his sins, receives through the ministry of the priest, forgiveness of sins in virtue of the grace of Christ.*”

Father's Day Breakfast TODAY YEE HA! - Following today's Divine Liturgy will be our annual Father's Day Breakfast in the Center. Let us 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!** God Bless our Fathers!



Happy Father's Day!

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Apostles Fast - On Monday, June 17th, we begin in our Liturgical calendar the Apostles Fast, during which the Holy Church prepares the faithful with prayer and fasting for the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul whose memory we celebrate on June 29th. This fast concludes on Friday, June 28th. According to the Pastoral Handbook of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, simple fast or abstinence (from meat) is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays during this fasting period. Even though this fasting period in honor of the Apostles has been forgotten in our Holy Church, let us do our best in observing our spiritual patrimony.



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.

The Sunday of All Saints

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by our Holy Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown.

In every generation God raises up Saints in the Church in order to encourage the fainthearted, invigorate the slothful, educate the ignorant, and to prove that no matter what life a person once led, and what sort of sins one participated in the past, through repentance holiness is attainable. The Church is full of Saints who were people that were once thieves, murderers and harlots, people who were once self-serving and dishonest, full of passions, such as greed, envy and lust. It is not without purpose that the lowliest and often despised of society became the greatest soldiers in God's army. This is to show that with God there is no favoritism.

Both rich and poor have become saints. Both men and women have become saints and perhaps nearly every ethnic group in the world can boast of at least one person in their culture who has become a saint. One does not need to have a certain amount of money, or to be of a particular ethnic group, or to be connected with a certain individual in order to pursue and attain holiness. What is required and what the Saints exemplified is an undying love for and devotion to God and to the following of His Holy Commandments.

The Saints also teach us that in order to be truly identified as a Christian, we must be willing to let go of the world because we cannot be attached to the things of this life and at the same time pursue a life in Christ. This is clearly stated in 1 John 2:15-16 where we read, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world."

Our Lord is calling us to Himself, to live as He lived when He was on earth. So in essence He calls us to be holy, and yet at the same time He says, and I will help you attain this state, but, you must want this too. You must believe that it is possible through Me.

The People of God have different gifts, roles and responsibilities, yet all are under one head, Christ Jesus – sisters and brothers in Him.



So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.

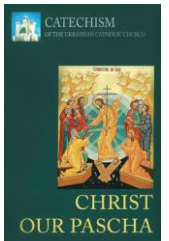
A Summer Full of Spiritual, Liturgical, and Fun Events...

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	50 th Anniversary of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Liturgy and Assembly, at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall
June 24	Birth of John the Baptist Holy Day
June 29	Saints Peter & Paul, <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> : 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.
July 20	St. Elijah Holy Day
August 4 (Time to be announced)	Church Picnic & Open House

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha:

Environment in which Faith is Transmitted. The primary context in which faith is transmitted is the family. Parents form their children in the faith by example of their lives and the words of their prayer. Teaching the Gospel and witnessing to it, parents become the first catechist for their children. As they raise children in a Christian manner, parents create in their family a special atmosphere, one of common prayer before icons in the observance of Sunday and feast days. (#67)



Adult Enrichment to Return

Our Adult Formation and Enrichment will return soon. Watch for dates announced in future bulletins.



Some people ask "How can we make the parish grow?" Sometimes, they mean in terms of money, other times in terms of attendance. The answer for both is the same: **EDUCATION**. Don't think that people are only hungry for doughnuts and coffee on Sundays. They want to feed on the "heavenly bread," the Word of God. The better the education (that means **ADULTS FIRST!**), the better the quality of your parish life. The better the quality, the more people you will attract, and the more encouraged they will be to support the Church. Don't you know that quality brings quantity? Focus on learning, and it will take away dissent and gossip.

Bishop Joseph, Antiochian Archdiocese

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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!

