

July 14, 2019
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pg. 341- 342 & pp. 141 - 142, Tone 4

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 14 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M	SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS <i>Holy Rosary</i> DIVINE LITURGY For the Parishioners
SAT. JULY 20 9:00 A.M.	ST. ELIJAH HOLY DAY DIVINE LITURGY, <i>Blessing of Cars</i>
SUN., JULY 21 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Holy Rosary</i> DIVINE LITURGY For the Parishioners

Advance notice:
Sunday, Aug. 4
Liturgy will be at
11:00 A.M. for
our Church Picnic



Welcome Father Geoffrey Mackey

We welcome our new pastor Father Geoffrey Mackey. Many of us met Fr. Geoffrey when he was ordained to the diaconate here at our St. George Church on July 1, 2018. Fr. Geoffrey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York College at Potsdam; the Master of Sacred Theology from the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge; and the Master of Arts in Theology from SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh where he is also a faculty member. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 2019. May God grant many happy and blessed years to Fr. Geoffrey, his wife Erin, his son Gabriel, and his daughters Alexandra and Josephine!
Mno Haja Lita!

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

July 14: Margaret Dzugan, July 16: Daniel Kapaldo, Dawn Roush, Jeanne Sirko,
July 18: Shawn Cody, Cheryl Szedney, July 19: Donald Yasick

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

July 16: David & Suzanne Klacik

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

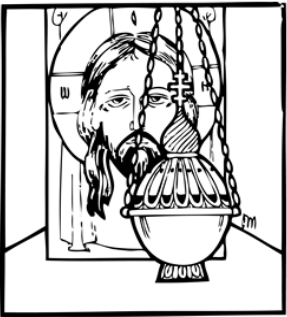
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

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 – July 14: Louisa Hersh – July 21: Reagan Cody
Ushers – July 14: J. Yurosky, R. Mudron – July 21: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh
Troica Holders – July 14: F. Hersh – July 21: J. Yurosky



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
July 14 - 20, 2019
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Veronica Maruhnich
(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:
Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

God bless your generosity!

“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

54th Annual Assumption Pilgrimage

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Assumption Pilgrimage will take place **August 13 – 15, 2019** at 2759 North Lipkey Road, North Jackson, Ohio 44451.

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon is a Maronite Catholic Church under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon in St. Louis, Missouri. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the Roman, Byzantine, and Maronite Rites. The Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Archbishop Metropolitan William on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 P.M., followed by a procession to the tomb and the Prayers for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin. There are children's activities, a food hall, and gift shop. More information is available at www.ourladyoflebanonshrine.com.



What is a Pilgrimage?

- A Pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place undertaken as an act of religious devotion.
- A pilgrimage symbolizes life's journey, the leaving aside of daily activities for a deeper experience of mystery, the path of conversion towards the full manifestation of the Lord.

What is the Purpose of a Pilgrimage?

- To give a special honor and veneration to a saint
- To make a request for a cure
- To perform an act of penance
- To express thanks or fulfill a promise

What can I gain from a Pilgrimage?

- From making a Pilgrimage, you can gain an increase in faith and a greater trust in God

Upcoming Pilgrimage For Byzantine Catholics: 85th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Labor Day weekend. More info to follow.

Walking Club - 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*). **Bring your dog, bring the kids! Both bodies and souls are important to the Christian.**

Elegant Junk Sale - The annual Elegant Junk Sale at St. James Church in Sewickley will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Household items, toys, art work, linens, jewelry, frames, holiday decorations, collectables, designer purses and vintage items are just some of the treasures available in the school cafeteria. Furniture, bikes, tools, and small working appliances are on sale in the parking lot garages. The Flea Market is located at 200 Walnut St, adjacent to Rt. 65/Ohio River Blvd, near the Sewickley Bridge. Early Bird shopping begins at 7:30 A.M. for a \$5.00 donation.

St. George Flea Market Still Open!

The Flea Market and Bake sale is open today for our parishioners.

Be sure to look around!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in any way for our Flea Market and to those who patronized and helped spread the word. The set-up was a big job and your help and efforts are greatly appreciated!

Vacation Bible School This Week –Vacation Bible School will be held this week, **Thursday and Friday, July 18 & 19** at 10:00 A.M. Great things come in small packages! All ages are welcome to come and to bring their friends!

Parents: Stay for a cup of coffee, and spend time reading from our Library and join us for lunch!

Parishioners: Come and read from our Library and join us for lunch!

WE ARE EXPECTING YOU!

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

Save the Date: St. George's annual picnic will be for **both parishes** on **Sunday, August 4**. We will also have an Open House on this day, which simply means inviting others; friends, family, coworkers. So mark your calendars, **take a flyer**, and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and social media friends, etc. Let us make the picnic and Open House as successful as our Feast day celebration by working together and inviting others! **We will be having the very popular basket raffle and will again take donations of items to make the baskets or already made gift baskets. Simply bring your donations in the coming weeks.**



Blessing of Cars and Bicycles Saturday

St. Elijah ascended into heaven as the Second Book of Kings describes it: "...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Because of this ascension of Elijah into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles. Now each year, we bless our cars on the feast of St. Elijah (July 20). **There will be a Divine Liturgy on Saturday, July 20, at 9:00 A.M.** Following the Divine Liturgy will be the blessing of cars and bicycles. *Plan on being here for this special blessing.*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday we hear of Our Lord Jesus Christ's encounter with the two demon possessed men in the countryside of the Gergesenes. We do not know why these men are possessed by demons. We only know the results of the possession. We see their anger with God and their fellow man in the words of the Gospel, saying, "Coming out from the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way" (Matthew 8:28).

Saint Nikolaj Velimirovič observes that "Men work unrighteousness against God and so they are angry with God."

All too often, people will sin against God or their fellow man and blame God for the consequences of their actions. All sin is rooted in the inappropriate use of our self-will. When we sin, we either place ourselves above God or above our fellow man. In doing so, we are out of harmony with God and creation. In the worst cases of a sinful life, the person becomes so out of harmony with God and creation no one wants to be near that person; or, to use the words of the Gospel, they become "exceedingly fierce."

Continuing with the commentary on this Gospel, Saint Nikolaj Velimirovič points out, that that the demons never mention the men when they say, "If you cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine," (Matthew 8:31) because the men are dead to the demons. The venerable bishop of Ziča goes on to say, "They did not want to leave the man; they would have infinitely rather have stayed in him then go into the swine.... While the demons can make men like swine, and far worse than swine, what can they make of swine? They will, through the swine, go on doing man harm; if in no other way then by drowning the swine and provoking men's fury against God."

The result of casting out of these demons is that the town's people see the two men in their right minds healed and their swine destroyed. They cannot see the miracle that just happened. All they can see is the destruction of the swine. They do not see how much God valued these men or any man. On this Sunday, let us be reminded of the fact know that we are under attack by the demons that wish to drag you down with them into the abyss of hell, which they created for themselves; know that you can create this same hell for yourself; and know that God is there to save you from the abyss of hell because you are the crown of His creation, created in His image and likeness.

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



Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

July 14	Flea Market Open
July 16 & 18	Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
July 18 & 19	Vacation Bible School (info in bulletin)
July 20	St. Elijah Holy Day, <i>Blessing of Cars</i> , 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
July 25	99 th Annual Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood, (Russkij Den')
July 30 & August 1	Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
August 1 – 15	Dormition Fast
August 4	Church Picnic & Open House, 11:00 A.M. Liturgy (info in bulletin)
August 6	Transfiguration, <i>Solemn Holy Day</i> , <i>Blessing of Fruit</i>
August 6 & 8	Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
August 13 & 15	Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
August 15 ...	Dormition of the Theotokos, <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> , <i>Blessing of Flowers</i>
August 20 & 22	Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha - *The Created Nature of Humankind*: Having created us in his own image, God calls us to holiness: "May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless" (1Thes 5:23). St. Gregory of Nyssa thus states the St. Paul uses "the word 'body' for the nutritive part; denoting the sensitive [part] by the word 'soul,' and the intellectual by the word 'spirit.'" (#130) For the sanctification of humankind, God gave one commandment. We read: "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat" (Gn 2:17). The fulfillment of this one commandment in Paradise would have permitted humankind to eat of the "tree of life;" it would have allowed them "to receive immortality as reward from [God];" and it would have transfigured them "into one Spirit with the Lord," into "a spiritual being , who has surrendered the body to the authority of the spirit." (#131)

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.*

Church Family News...

Do you have any news you would like published in our bulletin? We now have a Church family news corner. Please send articles and/or pictures to: stgbyz@gmail.com

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Louisa Hersh

E.C.F. coordinator: Jo Ann Hersh
Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff

- 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

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We have many things planned to help US grow as a parish.

BE A PART OF IT ALL!

