

July 28, 2019
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki!
Propers for this Sunday: pg. 152 - 153, Tone 6

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 28

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Rosary

DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

SUN., AUG. 4

10:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Rosary

DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

12:15 P.M.

PICNIC

Please remember
the Liturgy time
change for next
Sunday, Aug. 4:
11:00 A.M.

“Yes, Lord!” – The two blind men could not see Christ but were told about him. The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, they offer them sight. (*St. Hilary*)

Dormition Fast

The Dormition Fast begins August 1 and lasts until August 14. The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is therefore observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season, a time when Eastern Christians traditionally celebrate the Mystery of Holy Confession. In some parishes, the Paraklis to the Theotokos is sung frequently during this Fast. This is a voluntary fast.

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

July 29: Wilma Dobo, Aug. 3: Elesia Hagan-Day

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

July 29: Andrea & Eric Popovich

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

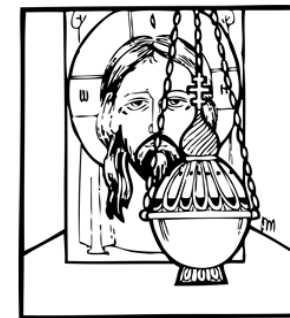
West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

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

Epistle Readers – July 28: Prudy Peya – Aug. 4: Joanne Futato

Ushers – July 28: J. Yurosky/R. Dzumba – Aug. 4: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh

Troica Holders – July 28: M. Bobanic – Aug. 4: R. Dzumba



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 28 – August 3, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Elesia Charlie

(Health and God's Blessings)

Offered By:

Grandparents,
Dottie & Chuck Hagan



“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.

Because God is omnipresent, God is in every neighborhood. Because God is creator, every neighborhood has His image bearers. Because mankind is sinful, every neighborhood has sin.
(costlymercy.com)



PARISH PICNIC & OPEN HOUSE

Saint George's Parish family invites you to see our beautiful Church, experience the beauty and majesty of Byzantine worship, share in our rich tradition, and enjoy good food!

Prayer, fellowship, fun!

Sunday, August 4

Divine Liturgy: 11:00 A.M.
Picnic: After Liturgy (12:15 P.M.)

Divine Liturgy, Picnic Buffet and BBQ, Basket Raffle, Bingo, Hay Rides, Children's Games, Icon Path

The day will end with our traditional Bon Fire!

On the Grounds of **St. George Byzantine Catholic Church** Sign-up today!

1001 Clinton Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org

Parish Picnic, NEXT SUNDAY!!

St. George's annual picnic for **both parishes** is next **Sunday, August 4**. We are also having an **Open House**. Our community neighbors have been invited as well as family and friends. This is an opportunity to reach out and welcome others and become more known in the community. Use this week to reach out to your contacts and invite them! **We have flyers** to help with this endeavor, please take some and give to your friends and family. Let us make the picnic and Open House as successful as our Feast day celebration by working together and inviting others! **Make a covered dish and join us for this fun day!**



We will be having the very popular basket raffle at the Parish Picnic. We are now taking donations of already made baskets. Simply bring your donations to the picnic or drop them off during the week. *Thank you!*

We are having our traditional bonfire to end our picnic. THIS IS FOR EVERYONE to wind down, and sit with each other, socialize, and reflect on our great day. PLEASE bring your folding lawn chairs or blankets and gather for the bonfire. Our ground keepers have worked very hard on preparing for the bon fire **so be sure to stay till the end!**



St. George Flea Market Still Open! Stop by!

The Flea Market will gradually be taken down over the coming weeks. Until then, the Flea Market is open for business! You may purchase from the Flea Market after Divine Liturgy and during the Church Picnic!





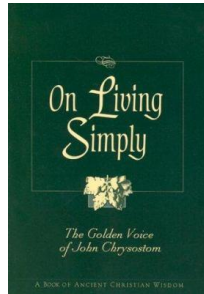
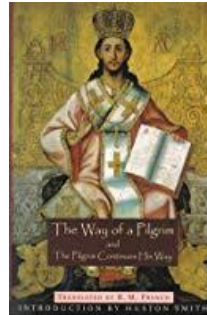
Have you checked out our Library?

“Don’t neglect your spiritual reading. Reading has made many saints.”

(Saint Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*)

Some New Titles:

The Way of the Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continues His Way This enduring work of Russian spirituality has charmed countless people with its tale of a nineteenth-century peasant's quest for the secret of prayer. Readers follow this anonymous pilgrim as he treks over the Steppes in search of the answer to the one compelling question: How does one pray constantly? Through his journeys, and under the tutelage of a spiritual father, he becomes gradually more open to the promptings of God, and sees joy and plenty wherever he goes. Ultimately, he discovers the different meanings and methods of prayer as he travels to his ultimate destination, Jerusalem.



On Living Simply : The Golden Voice of Saint John Chrysostom. This meditational book contains more than 90 excerpts from the sermons of Saint John Chrysostom, a major spiritual thinker of the early Church. Robert Van de Weyer has selected thematic passages from the written record of these sermons in order to inspire, challenge, remind, and reassure a new generation of readers. John Chrysostom was a spell-binding preacher and the leader of the Church of Constantinople during the fourth century. He chastised the rich for failing to share their wealth with the less fortunate, and he described generosity to another as gift-giving but as a required repayment of a debt. He viewed the goal of marriage as companionship on the journey to heaven. This book brings these and other views across the centuries in a message whose modernity, bluntness, and vigor is undimmed by time. *Page 12 gives a timeless message.*

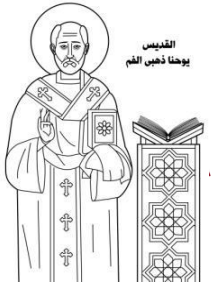
The Library, under the mantle of our ECF program, will soon move to its own space. Watch for it and utilize it!

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. Our parish Eastern Christian Formation program seeks to nurture an encounter with God that leads **each of us** into a deepening communion with Him. Our parish Eastern Christian Formation program seeks to nurture an encounter with God that leads **each of us** into a deepening communion with Him.

Donations kindly accepted to grow our Library

From St. John Chrysostom...

Do not be ashamed to enter again into the Church. Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance. However, sin has the shame and repentance possesses the courage.



25th RUSYN FOOD FESTIVAL AUG 2-3

A western PA tradition, the Rusyn Food Festival features delicious Slavic homemade foods. The event is sponsored by St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Ambridge and is held in the air conditioned Parish Center at 722 Fifth St. in Ambridge. Popular Carpatho-Rusyn foods will be available such as pirohy stuffed with potato/cheese or sauerkraut, dumpling or noodle halushky, kolbasy and kraut, holubky (stuffed cabbage), borscht (beet soup), chicken soup, potato/bean soup, Rusyn summer salads and other foods. Also featured this year is the parish’s award-winning potato/kobasy pirohy. Baked goods will include traditional Rusyn favorites like nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls, the church’s famous palachinky (fruit and cheese-filled crepes), paska breads, and Rusyn torte along with other tasty specialties.

Schedule is as follows:

Aug. 2: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. - frozen foods and take out items available only.

Aug. 3: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. take out and eat in.

The public is invited and admission is free!

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.**



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

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.*



Reclaiming Sunday...

As Catholics, we need to embrace what we hear and whom we actually receive at Divine Liturgy each week so we can apply it to our everyday lives. We have to reclaim the Lord's Day and understand why God instructs us to take it so seriously. What does our faith really mean to us if we are merely checking off a box, then going back to work or school without any noticeable change or impact? Catholics need to put their faith into strong practice, with a new understanding of Sunday leading the way. We should think twice before spending our Sundays swallowed up in the culture of busyness at the mall, on our phones, in front of the TV, or putting sports before Church, and uncover the true meaning of the Lord's Day. Our Sundays will never be the same!

Sunday is a fitting day to grow in the faith. Catechesis for young people and adults is not out of place on this day. It is also a day to witness to our faith. We should look for opportunities to share our faith with others this day. We do this in our words of kindness, by sharing our faith with others and through works of charity, especially to the less fortunate.

(Teresa Tomeo, OSV)

Families are charged to (1) *reclaim Sunday* by attending Divine Liturgy, and by spending time together; (2) *place Scripture at the center* of family life; (3) *share family meals* without distractions; (4) *pray together* as a family; (5) *demonstrate reconciliation* through mutual forgiveness; (6) *model Christ's love* by welcoming and helping neighbors; and (7) *have parents be the primary witnesses of faith* to their children.

(Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron)

Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops, like bishops, and your religious act like religious.

--Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, 1972

August 1: Procession of the Cross

It became a tradition to carry the wood of the Venerable Cross through the streets of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city starting in the beginning of August. This was done because illnesses were more common in August at that time. On the eve of the Feast, it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the great Church of Hagia Sophia. From this Feast until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the relic of the Cross, through the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate.



Upcoming Pilgrimages

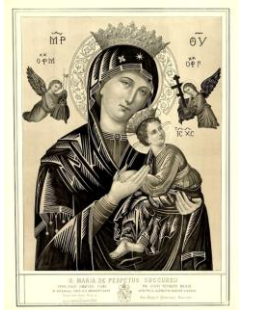
54th Annual Assumption Pilgrimage

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.



85th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Aug. 31 & Sept. 1

This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 85th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. Location: 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401



Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch

The Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, Ohio 44021, will host the annual Pilgrimage **August 17 & 18**. Bishop Milan Lach of the Eparchy of Parma will share in the Pilgrimage with the faithful. Activities include, Divine Liturgy, Great Vespers, Matins, Moleben, Teen and family talk around the campfire, teen activity children's activity, Rosary to end abortion, and guest speakers. Confession will be available at all times. Refreshments and meals are available in the cafeteria. The Eastern Treasures Gift Shop will be open. Families may camp on the shrine grounds, Thursday through Saturday night. Information is available at www.shrineofmariapoch.com.



What can I gain from a Pilgrimage?

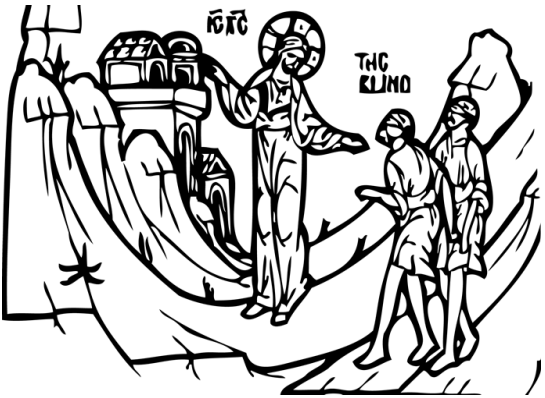
From making a Pilgrimage, you can gain an increase in faith and a greater trust in God

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.”

Again and again we hear in the Gospel the story of men or women who were healed of their illnesses, and it seems so simple in the Gospel: there is a need, and God meets it. Why is it then — we ask ourselves — that it does not happen to each of us? Each of us is in need of physical healing and of the healing of our soul. And yet, only a few are healed — why? What we miss in the reading of the Gospel is that Christ did not heal people indiscriminately. One person in a crowd was healed; many, who were also sick in body or soul, were not. That comes from the fact that, in order to receive the grace of God, so that it acts in us unto the healing of soul or body, or both, we must be open to God — not to the healing, but to God.



Illness is something which we so often wish to banish from our experience, not only because it hampers our life, not only because it is accompanied by pain, but also — I suspect even more — because it reminds us of our frailty, it speaks to us of our mortality.

What can we do then? We must ask ourselves attentive questions, and when we come to God asking Him to heal us, we must first prepare ourselves to be healed. To be healed means not just to be made whole with a view to going back to the kind of life which we had before, it means being made whole in order to start a new life, as though we had become aware that we had died in the healing act of God, aware that all that was the old man in us, this body of corruption of which St. Paul speaks, must go in order for the new man to live.

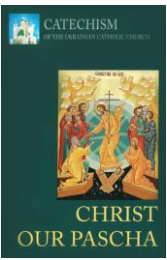
Are we capable of receiving healing? Are we willing to take upon ourselves the responsibility of being made new in order to enter, again and again, into the world in which we live, with a message of newness — to be light, to be salt, to be joy, to be hope and faith and love, to be surrendered to God.

Let us reflect on it, because we all are sick in one way or another; we all are frail, all are weak, all are incapable of living to the full, even the life which is offered us on earth. Let us reflect on it, and become capable of opening ourselves to God in such a way that He may work His miracle of healing, make us new — but in order for us to bring our newness, indeed God’s newness, into the world in which we live. Amen.

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

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- July 30 & August 1 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August 1 – 14 Dormition Fast
- August 4 Church Picnic & Open House, 11:00 A.M. Liturgy (info in bulletin)
- August 6 Transfiguration, Solemn Holy Day, Blessing of Fruit
- August 6 & 8 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August 13 & 15 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August 15 ... Dormition of the Theotokos, Holy Day of Obligation, Blessing of Flowers
- August 20 & 22 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- September 15 Catechetical Sunday



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha - “Man and Woman He Created Them”

The image of the Most Holy Trinity in human community is the natural unity of human community that exists within the communion of the love between Adam and Eve. Complementing one another physically, psychologically and spiritually, Adam and Eve are different, but at the same time, equal persons. (#133)

In the wonderful image of Eve’s creation from the “rib of Adam” (see Gn 2:21), Holy Scripture describes the equality and the difference between the man and the woman, who form the first community. Adam professes Eve to be his own: “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman” (Gn 2:23). Adam embraces Eve as a person, his equal and simultaneously his companion for life (see Gn 2:24). (#134)

How should we pray in our own words?

Prayer in our own words should be simple and direct. There is no need for eloquence or verbosity. In fact, at times there is no need for words at all. God knows what is in our minds and hearts even before we have a chance to verbalize our thoughts and feelings. It is enough simply to say, “Lord, have mercy” or “Thank You, Lord”. Or to say the Jesus Prayer, “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me” or in the plural form, “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us”. Whatever our pray is, it should be spiritual not intellectual, it should come from the heart, wherein resides the Holy Spirit who cries unto God, “Abba, Father!”

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever!

SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



1001 Clinton Street- Aliquippa, PA 15001

PASTOR: FATHER GEOFFREY MACKEY

OFFICE PHONE: 724-375-2742

FAX: 724-375-8776

ST. GEORGE CENTER: 724-375-6652



PARISH WEBSITE: www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org

Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, David Klacik,
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

Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future!
BE A PART OF IT ALL!

