August 4, 2019 Eighth 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. 156 - 158, Tone 7

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 4 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 A.M. Holy Rosary

11:00 A.M DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

12:15 P.M. PICNIC

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

MON., AUG. 5 TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD HOLY DAY

6:30 P.M. VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY, Blessing of fruit

FRI., AUG. 9 For the Dormition Fast 6:30 P.M. PARAKLIS SERVICE *

SUN., AUG. 11 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 A.M. Holy Rosary

8:30 A.M DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

Welcome to our Church and Parish Picnic

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors, friends and parishioners. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and join us for our picnic. We pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. The picnic will follow today's Divine Liturgy. We look forward to a day filled with fun and fellowship!



Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

August 4: Kathy Kapaldo, August 10: Theresa Chapes

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

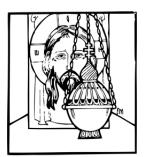
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

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 – Aug. 4: Louisa Hersh – Aug. 11: Andrea Vargo Ushers – Aug. 4: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh – Aug. 11: R. Dzumba/J. Yurosky Troica Holders – Aug. 4: R. Dzumba – Aug. 11: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

August 4 - 10, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:



The Parishioners (Health and God's Blessings)

Parish Offerings for July 21, 2019 Will be in next week's bulletin

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

Slava Isusu Christu! ~ Slava Na V'iki!

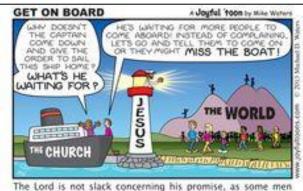
Walking Club

Walkers will meet again this week Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to walk the ½ mile loop and trails on our Church grounds (Weather permitting). Bring your dog, bring the kids! Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Church Family News...

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





count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing

that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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Enjoy Your Day!



Picnic festivities include picnic buffet and BBQ, hay rides, bingo, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, money tree raffle, children's games, ice cream sundaes, flea market, fun and fellowship. The day will be topped off with a bonfire (See below).

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 lawn chairs and blankets (if you brought some) or pull up your car and tailgate and come down and gather for the bonfire. We will also have seating set up for you. Our ground keepers have worked very hard on preparing for the bon fire **so be sure to stay till the end!**





Flea Market Open!

Stop by and shop at the Flea Market today during the picnic!

Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Day, August 6

To celebrate this Major Feast Day we will have a Vesperal Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Fruit on Monday, **August 5** at **6:30 P.M**. There will be a table in front of the iconostas to place your fruit to be blessed.



Saint Mary Church will have Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, **August 6** at **6:30 P.M.** and blessing of fruit.

* Paraklesis for the Dormition Fast

Need a quiet time for prayer? On Friday evening, **August 9th at 6:30 P.M.**, come for the celebration of the **Paraklesis**, as we offer our prayerful supplications to our Holy Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary. The **Paraklesis**, or **Office of Supplication to the Theotokos.** is probably the most ancient service of supplication. This service is particularly connected with the Dormition Fast (August 1-14), but can be celebrated at any time during the year. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season, a time when Eastern Christians traditionally celebrate the Mystery of Holy Confession. **Father Geoff will be hearing confessions before and after the Paraklesis service.** Come and be part of this prayerful event.

Faith cannot do the works of unbelief, nor unbelief the works of faith.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

	Opcoming Calendar of Events
August 1 – 14	
August 5 6:30 P.M. V	espersl Divine Liturgy, Feast of Transfiguration, Blessing of Fruit
August 6 & 8	
August 13 & 15	
August 15	6:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy, Dormition of the Theotokos,
	Holy Day of Obligation, Blessing of Flowers
August 20 & 22	
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	Otpust, Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
September 2	Labor Day
September 8	
September 15	



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.

Donations kindly accepted to grow our Library

Did you know?

Our Church website is updated weekly. It has the current Liturgy schedule, activities, and any information that is pertinent. Bulletins are also available on the website for your convenience. If you forgot the time of an event or if there is a weekday service, it will be on the website. You can also direct others to our website who wish to know more about our Church. If you haven't yet or haven't in a while visited our website, check it out at stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org.

CATECHISM

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OUR PASCHA

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha – "The Freedom and Responsibility of Humankind" The Lord called humankind to holiness in freedom and responsibility: "If you choose, you can keep the commandments; and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice" (Sir 15:15). God settled humanity in Paradise. He gave them freedom and the commandment to actualize it, symbolized in the prohibition to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil:

"You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat" (Gn 2:16-17). Saint Gregory the Theologian interprets this commandment in the following way:

(God) gave him a Law as material for his free will to act upon. This Law was a commandment as to what plants he might partake of, and which one he might not touch. This latter was the tree of knowledge; not, however, because it was evil from the beginning when planted; nor was it forbidden because God grudged it to humankind...But it would have been good if partaken of at the proper time; for the tree was, according to my theory, Contemplation, which it is only safe for those who have reached maturity of habit to enter upon; but which is not good for those who are still somewhat simple and greedy. (#135)

Why is Repentance Difficult Today? - Repentance is a difficult thing. It requires that we "bear a little shame." Our failures and mistakes, indeed, our intentional misdeeds are lost in a world of success and affirmation. We have nurtured a culture that believes the acknowledgment of failure is harmful, damaging to the psyche.

- Fr. Stephen Freeman

Confession will be available this Friday, August 9, before and after the Paraklesis service which begins at 6:30 P.M.

Sin is that which prevents us from believing. Not logic. For this reason, if you tell an unbeliever to live for six months according to the ethics of the Gospel, and he does it, he will become a believer without even realizing it.

- Fr. Epiphanius Theodoropoulos

Come, let us ascend the mountain of the Lord, and go into the house of our God. Let us contemplate the glory of His Transfiguration, the glory of the only begotten Son of God the Father. From His light, let us receive light; and raised up by the Holy Spirit, let us sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity forever.

- Litija verse for the Feast

Reclaiming Sunday...

First and foremost, Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Jesus to new life. It is the day that definitively marked Jesus' victory over sin and death, and it is the day that represents that in Jesus we too share in this same victory through our baptism. Therefore, Sunday is not an ordinary day, not just another day of the week. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter Sunday! It is right then to say that Sunday is truly the Lord's Day.

The first way we keep Sunday holy is through our worship of the Triune God. This is done most perfectly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Divine Liturgy, where we offer back to the Father the very life of the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. For this reason, the disciples of Jesus made it a hallmark to gather as a community of believers on this day. The Code of Canons of the Oriental Churches states that "The Christian faithful are bound by the obligation to participate on Sundays and feast days in the Divine Liturgy, or according to the prescriptions or legitimate customs of their own Church" (Canon 881). This obligation to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy is the most essential way we individually and collectively worship the Lord who gave himself for us.

Personal prayer, reciting the Jesus Prayer, time for catechesis and Bible studies, faith sharing groups and the like all are ways families and individuals honor the Lord's Day beyond Sunday Liturgy. We are called to live this whole day in recognition that we are God's people, intimately united to him through the blood of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We also must commit to seeing Sunday as a day when families can be together...

September 15, 2019 is National Back to Church Sunday! Who will you invite? DID YOU KNOW?

- That 82% of the unchurched would be interested in coming to church if invited by a friend and yet in the last year only 2% of church members have invited someone?



The Holy Spirit reminds us" not to reject the traditions of our elders, which they have learned from their fathers" (Sirach 8:9)

Glory to Jesus Christ! ~ Glory Forever!

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.

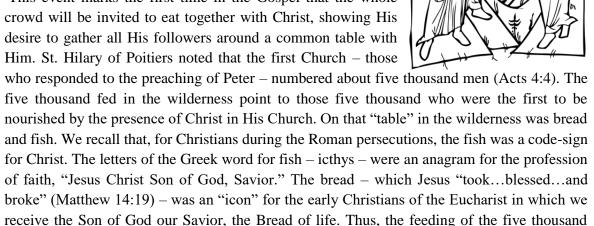
A pilgrimage can be a great way to deepen your faith life and grow closer to Christ

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

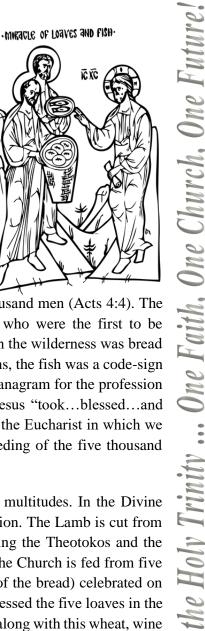
The miraculous feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is reported in each of the four Gospels. In both the earliest and latest Gospels there is an unusual unanimity in the details they relate: more than most other Gospel narratives including the resurrection. This reflects the great importance which the first Christians attached to this narrative. In it, they see the Lord Jesus connected to the great movements of God in the past, the present and the future.

This event marks the first time in the Gospel that the whole crowd will be invited to eat together with Christ, showing His desire to gather all His followers around a common table with Him. St. Hilary of Poitiers noted that the first Church – those

points to the Church and its communal meal, the Eucharist.



Byzantine worship includes several allusions to the feeding of the multitudes. In the Divine Liturgy, it is prescribed that five loaves be used to prepare the oblation. The Lamb is cut from one of them; the others are used to provide the particles representing the Theotokos and the saints, and the living and the dead for whom we pray. Once again, the Church is fed from five loaves. Five loaves are also used in the rite of artoklasia (breaking of the bread) celebrated on major feasts. The priest prays, "O Lord Jesus Christ our God, who blessed the five loaves in the wilderness and thus sustained five thousand men, bless these loaves, along with this wheat, wine and oil, and multiply them in this holy city and for Your whole world, and sanctify the faithful who partake of them..." Traditionally in some Churches, many other loaves would be provided to feed the needy while the people sing, "Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry, but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing." Thus the Messianic banquet and the soup kitchen have something in common: both point to the Lord as the ultimate and unfailing nourisher of all mankind.



Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, August 6

The feast of the Holy Transfiguration is celebrated late in summer, at the time of the first fruits, which remind us of God's great goodness and His infinite bounty. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for His generosity we bring some of these first fruits to the church for blessing. In the land of our ancestors, in



Subcarpathia, the fruits of the season were apples, plums, and pears. These usually were brought to the church and blessed. In the United States grapes are also added.

Blessing of Grapes - Representation of transformation

Grapes are blessed because they show physical transformation and represent a religious transformation.

- The transformation of flowers into fruit
- The transformation of fruit into wine
- The mystical transformation of wine into the Blood of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Divine Liturgy.
- All fruits represent new life. Mature fruits are blessed in thanksgiving for a good harvest. New life and a good harvest are Holy God's gifts to us.

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"Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about

five thousand men, besides women and children." (Excerpt from Sunday's Gospel)

Learn What Jesus Did - And not even here does Jesus hold back on the miracle, but it continues as the loaves become fragments. The broken pieces signify that of those the loaves, some remained unreceived. This was in order that those who were absent might also learn what had been done. For this providential purpose, then, Jesus indeed permitted the crowds to get hungry in order that no one might suppose what took place to be as illusion. For this purpose He also caused just twelve baskets to remain over: that Judas, too, might bear one. He wanted all the disciples to know his power. He fed their hunger. (Commentary from St. John Chrysostom)

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation	Before and after Liturgies
Holy Mysteries of Initiation	Contact the church office
Holy Mystery of Anointing	Ask prior to surgery or serious illness
Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the c	hurch office eight months prior to wedding
Religious Education ClassesSeptember thro	ough May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy
Pirohi Sales	d 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!

