

August 25, 2019
Eleventh 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: pp. 130 - 132, Tone 2

Divine Services Schedule:

SUN., AUG. 25 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ **Sister Theresa Margaret Bealer**, offered by Sister Mary Virginia

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

THUR., AUG. 29 **BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN the BAPTIST HOLY DAY**
6:30 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**

SUN., SEPT. 1 **TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
For the Parishioners

SUN., SEPT. 8 **NO LITURGY AT ST. GEORGE**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Combined Liturgy with the Installation of Our New Pastor

On **Sunday, September 8, 2019**, (the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos), we will celebrate a combined Liturgy for both St. Mary and St. George parishes. Fr. Joseph Raptosh, our area Dean, will be present to officially install Fr. Geoff Mackey as our new Pastor/Administrator. The Liturgy will be at **11:00 AM on Sunday, September 8, 2019** at St. Mary Church, Ambridge. This will be the only Liturgy that weekend. Refreshments will be served immediately following.

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

August 31: Joshua George, 5 years old!

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

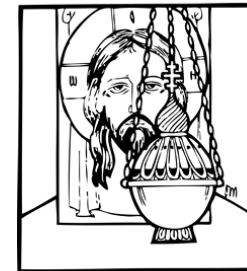
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon, Bonnie Taylor

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. 25: Louisa Hersh – Sept. 1: Reaghan Cody
Ushers – Aug. 25: R. Dzumba/F. Hersh: Sept. 1: R. Dzumba/F. Hersh
Troica Holders - August 25: J. Yurosky – Sept. 1: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

August 25 – 31, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ **George and Mary Peya**
(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:
Granddaughter Prudy

The practice of the Jesus Prayer is simple. Stand before the Lord with the attention in the heart and call to Him, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me!" The essential part of this is not in the words, but in the faith, contrition, and self-surrender to the Lord. With these feelings, one can stand before the Lord even without any words, and it will still be prayer.

- St. Theophan the Recluse

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 29 ... 6:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy, Beheading of St. John the Baptist Holy Day
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 Otpust, Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
September 2 Labor Day
September 8 NO LITURGY AT ST. GEORGE, Nativity of the Mother of God
Installation of our new Pastor, 11:00 A.M. Liturgy at St. Mary
September 13 Pirohi sales return
September 14 9:00 A.M. Liturgy, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Holy Day
September 15 Catechetical Sunday, not just for kids!

HOW TO HELP THE CHURCH?

*If you want to help the Church, it is better to try to **correct yourself**, rather than be looking to correct others. If you manage to correct yourself, one small part of the Church is immediately corrected. Naturally, if everyone did the same, the body of the Church would be in good health. But, today, people concern themselves with anything but themselves. You see, judging others is easy, whereas working on yourself takes effort.*

- St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

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

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 Mice



The Face of God:

An Introduction to Byzantine Faith & Spirituality Live Webinar

With Rev. Deacon Daniel Dozier

Wednesdays, September 11th & 18th

8:00 – 9:30 P.M. Eastern Time



The Eastern Catholic Directors of Religious Education announce **God With Us Online***; new upcoming online educational offerings for all Eastern Catholics. All courses are live webinars offered free of charge. The first of five courses is **The Face of God**.

Course Description:

“Christianity is not an abstract doctrine divorced from reality and from history. Nor is it some momentary, flickering light which shines for a brief while and then is gone. Christianity is a continual celebration of life and love between God and man lived out in concrete history.”

- Archbishop Joseph Raya

Register at: <http://easterncatholic.org/events>. All webinars will open 30 minutes ahead of time for questions and pre-class discussion. Please join us! Flyers are available in the Center.

* GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization. All programs are offered free of charge.

Pirohi Sales return September 13

Pirohi time is back!!! Our pirohi sales return on Friday, September 13 and will continue the second Friday of each month thereafter. Our pirohi project accomplishes two things; it raises money to help support our Church AND **BRINGS US TOGETHER FOR A SENSE OF COMMUNITY**. Won't you join us for this important tradition for our St. George Church? Schedules will be announced soon. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Plan on purchasing your dinners from our pirohi sales on the second Friday of every month. Spread the word and come and help!



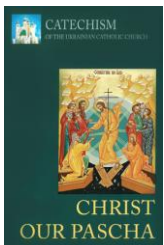
*The Church is the greatest treasure and blessing we have in our lives! It is the **community** that unites us to our Creator, and unites us to one another, in a communion of love! What greater treasure can there be?!?*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

In today’s Gospel reading we hear the parable of a man that is in debt. He is called before the king to settle his account. On this Sunday we are reminded that we have a merciful God that is ready to forgive our trespasses. All we need to do to receive this forgiveness is to humble ourselves and ask for forgiveness. For many of us, this is a difficult thing because our self-pride gets in the way. Our pride gets in the way because we think, driven by our self-will, that we can solve all of our own problems. We don’t need the help of others or God. As result of this pride, we struggle with life.

When we are ready to ask for forgiveness and mercy, God is there for us, ready to receive us and show mercy. The strong message of the Gospel reading reminds us that not only must we be willing to ask for mercy or forgiveness, but we must be willing to practice forgiveness and mercy. The Gospel of Saint Luke further reminds us of this when our Lord says, “Be you therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36). Our Lord even reminds us of this when He teaches us to how pray in the prayer Our Father: “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors” (Matthew 6:12).

When our Lord was asked by the Apostle Peter how often he should forgive sin, our Lord replied, “Until seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:22). When our Lord said this, he did not mean a specific number of times. He was using the biblical understanding of numbers to explain how patient we should be with the sinner or the one that trespassed against us. The number seven in biblical terms means fullness. Thus, seventy times seven means that we are to be willing forgive forever.



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha – “The Freedom and Responsibility of Humankind” A human being is responsible for his or her free choice: “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, for in the day you shall eat of it you shall die” (Gn 2:16-17). This commandment of God does not limit human freedom nor does it interfere in our choice. God gives the commandment as a gift to strengthen us in all that is good. By breaking the commandment, a human being rejects God and by this very means introduces sin into the world and through sin death (see Rom 5:12). By eating of the fruit of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil,” one forfeits access to the “tree of life” and loses ties to God: “Communion with God is life and light...But separation from God is death.” (#138)

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



Taizé Worship

Taizé Prayer comes out of the daily life of the ecumenical monastery of Taizé, France. This contemplative form of worship is characterized by repetitive chants, reflection, silence, petitions, and candlelight. It is able to touch the mind and open one's spirit to the presence of God. Two nearby religious houses offer regular Taizé Prayer opportunities:

The Sisters of St. Joseph (1020 State Street, Baden) will offer Taizé Prayer on **September 4** and **October 2** at **6:00 PM**. (For questions, call 724-888-6809.)

The Community of Celebration (809 Franklin Ave., Aliquippa) will offer Taizé Prayer on **September 1** and **October 6** at **7:30 PM**. (For questions call 724-375-1510.)

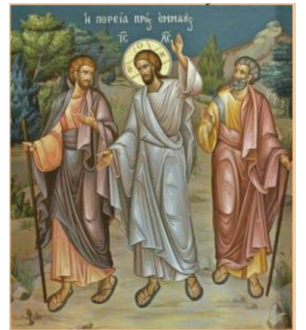
85th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1: 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



Catechetical Sunday, September 15, Journey to Emmaus

“The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.” (GDC #80, Catechesis Tradendae) Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, through the ministry of catechesis we learn the answers to any questions about our existence can be found in the scriptures and in Jesus Christ. *Look for upcoming info and opportunities for ALL parishioners this Catechetical year.*



*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



***May we all discover what a blessing the Church truly is,
and honestly become active in being the Church!***

