

October 13, 2019
Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



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. 125 - 127, Tone 1 and pp. 263 -264

Divine Services Schedule:

SUN., OCT. 13	SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
8:00 A.M.	<i>Holy Rosary</i>
8:30 A.M	DIVINE LITURGY
	+ Wilma Dobo , offered by Dolores Di Giovine
SUN., OCT. 20	NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:00 A.M.	<i>Holy Rosary</i>
8:30 A.M.	DIVINE LITURGY
	+ Wilma Dobo , offered by Pat and Tim Johnston

How deeply is the Lord rooted in you? – This good seed is worthy of admiration. Rich and well-productive land brings forth fruit a hundredfold. They say that the best soils sometimes under cultivation produce a hundredfold, so this is a mark of every fertile and productive spot. One of the holy prophets said from the mouth of God, “And all nations shall congratulate you because you are a desirable land.” (Mal 3:12) When the divine word falls upon a pure mind skillful in cleansing itself from things hurtful, it fixes its root deeply and shoots up like an ear of corn. It brings its fruit to perfection being strong in blade and beautifully flowered.



(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

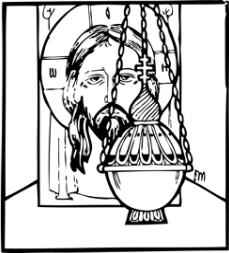
*Invite other to our Church services and to our Church events!
Family, friends, those who have fallen away from the Church.*

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:
October 16: Frank Dalonzo, Julie Trombulak, October 17: Jason George, Dorothy Hagan


Wedding Anniversaries this Week:
October 13: Charles & Dorothy Hagan, October 15: Michael & Theresa Chapes,
October 19: John & Darlene Simunick

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins
HOME – Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Josephine Maruhnich, 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) - Angie Yuhasz
Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center (246 Friendship Cir, Beaver, PA 15009) - Marion Malackanich, Carole Panella

Epistle Readers: Oct. 13: Jo Ann Hersh – Oct. 20: Joanne Futato
Ushers: Oct. 13: R. Dzumba/J. Yurosky – Oct. 20: E. Maruhnich/J. Yurosky
Troica Holders: Oct.13: F. Hersh – Oct. 20: M. Bobanic



THE SANCTUARY LAMP
October 13 - 19, 2019
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ “Sis” Wilma Dobo
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
A friend



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)

"The love of God does not distinguish between the newly-conceived infant still in the mother's womb, the baby, the youth, the grown adult or the elderly because in each of them He sees the sign of His own image and likeness."

(Pope Benedict XVI)

Upcoming Calendar of Events

October 13, 20, & 27 Youth ECF Classes, 10:15-11:30
October 16, 23 Live Webinar “Making Disciples, The Art of Bringing Other to Christ”
November 8 Pirohi Sale
November 8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael Holy Day
November 9 Spirituality Conference (info in bulletin)
November 15 St. Phillip’s Fast Begins, (Advent)
November 15 Annual Christmas Almsgiving Collection Begins

Christmas Altar Candles

Beginning November 3, a sign-up sheet will be available to donate altar candles for Christmas in memory of a deceased loved one or friend or for the health and well-being of a loved one or friend.

Donations Accepted

We are in need of a new riding lawn mower for the Church property. After many years of fixing the existing mower, it has become too much of a problem to continue. If you feel so inclined to make a donation towards this important need, please mark an envelope as such and place in the collection basket. *Thank you!*

St. Anthony Congregation Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited at the “Grotto” of Our Lady of Lourdes located at the St. Anthony Center in West Aliquippa, on Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 P.M., led by Deacon Tony Giordano. Everyone is welcome to join the St. Anthony Congregation in honoring the Blessed Mother. Refreshments and cookies will be served immediately following the Rosary at the St. Anthony Center. For more information call 724-622-8445.

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! If you haven’t in a while, we invite everyone to STAY and join us.*



Thank you to those who worked the Pirohi Sale and preparation last week. We can’t do this project without your help and support. God Bless our pirohi workers and customers! **Next Pirohi Sale: November 8**

Live Webinar Continues
MAKING DISCIPLES
The Art of Bringing Others to Christ
Presented by Rev. Alexander Wroblicky
Wednesdays, October 16, & 23
8:00 – 9:30 P.M. Eastern Time

Have you often felt compelled to share your faith and inspired to participate in the Church's evangelical mission, but then are not sure how to go about that? Church leaders and the faithful often look for the right program with the perfect formula for evangelization. Effective evangelization, however, is more of an art than a science, and the best programs alone won't get us to the finish line.

Join us **THIS WEDNESDAY, October 16th**, for the 2nd of the practical 3-week series as Fr. Alex guides us to understand the process of conversion and demonstrates the art of creating room in our communities for growth into mature and life-giving faith.

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.

BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

“The Journey to Emmaus Continued”

Saturday November 9, 2019

St. John the Baptist Cathedral
Munhall, PA

This year’s guest speaker is the Most Rev. Bishop Nicholas J. Samra, Eparchial Bishop of Newton.

There will also be two breakout Sessions:

- **God With Us Curriculum: A Non-traditional Approach:** With Sr. Marion Dobos, Director of Religious Education for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. She is also the Director of Pastoral Field Education at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary.
- **Strength for the Journey:** Chris Singel, MAT from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary and member of the Board of Directors will present 10 books that can deepen the faith of Byzantine Catholics.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending. **We would like to have a significant sized group from St. George attend the conference.** Will you to step up and do all you can towards Discipleship for the future of our Churches? Information is available in the Center. We will register as a group. Please see JoAnn Hersh to sign-up.

The Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in 787 at Nicaea during the reign of the devout Empress Irene and her son, Constantine, in the time of Patriarch Tarasius. This Council finally confirmed the veneration of icons, justifying it by Holy Scripture, by the witness of the Holy Fathers, and by the undeniable example of miracles manifested through the holy icons.

Adding to examples of miracles previously cited, Bishop Constantine of Cyprus recounted this: One day, a certain shepherd from the town of Constantia drove his flock to pasture, and there saw an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, all decorated with flowers by the faithful. “Why render so much honor to a rock?” said the shepherd, who had obviously been brought up in iconoclasm. He struck the icon with his iron shepherd’s cane, and damaged the right eye of the image of the Mother of God. As soon as he turned away, he stumbled over that same cane and gouged out his own right eye. Thus injured, he returned to the city, crying out tearfully that the punishment of the Theotokos had befallen him. This Council also decreed that the holy relics of a martyr be placed, without fail, in the Antimension.

Three hundred and sixty-seven Fathers participated in this Council. May the Lord also have mercy on us and save us by their prayers!

- From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich

“Always have the fear of God in your heart, and remember that God is always with you, everywhere, whether you are walking or sitting.”

- St. Gennadius of Constantinople

Haven’t Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call. See how they are doing. It is nice to hear from a friend from Church. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.



“If but ten among us lead a holy life, we shall kindle a fire which shall light up the entire city.”

Excerpts from Christ Our Pascha

The Fall of Humankind. The craftiness of the serpent consists in twisting the words of God’s commandment: “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”(*Gn* 3:1, see *Gn* 2:16-17). The insidious question of the serpent draws Eve into a dialogue with him, which gives birth to doubt within her about the truthfulness of God. The evil one takes this doubt within her in order to deceive: “You will not die...you will be like God knowing good and evil” (*Gn* 3: 4-5). The deceit of the Evil One is based on the premise that God is deceiving humankind with his commandment, thereby undercutting their freedom, and that by eating from the tree of good and evil, they will become like God. (#146)

October is Respect Life Month

Reasons to oppose Assisted Suicide

Read the full version at respectlife.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

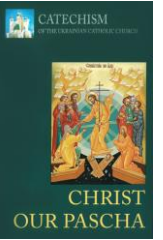
Some polls indicate that the public is receptive to the general concept of assisted suicide. But the same polls show that people’s views shift when they learn about its dangers - especially for those who are poor, elderly, disabled, or without access to good medical care. Consider that, in Oregon and California, some patients health insurance offered to pay for assisted suicide, but not treatment. And in states where assisted suicide is legal, often no psychiatric evaluation or treatment is required. Additionally, assisted suicide fosters discrimination by creating two classes of people: those whose suicides we spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year to prevent and those whose suicides we assist and treat as a positive good.

Assisted suicide fosters discrimination.

CHRIST THE GOOD ARTIST

As the portrait painter keeps an eye upon the subject’s face and draws, and when the subject’s face is towards him, attending to him at his painting, he draws the portrait easily and well, but when he turns his face away, he cannot draw because the face is not gazing at the painter; in like manner Christ, the good artist, for those who believe in Him and gaze continually at Him, straightway portrays after His own image a heavenly man... Yet if a man does not gaze constantly at Him, overlooking everything else, the Lord will not paint His image... We must therefore gaze upon Him, believing and loving Him, throwing away all else, and attending to Him, in order that He may paint His own heavenly image and send it into our souls, and thus, wearing Christ, we may receive eternal life, and even here may have full assurance and be at rest.

- St. Macarios the Great



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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



“We need a revolution of Religious education and formation of our membership to understand their baptismal commitment to be part of the Body of Christ and their role as active evangelizers.”
Bishop Nicholas Samra