

June 7, 2020
Sunday of All Saints



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki!

SUN., JUNE 7 SUNDAY of ALL SAINTS
8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

SUN., JUNE 14 SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 A.M Divine Liturgy

Today: Sunday of All Saints - The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

On The Saints - *The Church is the body of Christ, His bride, the world to come, and the temple of God. The members of His body are all the saints. However, not all of the saints who will please God have yet appeared, nor yet is thus complete, nor the world to come yet filled. I say this about God's Church. There are, though, many unbelievers in the world today who will believe in Christ; many sinners and debauched who will repent and change their lives; many undecided who will be persuaded. There are many, a great many, up to the sound of the last trumpet, who will prove well-pleasing to God and who have not yet been born. All those who are foreknown by God must be born, come into being, before the world beyond our world, the world of the Church, of the first-born, of the heavenly Jerusalem, is filled up. Then shall the end come and the fullness of the body of Christ be complete.* - St. Symeon the New Theologian

Matthew 10:32-33 - "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

Confession with the lips leads to salvation - The Son does not here speak soothing words but instead speaks of the consequences of denial. Note carefully: It is not by some power within yourself that you make your confession but by the help of grace from above. But if you deny me, the Son, he is saying, then I will deny you in the presence of the Father. Someone may then object: "How then am I to be blamed if God, forsaking me, denies me?" The answer is, your being forsaken is the fault of you yourself, the forsaken person, not of God.

"But why," you object, "should I need to confess faith with my mouth if I confess faith in my mind?" No. We must confess with our mouths in order that we may be steadily trained to speak boldly. It is only through this more abundant love and determination that we will be raised on high.

In this way Jesus addresses himself to each one of us personally. He is not here addressing only his original disciples but also every one of us who follows after his disciples in accord with their witness to him. One who learns this lesson will teach it in boldness to others, prepared to suffer all things easily and with a ready mind. That is why so many have come to have faith in the witness of the apostles and the saints to this Word. (*St. John Chrysostom, Adapted from the Homily on Matthew.*)

Apostles Fast - On Monday, June 8, we begin in our Liturgical calendar the Apostles Fast, during which the Holy Church prepares the faithful with prayer and fasting for the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul whose memory we celebrate on June 29th. This fast concludes on Saturday, June 28. According to the Pastoral Handbook of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, simple fast or abstinence (from meat) is observed on Wednesdays and Fridays during this fasting period. Even though this fasting period in honor of the Apostles has been forgotten in our Holy Church, let us do our best in observing our spiritual patrimony.

The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with mitigated abstinence (Wine and Oil) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season, a time when Eastern Christians traditionally celebrate the Mystery of Holy Confession. This period of fasting assists us in preparing for the great Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the prime apostles to our Lord. The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is a holy day of obligation for us. This is a voluntary fast.

Epistle Readers – June 7: Joanne Futato – June 14: Prudy Peya
Ushers – June 7: R. Dzumba/R. Mudron – June 14: F. Hersh/ M. Bobanic
Troica Holders – June 7: J. Yurosky – June 14: R. Dzumba

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week: June 13: Dwight Dickey

Pray for those sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all those who are in need of our prayers:

HOME – Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Josephine Maruhnich, Mary Salamon, John Simunick, 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) – Alice Haber, Margaret Klacik

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

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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 Marriage Contact 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