

June 28, 2020
Fourth 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!

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 28 **FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:30 A.M. **Divine Liturgy**
 + Mary Polas, offered by daughter Betty

4:00 P.M. **VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY**
 FEAST of the HOLY APOSTLES PETER and PAUL, obligation

SUN., JULY 5 **FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:30 A.M. **Typica Service with Communion**

Father Mackey Away

Father Geoff and his family will be taking vacation time, July 1-15. During that time, should you have a pastoral need, please contact Father Deacon Tom Klacik at (724) 650-5843. If priestly ministry is needed, Fr. Deacon Tom will be able to arrange for a priest to assist you. As part of their vacation, Father Geoff and his family will be visiting Father's dad, who recently underwent deep brain stimulation surgery. The family would value your prayers for him during this time.



God Bless America!



Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

July 1: Shirlee Yasick

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

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

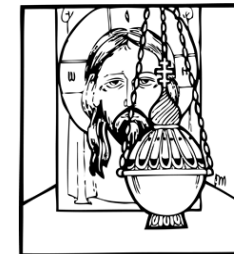
West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Alice Haber

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

Epistle Readers – June 28: Louisa Hersh – July 5: Reaghan Cody

Ushers – June 28: F. Hersh/E. Maruhnich – July 5: TBA

Troica Holders – June 28: M. Bobanic – July 5: TBA



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

June 28 – July 4, 2020

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Mary Popovich

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Daughters, Diane & Mary Ann



Prayer for Independence Day

Our Founding Fathers established this nation with an abiding trust in God our heavenly Father, giving liberty to all its inhabitants. We have become stewards of this cherished heritage. Deem us worthy, O Theotokos, Ever-Virgin, to protect and transmit this treasured inheritance. Lead us to your Son Christ our God, so that He would bestow on us His eternal freedom, granting us His great mercy and leading us into the land of righteousness.



Embrace Faith

There is no coercion with God. He always has a good will towards us. He gives reliable counsel to men and angels (who are also rational beings), to whom He has given the power of choice. Those who yield obedience therefore possess what is good freely and justly. It is given by God but preserved by themselves.... The human spirit is possessed of free will from the beginning, and God is possessed of free will, in whose likeness man was created. Man is advised to hold fast to the good and thereby be responsive to God. This refers not only to works but to faith as well. God preserved the human will free and under self-control, as is shown in Jesus' words to the centurion: *“Go. Be it done for you as you have believed.”* (Irenaeus, *From Against Heresies*)

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

“Let our faces show our joy, which is not based on our changing circumstances but the unchanging presence of the risen Lord among us.”

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Humankind – the Crown of Creation: In the course of six days God creates the world, preparing it for humankind: “It was not to be looked for that the ruler should appear before the subjects of his rule; but when his dominion was prepared, the next step was that the king should be revealed.” Having created humankind, God crowned his creation. “In what does the greatness of humankind consist, according to the doctrine of the Church? Not in his likeness to the created world, but in his being in the image of the nature of the Creator.” (#119)

Eternal Memory

Lifelong parishioner Margaret Klacik fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, June 25. Our church family offers prayerful condolences to our parishioners and her family, daughter JoAnn and son-in-law Francis Hersh, grandchildren Louisa, Alexander, and Nathaniel Hersh; daughter Betsy Mraovich and granddaughter Amanda Zelechowski. There will be a Parastas at Tatalovich Funeral Home on Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. Her Funeral Divine Liturgy will be on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Margaret and remember her forever! *Vičnaja jej pamjat’!*

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How great must have been the faith of the Centurion who came to Christ asking for a healing of his servant, whom he loved, who was faithful to him. He heard Christ say, “I will come and heal him.”, and he could answer, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.”

This is an event of the life of Christ; it is an event that touched not only the Centurion, not only his servant, but every member of the household. He came without Christ, and the servant was healed. Who of us, in dire, agonizing pain is capable of turning to the Lord, present Him his request, ask Him to show mercy and to manifest His power, and when the Lord says to us, in our hearts, ‘I shall come, I shall work this miracle for you’ - who of us would have the courage to say, ‘No, Lord! Your word is enough!’...



And again, who of us, at moments when the Lord came close to us, have the thought of saying such words, realizing because of the holiness of Christ, the holiness of God, how unworthy we are of Him, of His life, His teaching, His example, His death, His descent into hell, to the very rock bottom of evil. And this hell is not only an image; isn't it within us? Isn't there in us a darkness that needs more than enlightenment - the Light of God, God, the light of the world.

On this Sunday the amazing centurion's faith was manifested. So often when we pray, we ask the Lord insistently to come close to us, to make His presence felt, so that we may clearly feel His power. This man acted with great simplicity, saying to Christ, “No don't trouble yourself to come. I am a sinful man and not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed. One word from God - that was what the man asked for, not the joy of contact which we all long. Today, we ask the Lord that He should fulfill our requests and, in addition to that, grant us the miraculous joy of His presence. Amen. As children of Almighty God we stand before many challenges in this world. One of them is choosing the right Master. Which one will it be? Let us choose the ONE that will keep our lives “full of light”, full of happiness and true joy. Let us put the spiritual first, and then all other things will work out around that for our good and spiritual benefit of our loved ones. Amen.

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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



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