

July 12, 2020
Sixth 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., JULY 12** **SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:30 A.M. **Typica Service with Communion**
- SUN., JULY 19** **FATHERS of the FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
- MON., JULY 20** **FEAST of the HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY, *blessing of cars***

Forgiveness is Yours - Jesus' words of healing are worthy of reflection. The paralytic is not told, "Be healed." He is not told, "Rise and walk." But he is told, "Take heart, my son; you sins are forgiven you." The paralytic is a descendant of the original man, Adam. In one man, Christ, all the sins of Adam are forgiven. In this case the man to be healed is brought forward by ministering angels. In this case, too, he is called a son, because he is God's first work. The sins of his soul are forgiven him, and pardon of the first transgression is granted. We do not believe the paralytic committed any sin that resulted in his illness, especially since the Lord said elsewhere that blindness from birth had not been contracted from someone's sin or that of his parents. (*St. Hilary of Poitiers*)

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

July 13: Eleanor Fedell, July 14: Margaret Dzugan, July 16: Dawn Dickey, Daniel Kapaldo,
July 18: Shawn Cody, Cheryl Szedney

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

July 12: Dwight & Mary Dickey, July 16: David & Suzanne Klacik

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

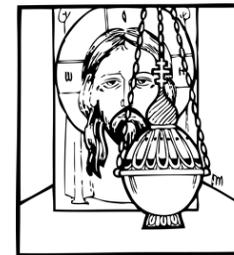
Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

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

Epistle Readers – July 12: JoAnn Hersh – July 19: Louisa Hersh

Ushers – July 12: R. Dzumba/R. Mudron – July 19: F. Hersh/E. Maruhnich

Troica Holders – July 12: F. Hersh – July 19: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 12 - 18, 2020

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Lila Sikora

(Health and God's Blessings)

Offered By:

Judy & Butch Dzumba



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.

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Humankind – the Crown of Creation: The Book of Genesis reveals a profound bond between humankind and God: “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness” (Gen1:26). In his commentary upon these words Saint Irenaeus of Lyons explains: “The image of God is the Son, according to whose image humankind was made; and for this reason He appeared in the last times, to render the image like himself.” It was precisely in the image of Christ, the incarnate Son of God, that humankind was created. Humanity is the “image of the Image” existing “in Christ,” in whom the human being is adopted by God. It can only be understood “through Christ.” (#121)

A brother asked Abba Isidore the priest, "Why are the demons so frightened of you?" The old man said to him, "Because, ever since the day I began practicing asceticism, I have striven to prevent anger from reaching my lips."

The Desert Fathers

Why Repentance is 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

On Forgiveness

A brother who was insulted by another brother came to Abba Sisoës, and said to him: “I was hurt by my brother, and I want to avenge myself”.

Abba Sisoës tried to console him and said: “Don’t do that, my child. Rather leave vengeance to God”. But he said: “I will not quit until I avenge myself”.

Then Abba said: “Let us pray, brother; and standing up, he said: “Our Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive NOT those who trespass against us...”

Hearing these words, the brother fell at the feet of the Abba and said: “I am not going to fight with my brother any more. Forgive me, Abba.”

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At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”

There are two things in this Gospel reading upon which we can meditate. The one is that this man was ill, he was in need; perhaps he was unable either to express his need, or to express the faith that he had in the possibility of healing..., but his friends had faith: faith in Christ, faith in His power to heal, to make whole. And they took this man and brought him to the Lord.

But their faith would not have been sufficient; many were paralyzed, many were sick who did not find friends who would bring them to the healer. It is not only their faith in Christ; it is also their love to their friend that prompted them to act. And again, it is because this man, in the years when he was whole, was able to call out love, friendship, devotion, faithfulness in their hearts that in the hour of need they came to his rescue.

Here are two lessons for us. The one is that we can bring forth the needs of people: physical, spiritual and other needs; we can bring forth their needs to God if we have faith in His healing power, and our faith can open the gates of salvation for those who perhaps have not enough faith, who might not even be able to say, ‘I believe, Lord, help my unbelief’ - those who doubt, those who hesitate, those who are uncertain that we can bring them to the Lord. But this is possible only if the person in need has created in us, called out in us love; a love so personal, so faithful that we prove capable of acting. Or perhaps, if our life in Christ is deep enough that God has seen into our hearts so much of His own compassion, of His own love that we can turn to the unknown, turn to whom we have never heard of, prompted by nothing but by his or her need, and bring him or her to God unto salvation, unto healing.

We must remember both the necessity for us to become capable of love and capable of calling out love around us. And also we must learn to have the daring of faith when we see need around us, and bring it to the Only One who can resolve it...the ONE who can heal. Who can make whole not only bodies, and minds, and souls, but the complex relationship between people. 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



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