

October 25, 2020  
Twenty First 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., OCT. 25**      **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
**8:30 A.M.**      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Msgr. Michael Simodejka, requested by Prudy Peya

**SUN., NOV. 1**      **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST,**  
**8:30 A.M.**      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Joseph Jn Baptiste, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

**Eternal Memory**

Our Church family offers prayerful condolences to parishioner Michael Bobanic on the death of his brother David Bobanic who fell asleep in the Lord on October 1. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant David and remember him forever! *Vičnaja jemu pamjat'*

Our Church family offers prayerful condolences to parishioner Mary Ann Jugan on the death of her daughter Natalie Jugan who fell asleep in the Lord on October 11. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Natalie and remember her forever! *Vičnaja jej pamjat'*

**Are You alive in Christ?**-The Lord compared the priests of the people with him who was clothed in purple. Nothing is more honored than purple clothing. He compared the disciples of the cross with Lazarus. There were none more lowly than Lazarus was. He revealed the names of his beloved ones through Lazarus, his beloved one. He also wished to reveal the name of his enemies through the words, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets." It is not the case that all those living are alive, or that all those buried are dead. (St. Ephrem the Syrian)

**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

October 26: Alexander Hersh, October 28: John Gural, Alice Haber

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

October 30: Shawn & Christine Cody

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

**HOME** – Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Josephine Maruhnich, Mary Salamon, John Simunick, Bonnie Taylor

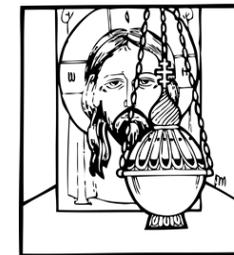
**Hunter's Care Home** (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

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

**Epistle Readers – Oct. 25: Joanne Futato – Nov. 1: Reaghan Cody**

**Ushers– Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – Oct. 25: R. Mudron – Nov. 1: F. Hersh**



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**

October 25 - 31, 2020

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

+ Linda Todd

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Mother, Mary Salamon

*Your regular attendance and sacrificial offerings benefit the overall welfare of our Parish*



**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.*

## ***ECF Reflection: Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost***

In the Gospel today we are reminded (and warned) that the way we live in this life will have everything to do with how we live in the next. While some may use this Gospel to condemn money or riches in general, this is a misuse of the text. The Gospel reminds us that it is not the “good things” that are evil but what we do with what we have that matters. While the “rich man” was blessed to have many good things, he refused to share those blessings with those around him.

In the end it is Lazarus who is remembered by name and whose virtue is proclaimed in the Church today while the “rich man” remains nameless. He who made a name for himself on this earth is forgotten by the very ones he wants to impress while the one who was counted lower than the dogs of this earth is elevated today by public proclamation in every Church throughout the world.

### **PRACTICAL QUESTIONS:**

1. What was so evil about the rich man’s life that he was sent to hell?
2. What was so virtuous about Lazarus’ life that he gained eternal life?
3. If eternal life is the life of God, what kind of life must we live if we want to live forever?
4. How does the life of Lazarus conform to God’s life?

### **PASSAGE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:**

**Tobit 4:7:** “Do not turn your face away from any poor man, and the face of God will not be turned away from you.”



### **October is Respect Life Month**

*Let us Pray: May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health; Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Sanctuary Candles for 2021** - The 2021 weekly sanctuary candle intentions sign-up is available in the Narthex for you to sponsor with your intention in memory of a deceased loved one or for the health and well-being of a friend or loved one.



*Please, remember to turn your clock 1 hour back this Saturday, October 31, before you go to bed. Standard Time Resumes.*

## ***Novena for the U.S. Election***

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has published **Election Novena Prayer Intentions**, beginning **Monday, October 26th**. Each day's intention is followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

### **Day 1 - Monday, October 26**

As we prepare for the national & local elections in the midst of a global pandemic, may our political engagement be guided by our Catholic Faith.

### **Day 2 - Tuesday, October 27**

In this month of the Holy Rosary, may Our Blessed Mother guide us in confronting racial inequalities and restoring peace in our communities.

### **Day 3 - Wednesday, October 28**

May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.

### **Day 4 - Thursday, October 29**

May all people understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decisions and decide accordingly.

### **Day 5 - Friday, October 30**

May voters & elected leaders uphold the dignity of every human life in their political engagement.

### **Day 6 - Saturday, October 31**

May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic Social Teaching as they consider their votes.

### **Day 7 - Sunday, November 1**

May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.

### **Day 8 - Monday, November 2**

May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

### **Day 9 - Tuesday, November 3**

Today, as we approach the polls, may we understand & embrace the principles of our Faith that should guide our political engagement.

### **Closing - Wednesday, November 4**

May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.

## *The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus*

Today's parable of the rich man and Lazarus reminds us that we can run the risk of taking God, and His love and mercy, for granted: we remember that we'll all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account of how we've lived, of what our response has been to God's gracious offer of life and love with Him. Some of the Fathers say that our judgment on that "Last Day" will be based on how we know God now, how we love God now, how we say "Yes" to God now in this life, day to day - or, sadly - how we have said, "No" to God in all of the above. This parable is an example of such judgment through self-examination, and so, it's an opportunity for us of conviction, growth, and change.



This parable is not a story condemning wealth, but rather an illustration of what happens if we allow our soul to become cold-hearted, selfish and vain-glorious toward God, the Church, and our fellow man and become 'poor' or stingy towards Him and those around us— whatever our means. Already, the rich man is withering and dying to God in this life, even as he fills himself with so much sumptuous bounty. To this extent, St. John asks, "Do you see how by the place, by the things that waste there (in the rich man's house), he draws men off from this desire that is here, and rivets them to Heaven... Our Lord reminds us in this regard, saying, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). Ask yourself, are you longing for heaven? Is your treasure in Christ God and His unending Kingdom? If it is not, repent of any coldness of heart.

All of us need to be wary of the 'disease,' of wanting to have our ease, of using others, even God, for our own ends, of being cold-hearted toward God and others. We conquer this disease by keeping our 'vigil lamps' lit, by examining how and for Whom we're living now, how we're loving, serving, and giving. How much have we been willing to be Christ's "light" and "salt" in this world, modeling the Gospel in word and deed. To this end, it can be helpful to periodically do an inventory of our riches—material and spiritual—to evaluate how we're using them, whether for our own temporal use or for the building up of the Kingdom, that is, our life with God, our salvation, and that of those around us.

- Fr. Robert Miclean

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



## *This Saturday, October 31 Parish Bon Fire Night and Tailgate 6:30 P.M.*

Everyone is encouraged to bring tailgating style food for your crew along with chairs and blankets. Come and get warm and toasty by the fire!

**Bring candy for the kids (and adults!) and decorate your trunk, if you like.**

We also set our clocks back this night so we will get an extra hour of sleep for Church the next day!

Cancellations due to weather will be posted on the Church website [www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org](http://www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org)

It is also the Feast Day of the holy priest-martyr Theodore Romzha. Born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911, he came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army's occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. Bishop Theodore Romzha was beatified by St. John Paul II on June 27th, 2001. His relics are enshrined at Holy Cross Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Uzhhorod, Transcarpathian region of Ukraine.



**How fitting to have a vatra\* on this day in memory of one of our Martyred Ruthenian Bishops!**

Rejoice! Shepherd of Mukachevo

Rejoice! Light of Uzhhorod;

Rejoice! Humility among the hills;

Rejoice! Strength amid the trees;

Rejoice! Sweet drink for a thirsty people;

Rejoice! Steadfast beyond all hope;

Rejoice! Bishop Theodore, martyred father,

Who now raise your prayers before the throne of God.

\* *Vatra*: A bonfire in which Rusyns gather around the fire to share food, music and each other's company.

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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  
 St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club ..... Everyone welcome to participate

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*“To become adult Christians, you must learn familiarity with the scriptures”*

- St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop

