

December 6, 2020
Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
St. Nicholas Day



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., DEC. 6** **TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,**
8:30 A.M. **FEAST of our HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS**
 DIVINE LITURGY
 + Hermancia Ermay, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia
- (At St. Mary, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:00 PM, Divine Liturgy for Maternity of St. Anna Holy Day)*
- FRI., DEC. 11** **THEOTOKOS of GUADALUPE, Patroness of the Americas**
6:00 P.M. **VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY**
 + Sr. Theresa Dominic, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia
- SUN., DEC. 13** **SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS**
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 + Joseph Klacik, 19th year after passing, requested by JoAnn & Francis Hersh

How do you glorify God? – The Lord expressed love for the one who was thankful, but He was angry with the ungrateful ones because they did not acknowledge their Deliverer. They thought more highly of their cure from leprosy than of He who had healed them. ... The one who returned to give thanks was given much more than the rest. Besides being healed of his leprosy, he was told by the Lord, “Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.” You see, those who give thanks and those who glorify have the same kind of feelings. They bless their helper for the benefits they have received. This is why Paul urged everyone to “glorify God with your body.” (1 Cor 6:20). *(Saint Athanasius)*

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

December 11: Nicholas Poiarkoff

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

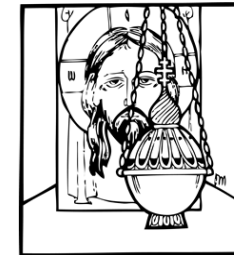
HOME – Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Josephine Maruhnich, Mary Salamon, John Simunick, Bonnie Taylor

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

Epistle Readers - Dec. 6: Reagan Cody – Dec. 13: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers– Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – Dec. 6: R. Mudron – Dec. 13: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

December 6 - 12, 2020

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Natalie Jugan

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Judy & Butch Dzumba


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.

Be generous with your “matching funds” donations to benefit our Church.

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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.

Upcoming Divine Services Schedule

December 8 Maternity of St. Anna Holy Day - Divine Liturgy at **St. Mary** at 6:00 PM
 December 11 Vigil Divine Liturgy for Our Lady of Guadalupe at **St. George** at 6:00 PM
 Christmas Eve Great Compline, caroling, and Divine Liturgy at **St. George** at 7:00 PM
 Christmas Day Divine Liturgy at **St. Mary** at 9:00 AM
 December 26 Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Theotokos at **St. George** at 9:00 AM
 December 27 Protomartyr St. Stephen Holy Day, Sunday Liturgy here as usual 8:30 AM
 December 31 Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision/St. Basil at **St. Mary** at 6:00 PM

“Come, O Jesus, our Savior, redeem and save us!”

MATCHING FUNDS FUNDRAISERS FOR OUR CHURCHES!

ST. GEORGE CHURCH FUNDRAISERS: There is a **CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE** of two beautiful Christmas themed baskets. The baskets are on display in the narthex. The price for tickets **per basket** are \$5.00 for one ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased now through December 20 at the Church or email stgbyz@gmail.com to request tickets. Drawing will be on December 20.

There is also a **CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET** where you can purchase Christmas items located in the church center. Please visit the Market before or after Liturgy and if there is anything you like, simply leave a donation for your purchase or give to JoAnn Hersh. There are ornaments, home décor and many other Christmas items.

We are also selling **NUTROLLS** for Christmas for \$15.00 each. Orders will be ready for pick-up on **Sunday, December 20**. Order sheets are in the narthex. *Order today!*

All of these events are matching funds from the GCU so ANY amount you wish to donate towards these fundraisers will be matched by GCU Lodge 10. Please be generous with your “Christmas gift” donations!

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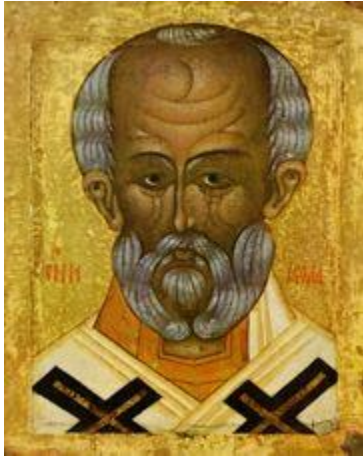
ST. MARY CHURCH FUNDRAISERS: There is a **pirohi sale on Friday, December 11** - call the St. Mary church hall on Wednesday December 9th at 724-266-8642 to place your order.

On **Friday, December 18th** there will be a **Haluski sale** (potato dumplings and cabbage). To place an order contact Kathy Kapaldo at 412-951-8331 before Wednesday, December 16th. Haluski is \$8 per quart and will be available for pickup on Friday, December 18th. **Both of these events will be matching funds with GCU Lodge 10 - the GCU will match however much money is raised.**

Please support our churches

Parish Almsgiving Collection - Prayer and Alms-Giving. Alms-giving, or Charity, is particularly appropriate during the Nativity Fast, as we are entering the colder winter months and our thoughts and prayers turn toward those among us who are most in need. For this reason, and in obedience to our Lord who said, "Whatsoever you do to the least of these, my brothers, you do to me," are collecting non-perishable food items now through December 13. A donation box is in the narthex. *Thank you!*

St. Nicholas Day, December 6



Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra is transformed in our modern secular culture as Santa Claus - the man in the red suit who brings gifts at Christmas to all those who are good. It is interesting - and telling - to consider what the Church remembers him for. Yes, he is said to have punched Arias in the nose for denying the divinity of Jesus. But most of the stories that come to us through history are of him living the Christian life - like providing a dowry to three young women so they could marry and avoid slavery (the three bags of gold he threw through their windows landed in their stockings, and so today we hang our stockings by the chimney with care). All of the stories about Archbishop Nicholas that come to us through history are about his love for people - especially the poor. St. Nicholas was good. So good that his goodness shines through history - and radiates even from the man in the red suit. Such goodness can only be found in one who dwells intimately with Lord - for He is the only good One (Mt 19:17).

O holy father, the fruit of your good works enlightens and delights the hearts of the faithful.

Who cannot wonder at your measureless patience and humility?

At your tender care for the poor?

At your compassion for the afflicted?

O holy Nicholas, You have divinely taught all things well,

Now wearing your unfading crown,

You intercede for our souls.

(From the Vespers of St. Nicholas)

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha: The Mystery of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Offering: At the Divine Liturgy we pray: “Enable us to offer you gifts and spiritual sacrifices ... so that our sacrifice may be acceptable to you.”339 Saint Paul speaks of this sacrifice when he teaches us: “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual [rational] worship” (Rom 12:1; see 1 Pt 2:5). Our sacrifice consists in this total offering. In the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy, we declare this verbally; in Communion we fulfil it by consuming the Gifts; and after the Liturgy we actualize it in our daily lives. (#444)

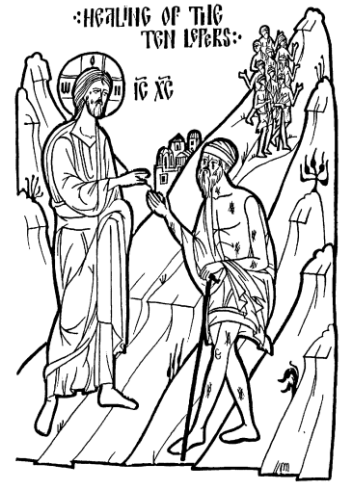


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Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GOSPEL: LUKE 17: 12 - 19

Today, in the Gospel accounts of the healing of the ten lepers, we learn of a most serious sin. Truly, it is a sin which is at the foundation of so many other sins and temptations which we face today. The sin is that of forgetfulness. Today it seems that so many in our world have forgotten God, and we ourselves are tempted to do the same in our daily life. This foundational sin of forgetfulness leads us to frustration and anger, jealousy and covetousness, and so many other sins which spring from our forgetting God. And in place of our remembrance, in the absence of our constant communion with the Lord, our society today has convinced many of the “rights” which every member of society must enjoy. Everything, we are told, is ours by “right.” And when we do not get what we want or what we think is owed to us, we become frustrated, angry, and jealous.



The truth is quite different. All we have, from the air we breathe and the ground we stand upon, to the home we live in and the life we enjoy is a gift from God. And when we remember this, when we live in constant awareness of the gifts of the Lord, then we cease to be jealous, angry and frustrated, and begin to live the life of thanksgiving. This is the new life, the life of thanksgiving, that the Samaritan leper, the only one to return to Jesus after he had been healed, discovered when we were cleansed by the Lord. It is the most important lesson that we can learn if we seek and follow Christ.

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

- 1) The word “Eucharist” means “Thanksgiving.” How does this help us understand what we are supposed to be doing when we are celebrating the Divine Liturgy?
- 2) In what ways can we say thank you to God for the life he has given us?
- 3) How can I become a “Eucharistic” person?

Altar Candles for Christmas

A sign-up sheet is now 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.

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Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff**

- 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



O Christ the Savior, marvelous Fruit of the Holy Spirit, come to us and save us!