

September 4, 2022  
Thirteenth 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 Viki!*  
*Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!*

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 4, pp. 141 - 142

Divine Services for the Week:

**SUN., SEPT. 4**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
**DIVINE LITURGY**

+ **Ann Trombulak**, offered by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Lochran

*(At St. Mary: Wed., Sept. 7, 6:00 PM, Vespers Divine Liturgy for Birth of the Theotokos Holy Day)*

**SUN., SEPT. 11**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the CROSS**  
**DIVINE LITURGY**

+ **Anna Trombulak**, offered by son, John A. Trombulak

**TUES., SEPT. 13**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS HOLY DAY, Anticipated**  
**VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY**

+ **George Seech**, offered by sister, Mary Elizabeth Olack

**Light as a Feather** - It is one thing to be broken but something else again to be crushed. Sizeable pieces of whatever is broken remain, but whatever gets crushed is reduced to dust and utterly eliminated. The stone does not break those who fall upon it, but those who fall on the stone break themselves. Their destruction, therefore, is not attributable to the stone's strength but to the violence with which they fall upon it. How hard do we hit the stone when we fall upon it? That is determined by the weight of our sins. But repentance can make us as light as a feather. Remember Isaiah 53:5 - *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.*

(Adapted from the Incomplete Homily on Matthew)

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

None for the week

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

September 12: Daniel & Kathy Kapaldo

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

Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Mary Salamon

Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

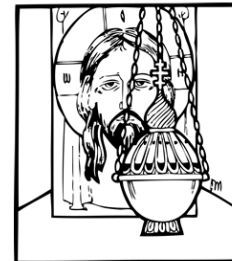
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Wy, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Carol Huchko – **Concordia at Villa St. Joseph** (1040 State St, Baden, PA 15005)

**Epistle Readers – Sept. 4: Dan Pinchot – Sept. 11: JoAnn Hersh**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – Sept. 4: R. Mudron – Sept. 11: F. Hersh**



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

September 4 - 12, 2022

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

**The Parishioners**

✠ | GOD WITH US

**STEWARDS of the MYSTERIES**  
**The Great Calling of Every Christian**

*Most Rev. Nicholas Samra*

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*  
*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*

## ***Happy Labor Day!***

As our nation under God prepares to celebrate Labor Day let us always remember to undertake any task with a prayer:

### **PRAYER BEFORE WORK:**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son of Your eternal Father; You have said with Your holy lips: "Without Me, you can do nothing." My Lord, I embrace Your words with my heart and soul, and bow before Your goodness and say: Help me, Your unworthy servant, to complete this, my present undertaking, in the name of the Father +, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **Pirohi Sales Return October 14**

Our Pirohi Project will return on Friday, October 14. This is a very important tradition for our St. George Church. Plan on purchasing your dinner from our Pirohi Project on October 14 and the second Friday of each month following. We are looking for additional pirohi workers and would be very grateful if new members could join on one or more days. Work days are announced in the bulletin the Sunday before the sale, (*typically Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:00 AM*). We can't do this project without your help and support. Spread the word and come and help! Thank you!



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

### **Ukrainian Food Festival**

**SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 220 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie, PA 15106** will be having their Ukrainian Food Festival on **Sept. 9 & 10, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.** There will be pirohi, holupki, kielbasa, borscht, haluski, outdoor grill, Ukrainian pastries, basket raffle and more! Church tours will be available both days and a Church talk/tour with Fr. John Charest on Saturday, September 10 at 1:00, 3:00, & 5:00 P.M. Eat in or takeout. MC/Visa accepted. [www.orthodoxcarnegie.org](http://www.orthodoxcarnegie.org)

### **Fellowship Coffee and Doughnuts Today Following Liturgy**

Parishioners, visitors, and friends, we are thankful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our Divine Liturgy will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served in our Church Center. ***Please stay and join us!***



### **A Note from Father Geoff**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many of you may know - but some may not - that there is a set of prayers, prayed by the priest (and deacon), before the Divine Liturgy begins, called the **Proskomedie** or **Prothesis**, which means "preparation." In it, the bread and wine are prepared for Communion and this service sets the stage, as it were, for all that is to come.

In this service, we commemorate several classifications of saints and angels: the honorable and heavenly angelic powers; St. John the Baptist and all the prophets; the holy apostles; the great hierarchs (bishops) of the Church; the martyrs; the venerable monastics; the charitable wonder-workers; the ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and the saints commemorated on the particular day of the liturgy.

Then we pray for the Pope, the Metropolitan Archbishop, and all the clergy and people. We remember the person or people for whom the liturgy is being offered, whether deceased or living. And there is an opportunity to remember all the members of the church; all those in need; all sorts and conditions of people.

This is important, because the Divine Liturgy is offered "always and everywhere" for all people. As we sing in the Eucharistic prayer: "And remember all your people."

Whenever we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, we are joining our voices with all the heavenly hosts - the martyrs and saints of ages past, the ranks of angelic hosts. We are uniting our voices with all those celebrating the Eucharist throughout the world in our own day. And we are even in some way praying with our separated brothers and sisters who also love and serve our Lord Jesus.

Whenever we come to the Liturgy, we can know that the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary is being made present to us again, as its power and efficacy reaches to every person of every time and place. In it Christ is reconciling us to the Father and bringing about the reconciliation of all things.

So when we come to worship together at the Eucharist, we can lift up the concerns of our lives, the needs of our families and friends, our hopes and fears, our anxieties and our dreams, and place them on the altar. God hears us and promises his blessings.

Thanks be to God who desires good things for his children and calls us to the privilege of worshipping him in spirit and in truth.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

*Fr. Geoff*



## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

You need only to look at the vine to be reminded of your own nature, that is, if you observe it intelligently. No doubt you remember the image used by the Lord in which he says that he is the vine and the Father the vinedresser. Each of us who have been grafted onto the Church by faith he calls branches, and he urges us to bear much fruit so as not to be rejected as useless and thrown onto the fire.

Throughout the Scriptures the Lord continually likens human souls to vines. He says for instance: My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; and again: I planted a vineyard and put a hedge round it. Clearly it is human souls that he calls his vineyard, and the hedge he has put round them is the security of his commandments and the protection of the angels; for the angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear him. Moreover, by establishing in the Church apostles in the first place, prophets in the second, and teachers in the third, he has surrounded us as though by a firmly planted palisade.

In addition, the Lord has raised our thoughts to heaven by the examples of saints of past ages. He has kept them from sinking to the earth where they would deserve to be trampled on, and he wills that the bonds of love, like the tendrils of a vine, should attach us to our neighbors and make us rest on them, so that always climbing upward like vines growing on trees, we may reach the loftiest heights.

He also requires that we allow ourselves to be weeded. To be spiritually weeded means to have renounced the worldly ambitions that burdened our hearts. Anyone who has renounced the love of material things and attachment to possessions, or who has come to regard as despicable and deserving of contempt the poor, wretched glory of this world, is like a weeded vine. Freed from the profitless burden of earthly aspirations, that person can breathe again.

Finally, following out the implications of the comparison, we must not run to wood, or, in other words, show off or seek the praise of outsiders. Instead, we must bear fruit by reserving the display of our good works for the true vinedresser.

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*



*'The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'*

## Nativity of Mary, the Mother of God September 8th



The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father, and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were

ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams. For He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. He illumined them not only with temporal joy, but with eternal joy as well. God gave them just one daughter, and she would later give them just one grandson-but what a daughter and what a Grandson!

Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, the Fount of virginity and purity-this was the daughter given by God to Joachim and Anna. She was born in Nazareth, and at the age of three, was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. In her young womanhood she returned again to Nazareth, and shortly thereafter heard the Annunciation of the Holy Archangel Gabriel concerning the birth of the Son of God, the Savior of the world, from her most-pure virgin body.

*(Prologue of Ohrid)*

*We extol you, O Most Holy Virgin, and we venerate the holy ancestors of God, and we celebrate your glorious Nativity!*

*"We have an attraction – the faith of Jesus Christ according to our Eastern tradition – and we must have the 'courage to be ourselves' and to spread that word."*

Most Rev. Nicholas Samra

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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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*Let us make our parishes places where everyone who attends Liturgy can also make friends,  
find mentors, and feel known, loved, and supported.*