

September 11, 2022  
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Post Festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos



**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 5, pg. 146 and Post Festive pp. 247- 249

Divine Services for the Week:

**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

**SUN., SEPT. 18**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY after the EXALTATION of the CROSS**  
**DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Lori Dickey Stevic, offered by Mickey Barilla Nelson

**Are You a Sheep or a Goat?** - Many of the more careless sort, using the loving kindness of God towards men to increase the magnitude of their sins and the excess of their disregard, speak in this way saying: "There is no hell, no future punishment. God forgives all our sins...." But let us remember that there are two advents of Christ, one past, the other still to come. The first was not to judge us but to pardon us. The second will not be to pardon us but to judge us. It is of the first that He says: "I have not come to judge the world but to save the world." But of the second He says: "When the Son shall come in the glory of His father, He will set the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left." (Mt 25:31) And the sheep will go into life and the goats into eternal punishment.  
*(St. John Chrysostom)*

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

None for the week

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

September 12: Daniel & Kathy Kapaldo, September 16: David & Anne Barnett

**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)

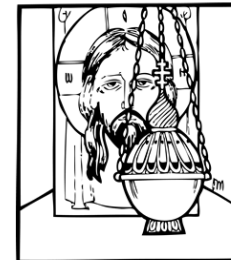
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Wy, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

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

**Epistle Readers – Sept. 11: JoAnn Hersh – Sept. 18: Louisa Hersh**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – Sept. 11: F. Hersh – Sept. 18: A. Hersh**

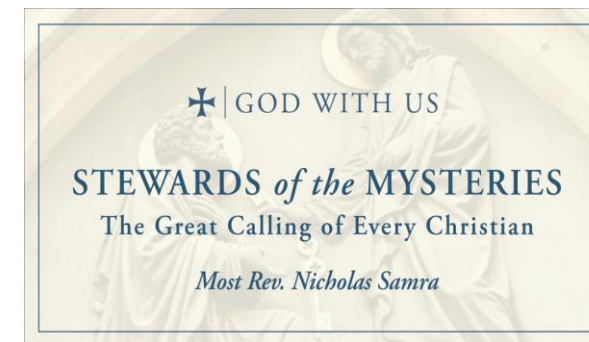


THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

September 11 - 17, 2022

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

The Parishioners



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

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!

Coming Soon...

Stewards of the Mysteries: The Great Calling of Every Christian  
Stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time, talents, and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love. It is caring for the needs of others. It is offering oneself to God as He offered himself to us.

"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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A Note from Father Geoff

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The biblical scholar N.T. Wright wrote, "Many people today assume that Christianity is one or more of these things - a religion, a moral system, a philosophy. In other words, they assume that Christianity is about advice. But it wasn't and isn't. Christianity is, simply, good news. It is the news that something has happened as a result of which the world is a different place."

Whenever we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, it is precisely this "something that has happened" that we are celebrating. We are commemorating and re-presenting the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus Christ: "the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second coming in glory."

So when we begin the Divine Liturgy, it is natural that the first thing we would do is pray the **Litany of Peace**. In it, we pray for many things: peace, salvation, the Church, the world, secular authorities, the sick, the suffering, the departed, etc. Sometimes the priest or deacon will insert additional prayer intentions.

Because to celebrate this saving work of Christ is not only to personally receive his Body and Blood (though we certainly do this, and we should do it frequently). In the Liturgy we also plead the Blood of Christ on behalf of everyone and all things. After all, St. Paul tells us that Christ's work has universal significance: "*In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.*" (2 Corinthians 5.19)

In the Litany of Peace we remember before God all sorts and conditions of people. And St. John tells us, "*This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.*" (1 John 5.14)

So, when we come to the Liturgy on Sundays or holy days, we would do well to take some time in preparation; to remember those whom we would ask the Lord to bless and protect. Let us hold them in our hearts as we raise our voices in praise and prayer to God. Because we know that Jesus himself holds them even more closely in his own Most Sacred Heart.

Your brother in Christ,  
*Fr. Geoff*

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, I entrust all who are dear to me [especially \_\_\_\_\_ ] to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Exaltation of the Cross, September 14

The cross is raised and appears above the earth, which until recently malice had kept hidden. It is raised, not to receive glory (for with Christ nailed to it what greater glory could it have?) but to give glory to God who is worshiped on it and proclaimed by it.

It is not surprising that the church rejoices in the cross of Christ and robes herself in festal clothes, revealing her bridal beauty as she honors this day. Nor is it surprising that this great throng of people has gathered together today to see the cross exposed aloft and to worship Christ whom they see raised upon it. For the cross is exposed in order to be raised and is raised to be exposed.



*Saint Andrew of Crete*

### He did it for you!

When He had drunk the wine mingled with myrrh and vinegar, He said, “It is finished.” For the mystery has been fulfilled. The things that are written have been accomplished. Sins are forgiven. (*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*)

### Post Festive Days of the Nativity of the Theotokos

*Hail to you forever, Virgin Mother of God, our unceasing joy... You are the beginning of our feast; you are its middle and end... Hail, treasure of the love of God. Hail, fount of the Son’s love for man. . . . You gleamed, sweet gift-bestowing Mother, with the light of the sun; with the fires of a most fervent charity, bringing forth in the end that which was conceived of you ... making manifest the mystery hidden and unspeakable, the invisible Son of the Father — the Prince of Peace.*

*St. Methodius*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life

## Litany Remembering September 11<sup>th</sup>



- For all those who died in the terrorist attacks on September 11th, that they may find rest in a place of light, a place of green pasture and a place of refreshment, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
- For all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
- For the safety of our armed forces, police and fire-fighters and all those who protect us and keep us safe, and for all who live with war and violence, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
- For our leaders and for the leaders of all nations, that they may find purpose to work for peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

### Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

***The Signs of the Coming of the Kingdom: The Works of Christ:*** Healing is only possible when faith—one’s openness to God—is present: “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” (Mt 9:28). Faith opens a person to receive God’s gift, whereas unbelief becomes an obstacle to the reception of this gift: “And [ Jesus] did not do many deeds of power [in Nazareth], because of their unbelief ” (Mt 13:58). (#213)

As the signs of God’s action in the time of Christ were his miracles, so in the life of the Church the signs are the Holy Mysteries. The grace of God acts in the Holy Mysteries through external signs such as water, oil, bread, and wine, as well as various liturgical gestures and actions. By receiving the Holy Mysteries, a person conquers sinful inclinations and grows in virtue. (#214)

### 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!***



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Слава Иисусу Христу! ~ Слава на вики!

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**Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh**

- 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



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