

November 6, 2022
Twenty-Second 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 5: pp. 147 -148

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 6 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ **George Seech**, offered by John & Elizabeth Harbist

(At St. Mary: Mon., Nov. 7, 6:00 P.M. Anticipated Divine Liturgy for St. Michael and All Angels)

SUN., NOV. 13 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,**
 Holy Father John Chrysostom
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ **Joseph M. Haber**, offered by cousin, Sandy Trevino

Your faith can make you well

When the woman was healed, our Lord said, “Who touched me?” so that she could profess her healing before everyone. Also, in the case of the little girl, he said, “She is sleeping” so that the spectators might testify that she was dead, and then seeing her restored to life, these who scorned would be converted into believers. The witness given by them concerning the death of the little girl and her restoration to life performed by the Lord was a witness in anticipation of his death. Those who would see that he was alive again would not deny it. *(St. Ephrem the Syrian)*

Happy Birthday Greetings:

November 8: Maddox Barnett, November 10: Alexandra Mackey, November 11: Mary Dickey

Wedding Anniversaries:

None for the week

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)

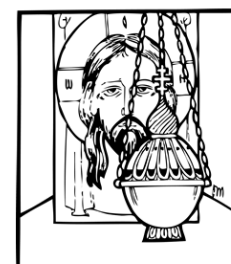
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Wy, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

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

Epistle Readers – Nov. 6: Prudy Peya – Nov. 13: Dan Pinchot

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – Nov. 6: R. Mudron – Nov. 13: Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
November 6 - 12, 2022
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ **Marge Raychevich**
(In loving memory)
Offered By:
Brother, Ed & Isabel

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel:

O Angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me of everything I have done to offend you every day, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never offend God by my sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Amen.

The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave a clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed.

(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

This Week!

Pirohi Sale Returns This Friday, November 11

Our next Pirohi Sale will be this Friday, November 11. This is a very important tradition for our St. George Church. Plan on purchasing your dinner from our Pirohi Project this Friday and the second Friday of each month following. **We encourage all who are able to please come and help. Work days will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM. Friday we begin at 6:30 AM.** We can't do this project without your help and support. Spread the word and come and help! Orders should be called in by Thursdays at noon at (724) 375-6652. Thank you!



Free Adult Formation Opportunity Continues:

Live Webinar from www.godwithusonline.org detailed below:

Wednesday, November 9th 8 - 9 p.m. ET

Watch from the comfort of your home!

God With Us Online continues a free webinar with Rev. David Anderson, **O JOYFUL LIGHT, An Introduction to Evening Prayer** on Wednesday, November 9th. The setting of the sun has always inspired the Church to turn to the Lord in prayer. In this time of year, as the sun is beginning to set earlier, how especially fitting it is for us to seek a greater love and understanding of the great tradition of evening prayer in the Church. Join GWU as Fr. David teaches us the importance and unique character of this special hour in the Church's life of prayer. The first episode from last week can be watched at www.godwithusonline.org if you need to catch up.

St. Matrona Cookie Walk

Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie is hosting its 19th Annual St. Matrona Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 20, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (or until sold out). A variety of Eastern European holiday cookies, traditional favorites, homemade nut rolls & gluten free cookies will be available. Most cookies sold by the pound. No online orders. For questions: smladiessociety@gmail.com

Veterans Day, November 11



May we remember that the freedoms we enjoy in our most gracious home, the United States of America, did not come without a price. May the Lord bless all those who served, all those who continue to serve, and the families that those serving left behind. May we never forget!

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Note from Father Geoff

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our "walk" through the Divine Liturgy. After the Homily, we have another litany - called **The Litany of Fervent Supplication**, because it is intoned by the deacon with the words, "*with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say,*" indicating that we are praying here more intensely and ardently. Then follows the wonderful **Cherubikon** or **Cherubic Hymn**.

In this profound hymn of preparation for the Eucharist - which roughly equivalent to the "Offertory Hymn" in the Western churches - the congregation finds itself, in a mysterious way, being likened to the Angels in heaven. Jesus teaches that angels in heaven, "*always behold the face of [his] Father.*" (Matthew 18.10) "*Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim,*" we sing. Just as the Angels in glory constantly worship the Holy Trinity, so we are, in a sense, entering the nearer presence of God. This hymn refers to a wonderful vision that the Prophet Isaiah saw in the 8th century B.C.:

...I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were Seraphim, each with six wings...and they were calling to one another: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with his glory." (Isaiah 6)

We will come again to this hymn once the Anaphora (or Eucharistic prayer) begins. But we are already seeing a foreshadowing of it in the Cherubikon. We are now beginning to join our voices with the Angels, whom we "represent" here on earth, as the King of Glory will become present for us on the "throne" of the altar in the mystical form of bread and wine.

We are enjoined to "*lay aside all earthly cares.*" We have remembered our needs and the needs of our friends, family, and neighbors in the litanies which preceded this point. But now we "set aside" these anxieties and concerns, as we come into the throneroom of God. And why? "*That we may receive the King of All,*" as he comes to us in the Eucharist.

May God grant us grace to always see with the eyes of faith, the heavenly reality that we are participating in when we come together to receive the Eucharist. And let us not forget that we are surrounded by God's heavenly hosts who are always guiding and protecting us, though they always, at the same time, stand in the presence of God and worship him in Triune glory.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Geoff

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Gospel reading is not only about miracles and the mercy of God; to me it is about hope beyond hope. In the story of the daughter of Jairus we see a child already dead; everyone knows about it; there is such certainty that when the Son of God, become the Son of Man, says, No! This child has not died, it is fallen asleep, and everyone contradicts Him: No, this child has died. Then Christ, with a word of power, but in an act of love calls the child to earthly life again.

Isn't this, - apart from being a true event of our human history, - isn't this also a parable, and an image of so many human situations? How often we would say, "There is no point in doing anything about this person, this person is lost anyhow; there is nothing to do about redeeming a given situation, this situation is beyond redemption." And we must remember the words which were spoken by Christ to Peter when he said, "Who then can be saved?"

The Lord said to him, what is impossible to man, is possible unto God." In the case of this child it happened immediately. In our relation to one another and to people it may take years, years of patient love, years during which we will give ourselves, but also endure, endure endlessly the most unendurable things; and in the end there can be redemption. There can be redemption on this earth, in the form of a person who was thought to be hopeless, beyond help, and who begins to change, and then we see a miracle, and we are elated, and hope becomes complete and real, and joy fills our heart.

But there is also another way in which this sacrificial love can be redemption. A western theologian has said around the time of the last war, when feelings were deep and pain acute, he said that suffering is the meeting place between evil and humanity; suffering is always caused by human agency or human agency turns away from it and does not alleviate it. And suffering always cuts into the soul or into the body of people. But when it has happened, the victim acquires divine power to forgive, and by forgiveness to undo the evil, and to redeem those who have done the evil. This is also hope beyond hope. And to me it is connected with this contrast between the sinful, the false, the blind knowledge expressed by the people in the house: they laugh at Christ, they know that the child is dead, hope is superfluous, it is drowned in despair, - and the victory of love and of mercy which is shown in the event but which can extend in so many ways into our personal lives on the simplest level, and on the most heroic ones. Let us therefore give thought to it, and choose for hope beyond hope, for that love and that faith that conquer. Amen.

- From the writings of Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom)



Do not fear; only believe

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

Last weekend, Father John Petro reposed in the Lord. Many of our community knew Father John well and last summer he served as a guest celebrant at our parishes in Ambridge and Aliquippa. He was a faithful pastor to many and served as a mentor, teacher, and spiritual father for many seminarians at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary over his long career. A Viewing will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall; with a Priestly Parastas served at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. In blessed repose grant rest, O Lord, to your departed servant the Archpriest John, and remember him forever!

The Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and all Angels, November 8

According to our holy father Bishop Nicholai of Zica, "Whom Christ loves, His angels love too." As we read the Holy Scripture, we see that Our Savior loved children and ordered His angels to be their guardians. In the Gospel reading from St. Matthew 18: 10, we read the following: "*The angels do always behold the face of my Father, which is in heaven.*"

Our Lord even identified Himself with little children saying: "*Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me*" (Mt. 18:5). He threatened terribly those who mislead, scandalize, and cause children to sin: "*It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea*" (Mt. 18:6). He also said: "*Suffer little children to come unto Me for of such is the kingdom of heaven*" (Mt. 19:14). This is the very foundation of Christian education, that is, to let children come unto Christ. This is the reason the angels love and protect children.



The Fathers of the Church teach us that there are guardian angels of nations, countries, Churches, as well as of individuals (Rev. 2). Our venerable father, John Climacus testifies of his personal guardian angel: "*Whenever I was longing for a greater advancement in spiritual life, the angel appeared in such a case and enlightened me.*" With today's celebration of the Synaxis-Assembly of all the Heavenly Hosts, every Christian should remember his good angel, who for the span of all his life concerns himself with him, rejoices in his spiritual achievements, and grieves over his downfalls. Remember that when a person dies, the angel takes his soul to God. Having found itself in the spirit world, according to many accounts, the soul recognizes its Guardian Angel.

ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1001 Clinton Street- Aliquippa, PA 15001

PASTOR: FATHER GEOFFREY MACKEY

Fr. Geoffrey's Direct Line: (412) 356-3698

OFFICE PHONE: 724-375-2742

FAX: 724-375-8776

ST. GEORGE CENTER: 724-375-6652

PARISH EMAIL: stgbyz@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org

Religious: Sr. Mary Virginia O' Carm

Holy Protection Convent, 1000 Clinton St. 724-378-0238



Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, Louisa Hersh, David Klacik Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff

Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Before and after Liturgies, or by appointment

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the pastor

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the pastor six months prior to wedding

Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month

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

Opportunities for StewardshipChurch and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday,

Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month.

Faith is the total gift of our self to the one in whom we believe.