

July 2, 2023  
Fifth 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 Иисусу Христу! Слава на вѣку!*

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

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 2  
8:30 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
DIVINE LITURGY  
+ Theresa Pickens, offered by Butch & Judy Dzumba

SUN., JULY 9  
8:30 A.M.

SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
DIVINE LITURGY  
+ Timothy Winkle, offered by Butch & Judy Dzumba

***A Prayer for our Nation***

*Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly pray thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns together with thee and the all-Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever and forever.*



**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

None for the week

**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, Marian Yurosky

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

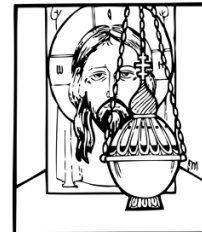
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

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

Epistle Readers– July 2: Joanne Futato – July 9: Prudy Peya

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders– July 2: R. Mudron – July 9: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 2 - 8, 2023

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

+ George Seech

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Mary Elizabeth Olack



## **Church Family News...**

Our parishioner at St. George, Suzanne Pulley Klacik has been elected to the University of Pittsburgh Sports Hall of Fame. She will be inducted along with the rest of her Hall of Fame class on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Petersen Events Center on the Pitt campus. She, along with the rest of her class will be the guests of honor the next day at Acrisure Stadium when the football Panthers play North Carolina. Suzanne was named an All-American swimmer all four years of her collegiate career, becoming only the third four-year All-American athlete at Pitt at that time (Hopewell's Tony Dorsett and swimmer and teammate Kathy Stetler were the first two). In addition, she was the 1979 Eastern Conference 100 individual medley champion and earned several All-East honors. The induction dinner is open to the public so anyone who would like to attend should visit the University's website for more information. As Suzanne would say, HAIL TO PITT!



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### **A Celebration of Marriage**

Each year the Archeparchy honors couples who are celebrating significant year anniversaries of their marriages this year. If you and your spouse will be celebrating (or have celebrated) anniversaries of **10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or addition years that are multiples of five** during the year of **2023**, please see Fr. Geoff. There will be a **Celebration of Marriage** for these jubilarians on **Sunday, September 10** at **St. Elias Church** in Munhall. Both those who attend and those who do not will receive commemorative certificates.

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### **Archeparchial Choir Celebrates 25 Years**

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir (PBCAC) joyously celebrates 25 years! A Moeleben of Thanksgiving and a Panachida in memory of the choir's deceased former members will be held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral on Sunday, July 23 at 3:00 PM. All are most welcome to the church services. Following the services, a catered buffet with musical entertainment will take place in the Cathedral Center. Reservations for the Buffet can be made by emailing the choir at [choir@archpitt.org](mailto:choir@archpitt.org) or by sending a check to the Chancery (*please use the form in the July BCW*) made payable to "Archeparchy of Pittsburgh." The cost per person is a nominal \$25. The deadline for reservations is Monday, July 17.

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### **GCU Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park**

The Greek Catholic Union's Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park (West Mifflin, PA) will be held on July 27, 11 AM - 7 PM. It will begin with a Prayer Service at 11:30 AM and a Lunch at noon in Pavillion 5. Ticket Price: \$25 - Ride All Day (age 4+); age 3 & younger FREE; Lunch Price: \$25 (age 11+); \$20 (youth age 3-10). Order tickets online at GCUusa.com. All tickets are hard copy; please allow 7-10 business days for shipping. Questions? Call 724-495-3400 x 3810.

## **A Note from Fr. Geoff**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, as our nation celebrates Independence Day, we give thanks for the many blessings and graces that God has given us. We must never take for granted our freedom to worship, assemble, preach, and reach out as we believe God has called us to do. As a church with Carpatho-Rusyn roots, we certainly are not far removed from those brothers and sisters of ours who were martyred for the faith by the atheistic Soviet regime.

We have been given a great privilege in this country to express our faith. And we have also, by and large, been given material goods and resources which we can use for the glory of God in expressing our faith. For this reason, I think God has given us a special responsibility to support the poor and needy in our own communities and to provide for the work of the Church throughout the world.

As many of us attend celebrations of our nation this weekend, we will have opportunities to spend time with friends and family, enjoy bountiful food, and get some rest. Let us not forget those who will be working so that others may have time off. And let us also remember those who do *not* have such freedoms and opportunities to celebrate.

Let us pray that God would grant to our nation peace and justice both within our borders and beyond; bless and preserve our children and our elderly; prosper our agriculture and industry; protect in body, mind, and soul those who serve in the Armed Forces; and pour out his Spirit that the world might know Jesus Christ to be the only Savior and Sovereign of us all.

May your holiday be blessed!

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Geoff*

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## ***God Bless America!***

**As we rightly celebrate Independence Day and give thanks for our many blessings and freedoms, let us remember what true freedom is and from Whom it comes.**



*Fifth Sunday after Pentcost*

In today’s Gospel reading, Christ comes to the land of the possessed; there, He is neither idle, nor passive, nor absent: He acts, He heals the possessed men; and what happens, what is the response of the people? They are in terror because they have seen the power of God manifested in such a way that fills them with fear, not with awe. And they ask Christ to be gone: Leave our realm, go away! The fact that Christ has acted, that He has healed, that He has saved the men, matters nothing; what matters, is that they have to pay the cost for it: their pigs.



Isn’t it again something which we happen to do? We ask God to come into our lives; and suddenly we discover that God is not coming in the way in which we want Him to be! He is not coming into our lives simply to order things according to our view; He transforms the dead orderliness of our life into a chaos, but a chaos with possibilities - but we don’t want this! We want what we had: an orderly life, without problems, without anything great happening, also without anything tragic happening.

Last week we read the story of the centurion to whom Christ said, ‘I will come to your house and heal the servant’. And he said, ‘No, Lord, there is no need for you to come, I trust you, it’s enough for you to say a word - and everything will be right’. Christ need not come; and in our lives, how often has He said the word: the whole Gospel is Christ's word addressed to us; the whole Gospel is made of words that can give us life eternal. You remember the passage when Christ has spoken incomprehensible words to those who surrounded Him, and many of His disciples left; and He turned to the twelve, and said, ‘Are you also going to leave Me?’ - and Peter said, ‘No - where should we go? You have the words of life eternal’. Christ has never spoken of life eternal, never given descriptions of it; the words of life eternal were words that awoke eternal life within those who heard, who had ears, good will to hear. ‘Say a word - and my servant will be healed’, Christ is speaking: why isn’t that we, His servants, are not healed? Because we don’t want to listen!

Is that the way we respond to the Gospel? Let us think of Peter, his awe because he had seen the act of God; and let us think of these people who have also seen the act of God. On this Sunday ask yourself: Who are we: Peter, or the Gergasenes?

**Remember to return the Flea Market signs if you put one up in the community so we may utilize them again next year. Thank you!**

*Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

*Tread on the Necks of Demons*

“He said to them, ‘Go!’” The foul-smelling animals are delivered up, not at the will of the demons but to show how savage the demons can become against man. ... Demons do not give up easily unless they are forcibly overcome. They are doing the harm they are ordered to do. Therefore the foul-smelling animals are delivered up that it may be clear to the demons that they have permission to enter the swine but not to enter man. Similarly, by our power of faith we tread on the necks of demons. They become subject to us under Christ who is triumphant.

*(Peter Chrysologus)*

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**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** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month

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

**Opportunities for Stewardship** ... .. Church and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday,  
Pirohi making: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month.

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***True Freedom Comes from God***