

October 8, 2023  
Nineteenth 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 2, pp. 130 - 132

Divine Services for the Week:

- SUN., OCT. 8**      **NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
8:30 A.M.      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
+ Lois Svedok, offered by brother, John & Darlene Simunick
- WED., OCT. 11**      **BIBLE STUDY**  
6:00 P.M.      **The STORY of SCRIPTURE, Part 1**
- SUN., OCT. 15**      **SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**  
8:30 A.M.      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
Health & welfare of Msgr. Duker (80<sup>th</sup> birthday), offered by Prudy Peya

**The Lord is God**

Let it be known everywhere that the Lord is God. Even though He appeared as a man He has still given us the indications of a godlike power and majesty, and that these indications are evident on many occasions and in a multitude of ways. He drove away diseases and rebuked unclean spirits. He gave the blind their sight. He even expelled death itself from the bodies of men, a death that cruelly and mercilessly had tyrannized the race of man from Adam even to Moses (see Rom 5:14). That widow's son at Nain arose unexpectedly and wonderfully! The miracle did not remain unknown to everyone throughout Judea but was announced abroad as a divine sign, and admiration was upon every tongue.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

October 9: Charles Hagan

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

October 13: Charles & Dorothy Hagan

**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 – October 8: Dan Pinchot – October 15: JoAnn Hersh**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holder s – October 8: M. Bobanic – October 15: R. Mudron**



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**  
October 8 - 14, 2023

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

**+ Gary Kon**

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

**Butch & Judy Dzumba**

**Pirohi Sale**

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

**Call in orders by Thursday at noon**

**724-375-6652**

*"Make Disciples of All Nations"*

## *Pirohi Season is back!*



Our Pirohi Sale will return on **Friday, October 13** and will continue the second Friday of each month thereafter. Our pirohi project accomplishes two things; it raises money to help support our Church **AND BRINGS US TOGETHER FOR A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.** It is the community that unites us to our Creator, and unites us to one another, in a communion of love! Won't you join us for this important tradition for our St. George Church? **Our work days are Tuesday 9:00 AM and Thursday 9:00 AM. Friday we begin at 6:30 AM.** Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Also, plan on purchasing your dinners from our pirohi sales on the second Friday of every month. Orders should be called in by Thursdays at noon at (724) 375-6652. Spread the word and come and help!

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### Traditional Byzantine Blessing

*(This is customarily preceded by the "Our Father")*

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord's face will praise him; may their hearts live forever.\*

And may Christ our true God bless the food and drink of his servants, for he is holy and we give glory to him, now and ever and forever. Amen.

\* *Psalm 21:26*

### Traditional Table Graces

Bless + us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Give us grateful hearts, O Lord, for these and all thy mercies; and make us ever mindful of - and attentive to - the needs of others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the food we are about to receive, for the hands that prepared it, and for all gathered at this table. Make us mindful of the needs of others and strengthen us for your service. Amen.

Be present at our table, Lord.

Be here and everywhere adored.

These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.

### A Note from Fr. Geoff

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the great traditions of Eastern Christianity is the idea of the home and family as a **domestic church**. That is, the idea that "church" and "religion" and "worship" are not *only* things that we do when we come to the Divine Liturgy on holy days, but things that are *lived out* in our day-to-day lives. It is a tradition that every Byzantine Christian home have an "icon corner" (sometimes called a "beautiful corner") that serves as a focal point for individual and family prayer, and as a constant reminder that, as the old adage says, ***bidden or not bidden, God is there*** - God is always with us.

The beautiful corners should have at least one icon, but ideally it would have an icon of our Lord and another one of his Most Holy Mother, as well. Icons of the patron saints of the family members could also be included. Today, there are several good producers of fine icon reproductions that can be used. An oil lamp or candle should be placed there to burn while praying. (It used to be that one would keep the lamp burning continually, but if unattended, that poses a fire hazard so I don't recommend it!)

In addition to a *place* for prayer in the domestic church, there should be a *rule* of prayer as well. It is good for Christians to pray in the morning and in the evening, and at some point in the middle of the day. The first century patristic text called the *Didache* or *Teaching of the Apostles* expects Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer in the morning, noon, and evening. To this prayer, additional prayers can be added to your rule. But make sure your rule is actually *doable*. I have personally found that when I try to take on more than I can, I am more likely to give it up altogether.

Finally, our domestic churches should be places full of *gratitude*. When we eat meals, for example, do we stop to thank God for his provision? I have friends from Africa who not only pray a grace before meals, but take time to thank God even before their morning coffee or their afternoon tea! I know of a monk who makes the sign of the Cross before beginning any task - even folding his laundry! Elsewhere in the bulletin I will place a few options for prayers before meals. These are easily memorized and I commend them to your use.

The Scriptures teach us that ***"every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights"*** (James 1.17). As we walk the Christian pilgrimage together, let us pray that our homes become domestic churches, places where the Gospel of Christ is believed and enacted, the needy are cared for, and the grace of God is poured out abundantly.

Yours in the Father of Lights,

*Fr. Geoff*

## ***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

*At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother...*

Today's Gospel reading concerns the resurrection of the son of the widow of Nain. We recall that this miracle occurred just after the healing of the servant of the centurion, a healing which had taken place at a distance. If we meditate upon this event we will see that this miracle of resurrection, like all the Lord's miracles, happened for two reasons.

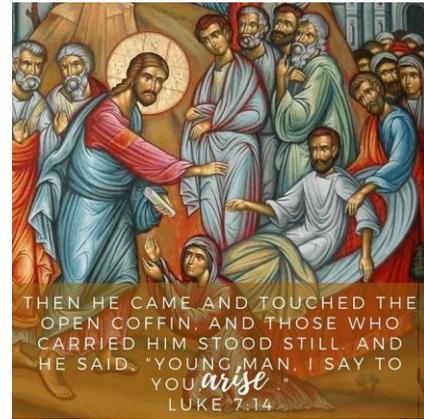
First let us remember that as the Son and Creating Word and Wisdom of God, Christ in His divine nature, had the power to work miracles, restoring the laws of creation as they had been intended before the Fall, when there was no sickness or death. Through miracles He showed this power, the unique power of the Son of God. In the particular case of the widow, Christ could show His divine power and disprove the rumors which no doubt were already circulating, that the healing of the centurion's servant at a distance had been a mere coincidence - he would have recovered anyway.

As our second point we must remember today that this miracle happened because as a human-being, Christ in his human nature felt pity and had compassion on those who were suffering. In the particular case of the widow, there was great reason for compassion. In those days a widow was likely to become very poor unless she was looked after by her children. Now the only son of the widow of Nain was the only one who could look after his mother. Without him she would have become destitute, a beggar and perhaps would have died of starvation on the streets.

This miracle proves that the divine power of the Holy Spirit flows not from, but through, Christ's all-pure human nature. Christ's Word and Body are Life-Giving, as is later proved in the Gospels by His own physical resurrection. Now since the Church is the Body of Christ, this means that the same power flows through the Church and confers life and healing and resurrection on all who touch Christ in the Church, participating in the spiritual life of the Church.

*He had mercy upon the woman, and that her tears might be stopped, he commanded saying, "Weep not." And immediately the cause of her weeping was done away.*

St. Cyril of Alexandria



*“A great prophet has appeared among us; God has come to help his people.”*

## ***Bible Study continues Wednesday, Oct. 11***

### **The Story of Scripture, Part 1**

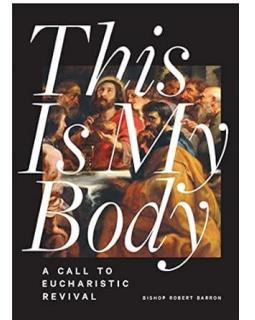
Beginning with Genesis, we are walking through 100+ of the most significant portions of Holy Scripture, which will give us an overarching view of the *whole, consistent story* of God's interaction with humankind in the Scriptures. The remaining dates are **October 11, October 25, November 22, December 13**. We are meeting at **6:00 PM**. Feel free to join even if you missed the first session. Let's dig into the sources of our theology and tradition together and see the mighty works of God! (We will continue with Part 2 in 2024)

***Please bring your Bible. Bibles will also be provided if needed.***



### **Book Study at St. Mary's in October & November**

In June of 2022, the United States Catholic Bishops launched a three-year Eucharistic Revival which will culminate in a National Eucharistic Congress in 2024. Recently, Bishop Robert Barron, a well-known theologian, author, evangelist, and apologist, published **This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival**. On three consecutive Sunday afternoons, we will have a book study on this small but powerful and informative book. On **October 29, November 5, and November 12**, we will gather at **3:00 PM** at St. Mary's. Each week we will discuss one chapter of the book, which is available for \$2.00. You may also wish to purchase a book even if you cannot attend the book study.



### **Stay for Fellowship Hour**

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to extend to join us following the Sunday Divine Liturgy for Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday!

***We invite EVERYONE to STAY and join us.***



***Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!  
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***Each of us has a role and responsibility to share the faith with others!***

***"Make Disciples of All Nations"***

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**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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