

November 5, 2023
Twenty-Third 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 6, pp. 152 - 153

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 5
8:30 A.M.
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
DIVINE LITURGY, Panachida for Mary Salamon
+ Raymond Ozimok, offered by Butch & Judy Dzumba

TUE., NOV. 7
6:00 P.M.
LITURGY for the DEPARTED
+ Mary Salamon

(At St. Mary: Wed., Nov. 8, 6:00 PM, Divine Liturgy for Archangel Michael & All Angels)

SUN., NOV. 12
8:30 A.M.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
DIVINE LITURGY
+ Alice Haber, 3rd year after passing, offered by daughter, Darlene & John Simunick

Eternal Memory: We pray for the repose of parishioner Mary Salamon who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, October 28. There will be a Panachida after Liturgy today and Divine Liturgy for the departed on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:00 PM., in memory of Mary. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Mary and remember her forever! *Vičnaja jej pamjat'!*

Happy Birthday Greetings:

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

Wedding Anniversaries:

October 30: Shawn & Christine Cody, November 2: John & Anne Gural

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)

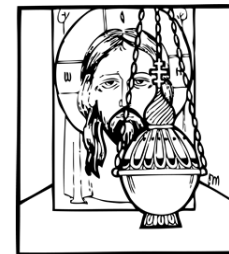
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

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

Epistle Readers – November 5: JoAnn Hersh – November 12: Joanne Futato

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holder s – November 5: M. Bobanic – November 12: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Marge Raychevich

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

Pirohi Sale This Week



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Thank you!

Book Study at St. Mary's continues TODAY

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival. We are studying this small but powerful and informative book **today and November 12 at 3:00 PM** at St. Mary's.

The Story of Scripture, Part 1 Bible Study at St. George continues November 22 and December 13 at 6:00 PM

20th Annual St. Matrona Cookie Walk

Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie) will be holding their 20th annual St. Matrona Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9 from 10 AM - 2 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. For questions, email: smladiessociety@gmail.com.

Free Christmas Day Dinner in Beaver Falls

Christian Assembly in Beaver Falls will be hosting their 30th annual Free Christmas Day Dinner so that folks without family or friends will not have to be lonely or hungry on Christmas Day. They are looking for donations of new clothing: sweat shirts, sweat pants, blankets, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for all ages, birth to adult. If you'd like to donate, please call their CARE Outreach ministry at 724-846-3751. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Darcy Casey at 724-333-1375.

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)

A Note from Fr. Geoff

As we enter November, the weather gets colder, and the days grow shorter, our thoughts naturally turn to the holidays that we will celebrate in the last months of the year. In our current culture, as soon as the Halloween festivities are over, we become inundated with advertisements for products that capitalize on our celebrations Thanksgiving and, and even moreso, Christmas.

For many years now, I have had a personal custom of observing November as a whole month for giving thanks to God. In this way, I try to focus on the many reasons I have to be grateful as well as try to keep the Christmas festivities from creeping too far forward. After all, the Nativity fast is still a couple of weeks away! Since the months of November and December can get very busy, I find that if I take time to intentionally offer my gratitude to God, the holidays can become much more meaningful for me.

One of my personal traditions is to pray through the Akathist of Thanksgiving this month. In this beautiful prayer, each Ikos and Kontakion speaks of the manifold ways that God blesses, preserves, and protects us from our creation as children all the way through our lives. I thought I would share some pieces of this beautiful prayer in the bulletin notes this month.

*A weak and helpless infant I was born into this world,
but your Angel spread out his wings my cradle to guard;
Since then your love has shone on all my ways,
marvelously steering me to the light of eternity.
From the very first day till now
gloriously are manifest the generous gifts of your providence.
I give thanks and cry out with all who confess you:*

*Glory to you, who called me to life!
Glory to you, revealing for me the beauty of the universe!
Glory to you, spreading out before me, as a book of eternal wisdom,
the sky and the earth!
Glory to your eternity in the midst of a temporal world!
Glory to you for secret and evident mercies!
Glory to you for each sigh of my grief!
Glory to you for each step of my life, each instant of joy!
Glory to you, O God, unto the ages!*

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Geoff

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And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased.

There was something different about this woman's touch. There was intent behind it, there was faith behind it, and there was rich content in her touch that made her contact significant, so significant that it persuaded power to proceed from him! Why?

Her faith... Our Lord tells us that her faith was what made her whole. She believed even after twelve years of physical suffering and of enduring the label of social outcast that the Christ would heal her. In fact, it may well have been her suffering that gave birth to the rich faith she brought to the scene. Suffering can inspire the deepest kinds of faith. I would love to have a glimpse at her life during those twelve years. How did she pray, how did she express her piety, how exactly did the suffering help to purify her heart, simplify and clarify her mind? What was her response to all of it that brought forth such pure faith?

This faithful woman was uniquely prepared for the encounter; her long suffering had prepared her to meet the Incarnate God. She literally had nothing to lose. She had abandoned all feelings of shame, of fear, even of "being and non-being" as St. Dionysius the Areopagite writes in mystical language. She passed beyond everything, including herself, with single minded purpose to touch the hem of His garment. So, she becomes a model of spiritual life for all of us. She fully incorporated in herself the essential mystical elements of renunciation of self and the world and detachment from everything in them.

Whatever else she may have offered Christ that day, this faithful woman at least offered three things, clarity of focus, courageous faith and utter self-denial. She had little else to give than these natural things developed in her through suffering, which are also available to all of us through the gift of God's image and of the Holy Spirit within.

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.



“Don’t be afraid; just believe...”

Synaxis-Assembly of the Holy Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers-Angels

On November 8, we celebrate the Synaxis Assembly of the holy Archangel Michael and the other bodiless powers, which is a feast in honor of the holy angels and has been celebrated in our Holy Church since the fourth century. According to holy tradition, Satan, formerly the brightest of all the heavenly spirits created by God, and usually called Lucifer or “light bearer”, but who became filled with self-love, pride and evil, - fell from his archangelic power and lured away a multitude of other spirits. Then the Archangel Michael, as God’s faithful servant, assembled the entire angelic host that had not been enticed by the ruinous example of satanic pride, and said: “Let us attend and stand aright before our Creator, and let us bear no ill towards Him.” Appealing thus to the entire angelic host, he began to glorify the Most-holy, One-in-Essence, Indivisible Trinity - the One God, triumphantly singing: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth-Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of power and might.”



All the Bodiless Powers-Heavenly Hosts share the common name of “angel” - which means “messenger” in Greek - by virtue of their service: they “stand before the face of the Creator and serve Him.” As creatures who come before the face of God, angels are powerful intercessors, meaning they speak on man’s behalf to Him. While instructing His disciples about caring for His followers - the sheep of His flock - the Lord Jesus Christ said, “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their angels in heaven always behold the face of My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10)

Because of their faithful and unending service to God - and at His command, to man/creation - the angels are considered the prototype for the service ministry of the holy diaconate - they are the “role model” for the deacons of our Church! The Archangels Michael and Gabriel are usually depicted on the deacons’ doors of the Iconostasis.



O Angel of God, my holy Guardian, keep my life in the fear of Christ God, strengthen my mind in the true way and wound my soul with heavenly love, so that guided by Thee, I may obtain the great mercy of Christ God.

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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 2nd 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: 2nd week of each month.

The first thing about the angels that we ought to imitate, is their consciousness of the Presence of God.

- Saint John Vianney