

February 3, 2019
Sunday of Zacchaeus



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! ~ Slava Na Viki!
Proper for this Sunday: pg. 141, Tone 4 and pp. 321 - 324

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., FEB. 3

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

8:00 A.M.

Holy Rosary

8:30 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY

+ Anna George, offered by the Poiarkoff family

The Lord's Day is the original feast day, ... a day of joy and freedom from work

SUN., FEB. 10

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

8:00 A.M.

Holy Rosary

8:30 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY

+ Joseph Olack, offered in loving memory by Mary Elizabeth Olack

ATTENTION!

Please again pick up an Action Plan (with updated timeline) in the center or Narthex. As parishioners, it is up to us to work for and help our Church grow. Our Ancestors founded this Holy Church for future generations. The Holy Spirit reminds us "not to reject the traditions of our elders, which they have learned from their fathers" (Sirach 8:9). *Please see the announcement in the bulletin.*

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! We invite everyone to join us in our café.



Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

February 4: Tim Sirko, February 5: Darlene Simunick,
February 7: John Poiarkoff, February 8: Taylor Sirko

Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

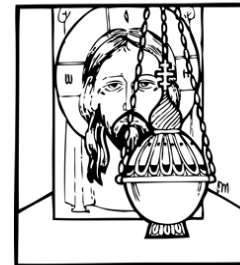
West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

Beaver Meadows (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

Epistle Readers – Feb.3: Jackson Liller – Feb. 10: Reaghan Cody

Ushers – Feb.3: E. Maruhnich/T. Liller – Feb. 10: M. Bobanic/F. Hersh

Troica Holders – Feb.3: R. Mudron – Feb. 10: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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Burns before the real presence of our Lord

In Loving memory of:

Ronald Huchko

Offered By:

Wife, Carol and family



“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided;
not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor 9:7)

Action Plan

Our Church participated in Assembly 2018 where the Archeparchy urged all parishes to focus on three themes to Renew, Revitalize, and Rejuvenate our Byzantine Catholic Church. The Action Plan to accomplish these goals concentrates on: EDUCATION / SOCIAL MINISTRY / OUTREACH. We passed out our Action Plans last October. Some progress was made in implementing some of our goals. Others were canceled or not acted upon as we awaited word on our priest situation. As you have read in previous bulletins, evangelism is EVERYONE’S job. WE need to move forward with implementing our action plan. EVERYONE can contribute something whether ideas or action. Our ECF program has begun planning for Education. Our Social Ministry/Outreach is our next step. This is where YOU come in. Ideas and suggestions can be discussed every week as needed during coffee hour. We will also schedule meetings. Your involvement can be simple or multifaceted. Please see Jo Ann Hersh, who was our parish representative at the Assembly, to plan your involvement. *Thank you!*

Some small steps that were recently implemented:

- The Church website was updated with information on our Byzantine Catholic Faith and our parish and will be updated weekly. Bulletins are now available each week on our website at stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org/bulletin/
- A group Bible Study will be planned to take place during the Great Fast. More information will follow.
- Our **M. A. P.** box is still set up in the Church (**M**ake comments, **A**sk questions, **P**rovide suggestions). You can use it for ideas and suggestions or simply discuss your ideas with fellow parishioners or take initiative to enact your ideas.

**“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”**

St. Francis of Assisi

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future! Giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Colossians 3:17)

**Eastern Christian Formation classes (ECF) following Divine Liturgy,
10:15-11:30. Visiting children are welcome to attend, ages 3 and up.**

“Train up a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” ~ Proverbs 22:6

Super Bowl LIII Pool Fundraiser

LAST CHANCE: There are about 30 squares left to sell. (The bad weather hindered our sales) If we sell them all today, the payout will increase. Otherwise, unsold squares will be assigned to the Church and the payout will be the lower amount listed below. Grids will be printed after selling squares at coffee hour. Please stay to get your grid. *Thank you for your support!*



If less than 100 sell

Q1\$50
Half\$100
Q3\$50
Final\$225

**Unsold squares will
be assigned to St.
George Church.**

If all 100 sell

Q1\$75
Half\$150
Q3\$75
Final\$300

Pirohi Sale on Friday

Our next pirohi sale will be this Friday, February 8. Our work schedule will be **Monday and Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – till finished and Thursday beginning at 9:00 A.M. till finished. Friday, the day of the sale, come any time in the morning to help.** Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Also, **remember to purchase your dinner from our pirohi sales the second Friday of every month.** ORDER YOUR PIROHI TODAY OR CALL ON THURSDAY. Thank you!

Lenten Soup Sale

The ECF will have a soup sale just in time for your strict fast needs. The ECF students will sell delicious homemade vegetable soup on **Forgiveness Sunday, March 3** following Divine Liturgy. Our strict fast begins the next day, March 4. The soup will be \$8.00 per quart. **There is an order form in the Center.**



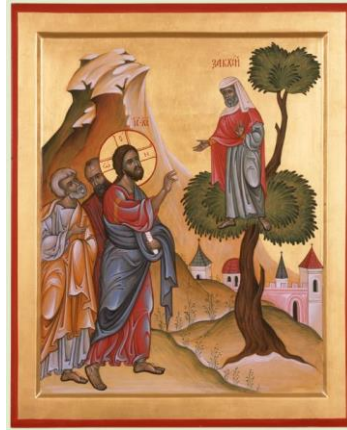
Wisdom from the Church Fathers

A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, "You are mad; you are not like us."

St. Anthony the Great

Sunday of Zaccheaus

The first sign of the approach of the Great Fast appears today, February 3, five Sundays before its beginning. Today's Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation. Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).



The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions. We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins we also sing "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes our Lord's words.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.

Courtesy: OCA

Plant Something Spiritual

Every day you should try to plant in your soul something spiritual, which will eject something worldly and sinful. Gradually, the old self will be disclaimed, and you will be able to move freely in the spiritual realm. Replace the sinful images in your mind with holy ones. Replace songs with hymns, worldly magazines with spiritual books.

- Venerable Father Paisios of Mount Athos

We are taking donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center.

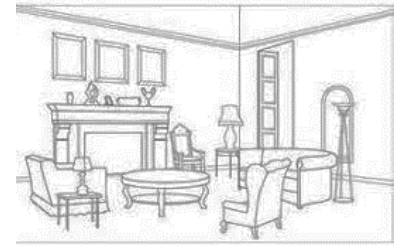
Blessed Candles are Available

Candles that were blessed on the Meeting of our Lord Holyday and today are available for purchase so you may have them for your home. **Why have blessed candles in the home?** - It is good and laudable to light candles at home when we pray, when the priest visits for a house blessing with Holy Water or Holy Unction, and even light a candle when we visit the grave of a loved one.



Our Living Room Faith

In every house that I have lived in since I have been a child, we have had two rooms; one we called the living room, and the other was a room in which we really lived. The living room was for show, for guests and more formal occasions. The room we lived in was for relaxing, for taking off our shoes, for reading a paper and eating dessert. The living room had delicate chairs, a lovely sofa, lamps and art work. The room we live in has a television set. The living room, to tell the truth, is not for us; it is for guests and to put our best foot forward. It is a place where we pretend that this is how we live, when in reality our daily life goes on in the worn but comfortable family room, delicately hidden from obvious view.



Some people do the same with their religion; they have a living room faith. They have it for public consumption, for looks and not for life. It is a faith which asks only the easy questions and offers only the cliché answers. People keep a living room faith by paying their church dues; if anyone asks, they can say they belong. They attend church once or twice a year; at Easter everyone will see them there. They are polite to others but seldom take the time to be truly kind. They occasionally give contributions, especially when embarrassed in front of others, but never sacrifice. For people such as these, all of their life is public and no part of it is hidden. They have no inner life in a deep and enriching sense. Everything they do is outer, is shallow. These are people who live exactly as Christ condemned when He said, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them."

We need to be certain that our faith is not a "living room faith" that does not touch our real lives. Rather it needs to be a force in our lives that strengthens and upholds us, that stands in judgement over us, and is found not in our living rooms but in our living.

- Rev. Andrew Demostes

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office
Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness
Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding
Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine liturgy
Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month
St. George Ladies’ Guild & Men’s Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

