

June 23, 2019
Second Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na V'iki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 125 – 127, Tone 1

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 23 SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:00 A.M. Holy Rosary
8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
+ Theresa Shuster, offered by a friend

Advance notice:
Sunday, Aug. 4
Liturgy will be at
11:00 A.M. for our
Church Picnic

(St Mary Church, Mon. June 24, 6:00 P.M.: Birth of St. John the Baptist Holy Day Liturgy)
(For both parishes)

SAT. JUNE 29 SAINTS PETER and PAUL, PREEMINENT APOSTLES, *obligation*
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

SUN., JUNE 30 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:00 A.M. Holy Rosary
8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
+ Mary Polas, 7th anniversary of passing, offered by daughter Betty



Some may wonder: Peter and Andrew scarcely had any possessions. Just how much did they leave behind when the Lord called them to follow him? On this point we should look at their actions rather than at the level of their wealth. A man who has little and gives up everything to follow the Lord leaves behind a lot. Peter and Andrew left behind a lot. Yes, they left behind their meager material possessions (and for them that was a lot). But they also left behind something more – the very desire to own (which can lead to extreme greed, which is called covetousness). **What will you**

leave behind to follow Christ? Are you attached to Christ or your stuff? Choose one.

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

June 23: Dakota Gural, June 26: Andrea Popovich, June 29: Margaret Barilla-90 Years!

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

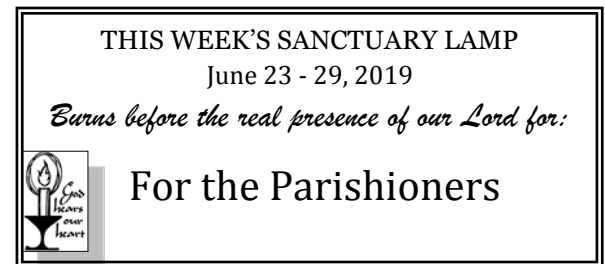
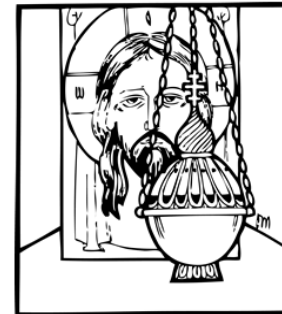
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon, Bonnie Taylor

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 – June 23: Reaghan Cody – June 30: Prudy Peya
Ushers – June 23: R. Dzumba/R. Mudron – June 30: R. Mudron/M. Bobanic
Troica Holders – June 23: F. Hersh – June 30: R. Dzumba



“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
(2 Cor 9:7)

Let us make our parishes places where everyone who attends Liturgy can also make friends, find mentors, and feel known, loved, and supported.

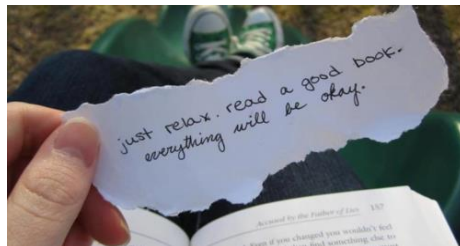
UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 24 Birth of John the Baptist Holy Day, 6:00 P.M. Liturgy, at St. Mary
June 29 Saints Peter & Paul, Holy Day of Obligation: 9:00 A.M. Liturgy HERE
July 4 Independence Day
July 7 Blessing of Graves Panachida, at Mt. Olivet 2:00 P.M.
July 8 Flea Market Set-up Begins
July 9 & 11 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
July 12 & 13 Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale (info in bulletin)
July 16 & 18 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
July 18 & 19 Vacation Bible School
July 20 St. Elijah Holy Day
July 25 99th Annual Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood, (Russkij Den')
August 4 Church Picnic & Open House 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Summer Walking Club - The Summer Walking Club is ongoing despite some rainy days! Due to a few vacations and the Independence Day Holiday, the walking club will not meet this coming week or next week but will return Tuesday, July 9. However, anyone who wishes to get together to walk the ¼ mile loop are welcome anytime. **It's your Church, feel at home here!**



Summer Reading - We have many books and resources for you to borrow this summer from our “upstart” Church Library. These resources are available at the Church Store display in the Center. There are some **VERY GOOD** free resources. If you haven't looked, you should!



On Spiritual reading: “Reading assists the soul when she stands in prayer”

Great for teens too!



Want to get to know Jesus, but not sure where to begin? Start with the New Testament! It's the best way to discover who Jesus is, how he lived, and what he taught. Reading the New Testament for even just a few minutes a day can transform your life in surprising and significant ways. And it's even more powerful when you use a version that reads like an engaging novel—like this New Testament Bible. Unlike other Bibles, it does away with the two-column format and distracting notes in the margins, making it easy to read and hard to put down—it may even become your new favorite chapter book!

St. George Flea Market is Fast Approaching!

Our third Annual Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale will be on **July 12 & 13**. Help is needed to make it a success. Plan on volunteering in any and all capacities from planning, set-up, advertising, or working the sale. Speak to Jo Ann Hersh in person, via email at jhbyz@comcast.net, or call 724-777-5097 for questions, suggestions, and to volunteer.

Donations Still Being Taken
Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center

Sorting and Pricing Flea Market Items

We will sort and price items beginning **Monday, July 8 at 10:00 A.M.** and continue each day until finished. If you are able to come and help with this event, it will be greatly appreciated. We'll serve lunch!

Bakers Needed for the Flea Market Bake Sale!

We need bakers to commit to baking for our Flea Market Bake Sale. Baked goods will be sold during the Flea Market on Friday and Saturday, July 12 & 13, and the remainder following Liturgy on Sunday, July 14. We ask for your help and support with this major fundraiser. Please speak to Judy Dzumba or Isabel Maruhnich about what you will bring for the Bake Sale.

Thank you!



Advertising the Flea Market

Flyers and yard signs are now available in the Center to advertise our Flea Market. **Please take a stack of flyers** to pass out and to hang on community bulletin boards where you shop, at the post office, or at work, etc. **Please take a yard sign to put in your yard. Also take one to place in key areas to advertise.**



Save the Date - St. George's annual picnic will be for **both parishes** on **Sunday, August 4**. We will also have an Open House on this day, which simply means inviting others; friends, family, coworkers. So mark your calendars, take a flyer, and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and social media friends, etc. Let us make the picnic and Open House as successful as our Feast day celebration by working together and inviting others!

Vacation Bible School Returns – An abbreviated Vacation Bible School will be held this year **Thursday and Friday, July 18 & 19** time TBA. **It has been a challenging year for our ECF program, but we applaud our youth and their families' commitment to further their faith through Vacation Bible School and for staying faithful to their Church!** Great things come in small packages! All ages are welcome to come and to bring their friends!



Archeparchial Celebration and Assembly Part II

The Archeparchial celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Liturgy and Banquet takes place today at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall. The following will attend from our parish: Fr. Michael, Sr. Mary Virginia, Erik Fetkovich, JoAnn Hersh, Kathy Kapaldo, and Rich Mudron.

Also the second Assembly of Byzantine parishes takes place following the Banquet on Sunday evening and Monday. The objective of the Assembly is to help us to renew, revitalize, and rejuvenate our parishes. Our Assembly representatives are **Erik Fetkovich, Jo Ann Hersh**, and **Kathy Kapaldo**. **Father Michael** will also attend. Please pray for our Assembly participants and for a successful Assembly. Also pray that we as a parish will do **ALL WE CAN** to implement any plans brought back to our parish as we remember: ***God has entrusted St. George Church to each of us. Each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future! Let's work together to build up our Church and God's Kingdom!***

Ask yourselves; "Have I participated in parish events, both spiritual and social?" "Do I keep a positive attitude towards our parish events and activities?" "Can I reach out to others in Church or invite others to Church events and services?" If not, it is never too late to begin. Our bulletin is chock full of upcoming events! Today's Gospel reflection on the next page helps us with this task.

Our participants will bring back many ideas to help US grow as a parish AND to attract others as well. **BE A PART OF IT ALL!** No matter our size we are:

Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future!

Everyone has gifts from the Holy Spirit; these must be discovered, developed, and used to build up the Body of Christ.

Adult Enrichment to Return

Our Adult Formation and Enrichment will return soon. Watch for dates announced in future bulletins.



An Evangelizing Parish is one in which parishioners continually **study, talk about, and pray** with the Scriptures. To this end, parishes **must** make Bible study resources available, particularly to put the Scriptures in context for those who know them only through the readings at Sunday Liturgy.

Archbishop Vigneron



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At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.



When Our Lord called His disciples, they left immediately, left their nets, and they didn't look back. They left with many weaknesses. We can see them. Their warts are shown in the scriptures: they argued with one another, they jostled with one another to see who would be the greatest, they had lack of faith, they even denied Our Lord, and not just Peter, by the way; all of them were afraid, even the beloved disciple John, who followed from a distance. They all had human frailties. But they did as the good farmer that Our Lord speaks about in a parable: you put your hand to the plow. And no one who wants to plow a field looks back, because then the furrows will be not straight, and you will not get as much fruit from the ground.

This is the key for us on this Sunday. **Have you left your nets?** Our Lord called James and John, the sons of Zebedee, and straightway they left their nets. The "nets" are the "world", in this context. The spiritual, the inner meaning, of the nets is this: all the things which entangle us. **Have you left your nets? Or do you still keep nets around?** I'm not talking about whether or not you fall into sin. We are sinners. We should not be surprised when we sin. We all have weaknesses, passions. Today we are talking about our priorities. **Have you left your nets?** Do you understand? Do you live your life in accordance with the fact that Christianity must be a continual ascent, away from the earth, into heaven? That is a continual change, a continual changing of one's mind. This is warfare till the last breath. This is what Christianity is. **You must leave your nets.** Christianity is not only what we believe; it's how we act, it's what we become. It's not possible without belief, but belief is only the beginning, just like when the grain of mustard seed is put into the ground. That is only the beginning. That is only the start. Then the seedling starts to grow. Many things endanger the seedling, but eventually, with care, it becomes a great tree. This is what we must do. **We must have the priority to grow, to change.** This is Christianity. This is the essence. Amen.

Blessing of Graves Sunday, July 7 - We will have the Blessing of Graves on Sunday July 7 at 2:00 P.M. with a Panachida Service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. We will meet at the Cross at the main entrance of the cemetery for this service. Come and pray for your deceased family members. *The Holy Spirit reminds us "not to reject the traditions of our elders, which they have learned from their fathers" (Sirach 8:9).*

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 Louisa Hersh, Andrea Vargo **Facilities Supervisor:** John Poiarkoff
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, Sept. through May
St. George Ladies’ Guild & Men’s Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

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