

July 21, 2019
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pg. 146 -148, Tone 5

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 21
8:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Rosary
DIVINE LITURGY
For the Parishioners

SUN., JULY 28
8:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M.
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Rosary
DIVINE LITURGY
For the Parishioners

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

Forgiveness is Yours - Jesus' words of healing are worthy of reflection. The paralytic is not told, "Be healed." He is not told, "Rise and walk." But he is told, "Take heart, my son; you sins are forgiven you." The paralytic is a descendant of the original man, Adam. In one man, Christ, all the sins of Adam are forgiven. In this case the man to be healed is brought forward by ministering angels. In this case, too, he is called a son, because he is God's first work. The sins of his soul are forgiven him, and pardon of the first transgression is granted. We do not believe the paralytic committed any sin that resulted in his illness, especially since the Lord said elsewhere that blindness from birth had not been contracted from someone's sin or that of his parents. (*St. Hilary of Poitiers*)

Church Family News...

Do you have any news you would like published in our bulletin? We now have a Church family news corner. Please send articles and/or pictures to: stgbyz@gmail.com

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

July 26: Mary Poiarkoff, July 27: Prudence Peya

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

July 27: John & Margaret Chabala

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

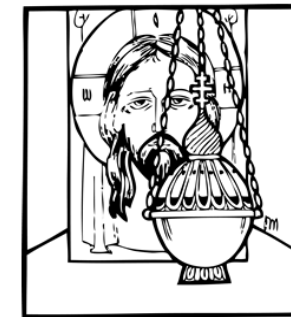
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

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 – July 21: Reaghan Cody – July 28: Prudy Peya
Ushers – July 21: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh – July 28: J. Yurosky/R. Dzumba
Troica Holders – July 21: J. Yurosky - July 28: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 21 - 27, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Szedney Family
(Health and God's Blessings)

Offered By:
Cheryl Szedney



God bless your generosity!

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

(2 Cor 9:7)

Your regular attendance and sacrificial offerings benefit the overall welfare of our Parish

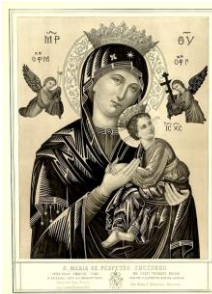
54th Annual Assumption Pilgrimage

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Assumption Pilgrimage will take place **August 13 – 15, 2019** at 2759 North Lipkey Road, North Jackson, Ohio 44451. The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon is a Maronite Catholic Church under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Maronite Catholic Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon in St. Louis, Missouri. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the Roman, Byzantine, and Maronite Rites. The Byzantine Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Archbishop Metropolitan William on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 P.M., followed by a procession to the tomb and the Prayers for the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin. There are children's activities, a food hall, and gift shop. More information is available at www.ourladyoflebanonshrine.com.



85th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Aug. 31 & Sept. 1

This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 85th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. Location: 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401



What can I gain from a Pilgrimage?

From making a Pilgrimage, you can gain an increase in faith and a greater trust in God

Walking Club - Walkers will meet again this week Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to walk the ¼ mile loop and trails on our Church grounds (*Weather permitting*). **Bring your dog, bring the kids! Both bodies and souls are important to the Christian.**

Elegant Junk Sale - The annual Elegant Junk Sale at St. James Church in Sewickley will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Household items, toys, art work, linens, jewelry, frames, holiday decorations, collectables, designer purses and vintage items are just some of the treasures available in the school cafeteria. Furniture, bikes, tools, and small working appliances are on sale in the parking lot garages. The Flea Market is located at 200 Walnut St, adjacent to Rt. 65/Ohio River Blvd, near the Sewickley Bridge. Early Bird shopping begins at 7:30 A.M. for a \$5.00 donation.



Thank you to all the children and helpers who attended Vacation Bible School on Thursday and Friday and to their families for bringing them. May God grant them many happy and blessed years!

*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name,
I am there in their midst."*

Parish Picnic, August 4

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!



We will be having the very popular basket raffle at the Parish Picnic.

We are now taking donations of items to make the baskets or already made baskets. Simply bring your donations in the coming weeks.



St. George Flea Market Still Open! Stop by!

The Flea Market will gradually be taken down over the coming weeks. Until then, the Flea Market is open for business! You may purchase from the Flea Market after Divine Liturgy.

On Forgiveness - A brother who was insulted by another brother came to Abba Sisoës, and said to him: "I was hurt by my brother, and I want to avenge myself". Abba Sisoës tried to console him and said: "Don't do that, my child. Rather leave vengeance to God". But he said: "I will not quit until I avenge myself". Then Abba said: "Let us pray, brother; and standing up, he said: "Our Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive NOT those who trespass against us..." Hearing these words, the brother fell at the feet of the Abba and said: "I am not going to fight with my brother any more. Forgive me, Abba."

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 **STAY** and join us.*



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

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At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”

There are two things in this Gospel reading upon which we can meditate. The one is that this man was ill, he was in need; perhaps he was unable either to express his need, or to express the faith that he had in the possibility of healing..., but his friends had faith: faith in Christ, faith in His power to heal, to make whole. And they took this man and brought him to the Lord.

But their faith would not have been sufficient; many were paralyzed, many were sick who did not find friends who would bring them to the healer. It is not only their faith in Christ; it is also their love to their friend that prompted them to act. And again, it is because this man, in the years when he was whole, was able to call out love, friendship, devotion, faithfulness in their hearts that in the hour of need they came to his rescue.

Here are two lessons for us. The one is that we can bring forth the needs of people: physical, spiritual and other needs; we can bring forth their needs to God if we have faith in His healing power, and our faith can open the gates of salvation for those who perhaps have not enough faith, who might not even be able to say, ‘I believe, Lord, help my unbelief’ - those who doubt, those who hesitate, those who are uncertain that we can bring them to the Lord. But this is possible only if the person in need has created in us, called out in us love; a love so personal, so faithful that we prove capable of acting. Or perhaps, if our life in Christ is deep enough that God has seen into our hearts so much of His own compassion, of His own love that we can turn to the unknown, turn to whom we have never heard of, prompted by nothing but by his or her need, and bring him or her to God unto salvation, unto healing.

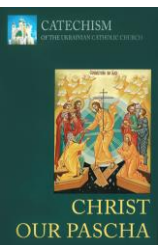
We must remember both the necessity for us to become capable of love and capable of calling out love around us. And also we must learn to have the daring of faith when we see need around us, and bring it to the Only One who can resolve it...the ONE who can heal. Who can make whole not only bodies, and minds, and souls, but the complex relationship between people. Amen



A Summer Full of Spiritual, Liturgical, and Fun Events...

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- July 25 99th Annual Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood, (Russkij Den’)
- July 30 & August 1 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August 1 – 14 Dormition Fast
- August 4 Church Picnic & Open House, 11:00 A.M. Liturgy (info in bulletin)
- August 6 Transfiguration, Solemn Holy Day, Blessing of Fruit
- August 6 & 8 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August 13 & 15 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- August 15 ... Dormition of the Theotokos, Holy Day of Obligation, Blessing of Flowers
- August 20 & 22 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- September 15 Catechetical Sunday



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha - “Man and Woman He Created Them” The image of God is the foundation not only of the personal uniqueness of every human being, but also the human community: “God said: ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness’ ... So God created humankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them” (Gn 1: 26-27). The communion of persons in the Most Holy Trinity is the prototype for human community. Saint John of Damascus explains how the first human community came to be an icon of the Tri-Personal God. He writes that Adam, who had no created cause for his being, and was not begotten, distinct from other human beings, is an image of the uncaused Father-God, the Almighty and Cause of all things. Then, the son born to Adam, is an image of the begotten Son and Word of God; and Eve, who came forth from Adam (but was not born from him) signifies the procession of the Person of the Holy Spirit. (#132)

NEW LIBRARY TITLE! 101 Questions and Answers on Eastern Catholic Churches. Do you have questions about our Eastern Catholic Faith? This book offers an introductory look at the theology, practices, and structures of the Eastern Catholic Churches and may give you answers to things you may have never known about our faith.

Proper Values - Christ does not condemn money in itself, but neither does He uphold material wealth as an acceptable goal for His followers. He wants us to learn to value things rightly, understanding that our lives are transitory and short, and that our goal should not be wealthy and security here and now, but the unending joy and peace of eternal life with Him in His Father’s Kingdom.

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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, Sept. through May
St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

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BE A PART OF IT ALL!

