

June 30, 2019
Third Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 130 – 132, Tone 2

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 30

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Rosary

DIVINE LITURGY

+ **Mary Polas, 7th anniversary of passing**, offered by daughter Betty

SUN., JULY 7

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

2:00 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

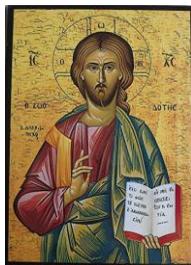
Holy Rosary

DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

Blessing of Graves at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

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



Trust in the Lord - Jesus teaches us to trust in God our Father at all times and in all circumstances. St John Chrysostom, in his commentary on Matthew 6: 22-34, speaks to us about the meaning of the images used in this passage. Just when the lilies of the field are all decked out Jesus no longer calls them lilies but “grass of the field.” He then points further to their vulnerable condition by saying “which are here today.” Then He does not merely say “and not tomorrow” but rather more callously “cast into the oven”. These creatures are

not merely “clothed” but “so clothed” in this way as to be later brought to nothing. Do you see how Jesus everywhere abounds in amplifications and intensifications? He does so in order to press home his point. Then He adds, “Will he not much more clothe you?” The force of the emphasis is on “you” to indicate covertly how great is the value set upon your personal existence and the concern God shows for you in particular. It is as though He were saying, “You, to whom He gave a soul, for whom He fashioned a body, for whose sake He made everything in creation, for whose sake He sent prophets, and gave the law, and wrought those innumerable good works, and for whose sake he gave up his only begotten Son.” **This is a powerful message.**

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

July 1: Shirlee Yasick, July 3: Amanda Mraovich

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

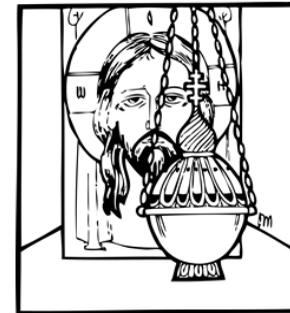
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

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 – June 30: Prudy Peya - July 7: Jo Ann Hersh
Ushers – June 30: R. Mudron/M. Bobanic - July 7: R. Dzumba/F.Hersh
Troica Holders – June 30: R. Dzumba – July 7: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK’S SANCTUARY LAMP
June 30 – July 6, 2019
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Anna George
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
Dottie Hagan & family

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)

“Let our faces show our joy, which is not based on our changing circumstances but the unchanging presence of the risen Lord among us.”

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

Let us pray that we as a parish will do **ALL WE CAN** to implement our plans to grow 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?” “Do I stay for Fellowship Hour after Church?”** If not, it is never too late to begin. Our bulletin is chock full of upcoming events!

We have many ideas to help US grow as a parish AND to attract others as well.

BE A PART OF IT ALL!



Time is a gift from God, to be either used wisely, or wasted away. God allows us to choose how to use His gift. Do you use God's time for loving and caring deeds, for reading the **Holy Scriptures**, for attending the **Divine Services** and other **Spiritual offerings**? It's so tempting, especially in the hazy, lazy days of summer, to take time away from God. But what answer shall we give the Lord for squandering the short time that has been given to us?

Walking Club Returns July 9

Our walkers will return next week, July 9 & 11. We will continue walking our ¼ mile loop in the peaceful setting of our St. George Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer, meeting at 7:00 A.M. Water, juice, and fruit is provided following the walks.



Both bodies and souls are important to the Christian

99th Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood (Russkij Den') - This year's Russkij Den' will be on **Thursday, July 25**. Discounted tickets can be ordered through the GCU. Fun Day tickets: \$25 ages 4-54, \$15 age 55+, \$11 age 70+. There is also a catered lunch for which you need advanced tickets: \$15 all you can eat. To order tickets call 724-495-3400 ext. 3809 by July 8.

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).*

ST. GEORGE FLEA MARKET JULY 12 & 13!

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.



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.**



Thank you!



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!

Happy Independence Day! *Our Founding Fathers established this nation with an abiding trust in God our heavenly Father, giving liberty to all its inhabitants.*



We have become stewards of this cherished heritage. Deem us worthy, O Theotokos, Ever-Virgin, to protect and transmit this treasured inheritance. Lead us to your Son Christ our God, so that He would bestow on us His eternal freedom, granting us His great mercy and leading us into the land of righteousness.

Third Sunday after Pentecost (Epistle)

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through Our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1)

What does Saint Paul the Apostle mean by “we have peace”? He is speaking about behavior and everyday living. He spoke before about faith and the impossibility of salvation without it. Through good works, he is telling us how to behave now - how to show our life with the faith. “Peace with God” means not to go back and commit sin, not to go back to the old life of just pleasing the body without pleasing God.

But how can we not return to sin? Saint Paul is saying “we have been liberated through Christ from our sins, and also through Him we can keep away from sin. To gain peace with God is one thing, but to keep it is another.”

According to Saint Gregory Palamas there are three types of peace: 1. Peace towards ourselves. 2. Peace towards our neighbors. 3. Peace towards God.

Another saint says: “Peace is a liberation from our desires. It cannot be achieved except through the Holy Spirit.” Christ has done the difficult thing. He has brought us the peace with God. But it is up to us to keep it. We were away from Him, now we are close to Him.

Saint Paul in his letter goes on to promise us much more, which people normally do not like to talk about. He said “and that is not all we rejoice about. We can rejoice about our sufferings”. We rejoice not only in our faith, but also in our sufferings. These sufferings can lead us to inner beauty. Even though sufferings can seem heavy, they can bring happiness and peace, if we have the right attitude. This right attitude is born in us through LOVE. According to the Church fathers, it is God’s love which unites us to God: The love which He loved us with. The love which He showed for us when His Son Jesus died for us; did so while we were still sinners; reconciled us to our Creator; and saved us, making us His children and His heirs to His kingdom of eternity. It is our job to accept His love in our hearts, to commune with His love, and to radiate His love in all we do all our life. On this Sunday we pray that God’s Peace, and His Love, be with us always. Amen.



Adult Education to Return! - As the harvesters of the Lord’s vineyard, it is **our duty** to be educated and well-informed of our Eastern Catholic faith in order to build up the Kingdom of God and to grow in our own personal relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. Will you seek to nurture an encounter with God that leads **each of us** into a deepening communion with Him? **Be sure to join us over coffee for Dynamic, Eastern Christian Adult Formation and Enrichment with accompanying video presentations.**



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

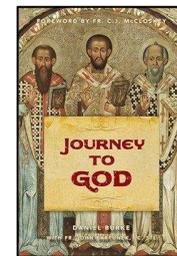
Upcoming Calendar of Events

- 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 (info in bulletin)
- July 20 St. Elijah Holy Day
- July 25 99th Annual Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood, (Russkij Den’)
- July 30 & August 1 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
- 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.



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: “The holy fathers knew very well what they meant by saying that the eyes of our soul can be opened. That is why we should read both the patristic texts and the Scriptures. Do you think that you don’t have time to do it? **Try and read even for a few minutes every day.** The purification and enlightenment you will gain by reading the Holy Scriptures will remain with you day and night”*



NEW TITLE! Journey to God: Covering the important pathways to peace and holiness, this book will serve the souls of those who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God and find their spiritual direction. Whether you are at the beginning of the process, a veteran of spiritual direction, or struggling outside of spiritual direction, this book will help you uncover a map of success for your journey.



God Bless America!



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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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