

September 1, 2019  
Twelfth 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 V'iki!*  
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 135 - 137, Tone 3

Divine Services Schedule:

<b>SUN., SEPT. 1</b> 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M.	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST</b> <i>Holy Rosary</i> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> <b>For the Parishioners</b>
<b>SUN., SEPT. 8</b>	<b>NO LITURGY AT ST. GEORGE</b>
<b>SAT. SEPT. 14</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS HOLY DAY</b> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b>
<b>SUN., SEPT. 15</b> 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M.	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> <i>Holy Rosary</i> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> <b>For the Parishioners</b>

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Combined Liturgy with the Installation of Our New Pastor**

Next **Sunday, September 8, 2019**, (the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos), we will celebrate a combined Liturgy for both St. Mary and St. George parishes. Fr. Joseph Raptosh, our area Dean, will be present to officially install Fr. Geoff Mackey as our new Pastor/Administrator. The Liturgy will be at **11:00 AM on Sunday, September 8, 2019** at **St. Mary Church, Ambridge**. This will be the only Liturgy that weekend. Refreshments will be served immediately following.

**Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:**

September 3: John Gaydos

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

September 12: Daniel & Kathy Kapaldo

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

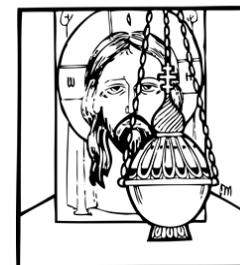
**HOME** – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon, Bonnie Taylor

**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** – Sept. 1: Reaghan Cody – Sept. 15: Jo Ann Hersh  
**Ushers** – Sept. 1: R. Dzumba/F. Hersh – Sept. 15: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh  
**Troica Holders** - Sept. 1: M. Bobanic – Sept. 15: R. Dzumba



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

September 1 - 7, 2019

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*



The Parishioners

**With God all things are possible!**

If you want to learn the way and how the impossible becomes possible, listen. Jesus did not make this statement that what is impossible for man is possible for God merely so you could relax and do nothing and leave it all to God. No, He said this so that you could understand the importance of calling upon God to give you help in this rigorous contest and that you might more readily approach His grace.

*(St. John Chrysostom)*

**What are your plans for growing your faith this new liturgical year?**

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Today ..... Otpust, Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**September 2 ..... Labor Day**  
**September 8 ..... NO LITURGY AT ST. GEORGE, Nativity of the Mother of God**  
**Installation of our new Pastor, 11:00 A.M. Liturgy at St. Mary**  
**September 13 ..... Pirohi sales return**  
**September 14 ..... 9:00 A.M. Liturgy, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Holy Day**  
**September 15 ..... Catechetical Sunday, National Back to Church Sunday**

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- \* Most people come to church because of a personal invitation.
- \* Only 2% of church-going people invite someone to church in a given year. That means 98% of church-goers never extend an invitation in a given year!
- \* 7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.
- \* 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited.
- \* The top “practical” reasons for hardly attending or missing church altogether, 21 % said they don’t have time or they don’t get around to it.
- \* Children and youth who attend religious services weekly, exhibit fewest behavior problems, are more likely to have high-quality relationships with their parents, and are more likely to exhibit positive social behavior, including showing respect for teachers and neighbors, getting along with other children, understanding other people’s feelings, and trying to resolve conflicts with classmates, family or friends.

***September 15, 2019 is National Back to Church Sunday! Who will you invite?***

**Pirohi time is back!!!** Our pirohi sales return on **Friday, September 13** and will continue the second Friday of each month thereafter. Our pirohi project accomplishes two things; it raises money to help support our Church AND **BRINGS US TOGETHER FOR A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.** It is the community that unites us to our Creator, and unites us to one another, in a communion of love! Won’t you join us for this important tradition for our St. George Church? Schedules will be announced soon. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Plan on purchasing your dinners from our pirohi sales on the second Friday of every month. Spread the word and come and help!



*We are in need of volunteers to make coffee this month for Sunday coffee hour. Can you help?*

**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! If you haven’t in a while, we invite everyone to **STAY** and join us.



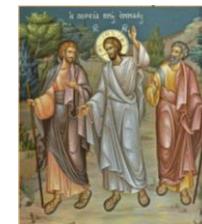
## Happy New Year!?

Byzantine Liturgical New Year that is! The Church follows the computation of time according to the civil calendar year. However, in the Byzantine Rite, the liturgical year begins on September 1st, while the Western Churches begin their liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent.

The Byzantine Church inaugurated the first of September as the beginning of the liturgical year in honor of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great (d. 337 A.D.), over his adversary, Emperor Maxentius, in 312 A.D. Prior to Constantine, Christianity was constantly exposed to persecution. But with Constantine’s victory, as attested to by St. Ambrose (d. 397 A.D.), the Church began a new life. So indeed, Happy New Year!

**Exaltation of the Cross** - On Saturday, September 14th, we will celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross in the year 326, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy Saturday, **September 14th at 9:00 A.M.** Please remember that by tradition, strict abstinence from meat and dairy is prescribed on this day. This strict fast is prescribed to honor the suffering of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Catechetical Sunday, September 15, Journey to Emmaus** - "Catechetical Sunday" is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish's students in the faith. In two weeks we will have a special blessing of our children (and their teachers) during the Divine Liturgy. **We ask that all students and faculty be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians.**



*Look for upcoming info and opportunities for ALL parishioners this Catechetical year.*

### **Visit our Library!**

**Happy Labor Day** *On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor - in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your Name.*

*We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.*

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Gospel reading challenges us all so sharply. It begins with words that may be interpreted in more than one way: "Good Lord - what shall I do to have eternal life?" And the Lord answers, "Why do you call Me good? Good is only God". He does not say, "You are wrong". He does not deny His right to be called good as God is good; and thereby, to those who have ears to hear, those who have a heart capable of perceiving the surpassing goodness of the Lord Jesus, surpassing all human goodness, all human beauty and truth - it is a testimony: Yes, you are speaking to your God, and it is your God that is to answer your question.



Then Christ gives us two indications. The one is: if you wish to have eternal life, keep the Commandments. The Commandments of God are not only rules of behavior (although, of course they are such), but as one of the Psalms puts it, should be in our inmost hearts. It should be from the depths of our heart that we accomplish the Commandments: not because we are commanded from outside, but because they have reached us with the ring of truth; not because God has spoken, but because with all our being we have answered "Amen!" This is true, this is life, and this is the way into eternal life.

When we hear Christ mentioning these Commandments - where are we? Who of us can say that he or she was faithful to every word of this short list that indicates that without which we cannot live? Where do we stand? Then Our Lord says to us quite clearly: "If you want perfection - give all you possess." It is not only material things which we can give: every one of us has treasures hoarded in his mind and heart, in his soul, things which are more important to him than anything material, that is his wealth. Each of us should turn inward and ask himself, "Which is my peculiar treasure? What are those things which I will not give away even for life eternal, for God?"

Sometimes we go home like the young man, perhaps saddened, that neither are we keeping the Commandments, nor are we able to give away our most precious treasure: but remember - we will not go condemned, we will have been faced with an ultimate choice, and as long as we can struggle on earth - there is time. But let us not be enticed by the length of time: time flies, time goes - let it not be too late, let us turn to life, let us become all we are capable of being.

### Church Family News...

Do you have any news you would like published in our bulletin? Please send articles and/or pictures to: [stgbyz@gmail.com](mailto:stgbyz@gmail.com)

*The Church is the greatest treasure and blessing we have in our lives!*

## The Face of God: An Introduction to Byzantine Faith & Spirituality Live Webinar

With Rev. Deacon Daniel Dozier  
Wednesdays, September 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 – 9:30 P.M. Eastern Time



The Eastern Catholic Directors of Religious Education announce **God With Us Online\***; new upcoming online educational offerings for all Eastern Catholics. All courses are live webinars offered free of charge. The first of five courses is **The Face of God**.

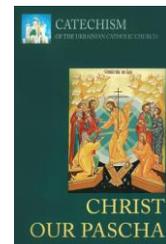
### Course Description:

*"Christianity is not an abstract doctrine divorced from reality and from history. Nor is it some momentary, flickering light which shines for a brief while and then is gone. Christianity is a continual celebration of life and love between God and man lived out in concrete history."*

- Archbishop Joseph Raya

Register at: <http://easterncatholic.org/events>. All webinars will open 30 minutes ahead of time for questions and pre-class discussion. Please join us! Flyers are available in the Center.

\* GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA) and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization. All programs are offered free of charge.



### Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha – "The Freedom and Responsibility of Humankind"

When Adam and Eve transgressed the commandment, they severed their bond with God. Their choice became the cause of death, and the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" became its instrument. The cross was also such an instrument of death, prepared on Golgotha for the Son of God, Jesus Christ. However, by accepting death on the cross, He transformed the instrument of death, the cross, into a "tree of life." "Truly, O Christ, the tree of life has blossomed. For the cross, planted in the earth, fed with blood and water from your pure side, has put forth life for us." It has become a *life-giving cross*. (#139)

**Sanctuary Candles for 2020** - The 2020 weekly sanctuary candle intentions sign-up is available in the Narthex for you to sponsor with your intention in memory of a deceased loved one or for the health and well-being of a friend or loved one.

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**E.C.F. coordinator: Jo Ann Hersh  
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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies

Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office

Holy Mystery of Anointing .....Ask prior to surgery or serious illness

Holy Mystery of Marriage .....Contact 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

**Troparion for the New Year** - *O Maker of all creation, under whose*

*control are the seasons and the years, being Our Lord, bless the beginning of the year with abundance and, through the intercession of the Mother of God, preserve our Country and the people in peace, and save us.*

