

September 15, 2019  
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross



**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. 258 - 260

Divine Services Schedule:

**SUN., SEPT. 15**      **SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**  
8:00 A.M.      *Holy Rosary*  
8:30 A.M.      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
                    **For the Parishioners**

**SUN., SEPT. 22**      **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
8:00 A.M.      *Holy Rosary*  
8:30 A.M.      **DIVINE LITURGY**  
                    **For the Parishioners**

**Eternal Memory**

Our Church family offers prayerful condolences to the family of Paul Valiga who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, September 5. Paul was a faithful member of our St. George Church for 93 years and was a dedicated caretaker of our Church grounds for many years. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Paul and remember him forever! *Vičnaja jemu pamjat'*

Our parish family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Margaret Barilla who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, September 6. May God grant blessed repose and eternal memory to His servant Margaret. *Vičnaja jej pamjat'*.

Parishioner Wilma 'Sis' Dobo fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, September 7. Our Church family offers prayerful condolences to her family. Sis was a faithful member of our Church and a dedicated pirohi worker. In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Wilma and remember her forever! *Vičnaja jej pamjat'*.

**Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:**

September 15: John George, September 16: Daniel Mingrino, September 17: Robert Sirko

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

None for the week

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

**HOME** – Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Josephine Maruhnich, Mary Salamon

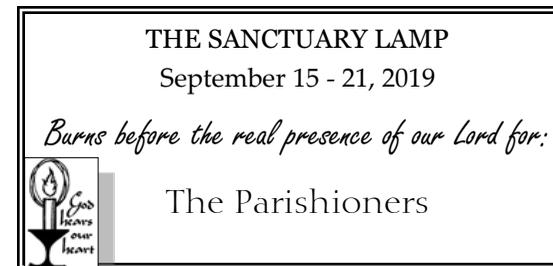
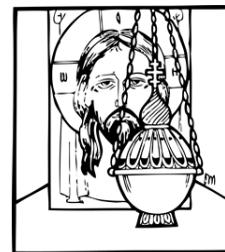
**Hunter's Care Home** (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

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

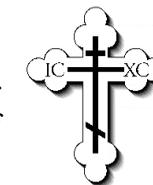
**Beaver Meadows** (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Angie Yuhasz

**Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center** (246 Friendship Cir, Beaver, PA 15009) - Marion Malackanich, Carole Panella, Bonnie Taylor

**Epistle Readers** – Sept. 15: Jo Ann Hersh – Sept. 22: Jo Ann Hersh  
**Ushers** – Sept. 15: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh – Sept. 22: R. Mudron/J. Yurosky  
**Troica Holders** - Sept. 15: R. Dzumba – Sept. 22: M. Bobanic



**ABOUT THE THREE-BARRED CROSS** - The Three-barred Cross is common to most Slavic countries. The three bars distinguish the Holy Cross as the Cross of Christ, as opposed to other crosses used in Western Christianity. The smaller upper bar represents the sign placed above the Lord's head, which read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". The slanted lower bar reflects the fate of the thieves crucified on either side of the Lord: one side pointing up to Paradise, the other downward to Hades. On either side of the Cross are often pictures the spear used to pierce the Lord's side, and the pole with the sponge used to give Him sour wine to drink.



**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.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

September 15 ..... Catechetical Sunday  
October 1 ..... Protection of the Theotokos Holy Day  
October 11 ..... Pirohi Sale  
Coming in October ..... Parish Bon Fire Night



**Parish Bon Fire Night, (Vatra\*)**  
**Coming in October**  
*Date to be announced*

*Come hang out with your church family and get warm and toasty by the fire! Enjoy some fire grilled hot dogs and tasty s'mores!*

*Is any pleasure on Earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by a fire?*

C.S. Lewis

\*Vatra: A bonfire in which Rusyns gather around the fire to share food, music and each other's company.

***“If but ten among us lead a holy life, we shall kindle a fire which shall light up the entire city.”***

- St. John Chrysostom

**Haven't Seen Someone in a While?**

Send them an email or give them a call. It is nice to hear from a friend from Church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay.

**WELCOME**

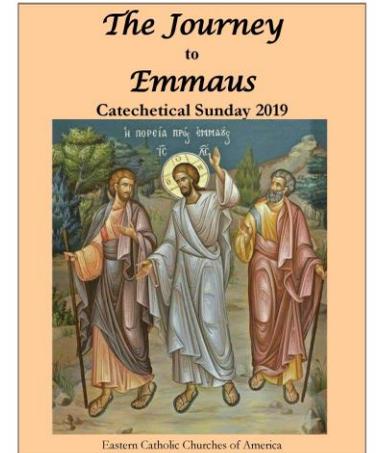
*We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! If you haven't in a while, we invite everyone to **STAY** and join us.*



**Catechetical Sunday Today, Journey to Emmaus**

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. We are all here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new Catechetical Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for ALL the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves "many blessed years!"

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



The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.” (GDC #80, Catechesis Tradendae) Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, through the ministry of catechesis we learn the answers to any questions about our existence can be found in the scriptures and in Jesus Christ.

***“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might ... to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.”*** (Colossians 1:9-12)

Regular attendance of Divine Liturgy along with Sunday school and adult formation is a very important step on the path of our Byzantine Catholic faith.

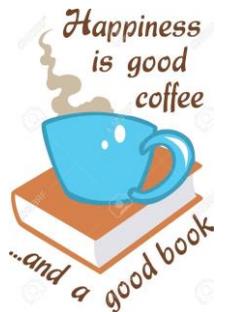
***“Most of the problems in the Church are due to ignorance of the Scriptures.”***  
St. John Chrysostom

**The Library, under the mantle of our ECF program, will soon move to its own space where you can sit and read and enjoy coffee.**

**Watch for it and utilize it!**

**Visit our Library!**

**Enrich your faith!**



## Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."

- Mark 8:34-35



On this Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation we hear the calling to: "...take up his cross and follow me". After "renouncing ourselves", Our Lord calls us to take up our cross. What does that mean? Each and every one of us has his own cross: sickness, poverty, pain or suffering. Jesus did not look for suffering, it was forced on him. He accepted it in love and without losing his trust in God His Father. Following the cross does not mean copying the suffering of Jesus. That would be presumption. But it certainly means enduring the suffering that befalls us in our own situation, in our everyday life, in our daily obligations, demands, claims, and promises in our family or our calling.

It is impossible to completely refuse suffering without refusing to accept life as a whole, without ceasing to enter into any relationships. Pains, losses, amputations exist even in the smoothest-running life which can be conceived: separation from parents, fading of youthful friendship, the death of people who have figured in our lives, with whom we have identified ourselves, the death of relatives and friends, finally our own death. And here everyone can add his own crosses. What is our attitude in face of the cross? It can be an attitude of revolt against these sufferings, and our life will be filled with bitterness and anger. But we can also unite our suffering to the suffering of Christ on the Cross. Our life will then acquire a new personal quality; through suffering we become more mature, more experienced, more modest, more genuinely humble, more open for others - in a word, more human.

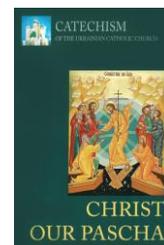
Suffering then, for the Christian, does not need to be a fate to be borne passively, a destiny to which we have to submit. "Suffering is a change experienced by man; it is a mode of coming to be". It is a growth toward a greater, higher, freer, final goal. It is a growth in faith, and hope that suffering is not the ultimate reality. The ultimate reality is God, with whom all suffering will definitively be dissolved in eternal life. That is our faith in the loving God, and that is our hope in the living God.

Protect Your people by Your Cross!

Live Webinar continues this Wednesday  
**The Face of God:**  
**An Introduction to Byzantine Faith & Spirituality**  
With Rev. Deacon Daniel Dozier  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 9:30 P.M. Eastern Time



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.



**Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha – The Fall.** God created everything good (Gn 1:31). According to the testimony of Holy Scriptures, evil appears later – through the rejection of good. Evil does not appear as a new reality: "Evil does not exist by nature, nor is anyone naturally evil, for God made nothing that was not good." Evil is the limitation and corruption of that which already exists: "Evil has its existence in non-being." Sin strips us of life – of God. Evil emerges as a result of personal sin, we read: "From where did this [evil] come? Is it not the obvious consequence of your libertinism and your choice? It is certainly thus and no one can claim the opposite. Ask yourself, "As a consequence of the Fall, evil enters into the world; it is permitted by God for the sake of repentance and the conversion of humankind: "From this proceeds illnesses in cities and countries, droughts, bad harvest, the destruction of cities, earthquakes, floods, the vanquishing armies..." says St. Basil. (#141)



**Are you ashamed of Christ?** - One who claims to live in Christ ought to walk as He walked. Would you follow Christ? Then be humble as He was humble. Do not scorn His lowliness if you want to reach His exaltation. Human sin made the road rough. Christ's resurrection leveled it. By passing over it Himself He transformed the narrowest of tracks into a royal highway. Two feet are needed to run along this highway; they are humility and charity. Everyone wants to get to the top – well, the first step to take is humility. Why take strides that are too big for you – do you want to fall instead of going up? Start with the first step, humility, and you will already be climbing. (Saint Caesarius of Arles)

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. Grant victory to your Church over evil, and protect your people by your cross.



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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

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