

November 3, 2019  
Twenty First 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 Viki!*  
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 141-142, Tone 4

Divine Services Schedule:

<b>SUN., NOV. 3</b> 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M.	<b>TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST</b> <i>Holy Rosary</i> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> + <b>Wilma Dobo</b> , offered by son, Andrew & Jo Anne Dobo
<b>FRI., NOV. 8</b> 6:00 P.M.	<b>ARCHANGEL MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS HOLY DAY</b> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b>
<b>SUN., NOV. 10</b> 8:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M.	<b>TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST</b> <i>Holy Rosary</i> <b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> <b>Health &amp; God's Blessings for John Simunick</b> , offered by Connie Hersh

**Your faith can make you well**

When the woman was healed, our Lord said, "Who touched me?" so that she could profess her healing before everyone. Also, in the case of the little girl, he said, "She is sleeping" so that the spectators might testify that she was dead, and then seeing her restored to life, these who scorned would be converted into believers. The witness given by them concerning the death of the little girl and her restoration to life performed by the Lord was a witness in anticipation of his death. Those who would see that he was alive again would not deny it.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

**Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:**

November 9: Susan Sirko

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

None for the week

**Please pray for our parishioners and friends who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship, or any special need:**

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

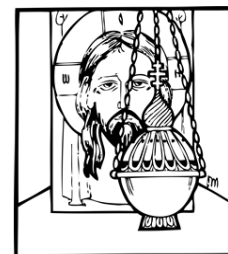
**Hunter's Care Home** (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

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

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

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

**Epistle Readers:** Nov. 3: Reaghan Cody – Nov. 10: Jo Ann Hersh  
**Ushers:** Nov. 3: R. Dzumba/F. Hersh – Nov. 10: J. Yurosky/E. Maruhnich  
**Troica Holders:** Nov. 3: J. Yurosky – Nov. 10: F. Hersh



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

November 3 - 9, 2019

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

+ Eva & John Choros

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Daughter, Mary Salamon



*Exciting things are happening at St. George Church!*

*"It's time for our Byzantine Church to rise here and now. This is where it starts!"*

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is a chance to experience heaven on earth.

*Our Byzantine Catholic Faith is Life Itself!*

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

November 3, 10, 17, 24 ..... Youth ECF Classes, 10:15-11:30  
November 8 ..... Pirohi Sale  
November 8 ..... 6:00 P.M Divine Liturgy, Archangel Michael Holy Day  
November 9 ..... Spirituality Conference  
November 15 ..... St. Phillip's Fast Begins, (Advent)  
November 15 ..... Annual Christmas Almsgiving Collection Begins  
November 20 ..... 6:00 P.M. Vespers Divine Liturgy, Entrance of the Theotokos Holy Day  
November 21 ..... Entrance of the Theotokos Holy Day  
December 6 ..... St. Nicholas Day  
December 8 ..... 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Banquet  
December 17 ..... Advent Journey: A Pilgrimage through Prophecy, 6:00 P.M. (info in bulletin)  
December 22 ..... Annual Christmas Party (Details to follow)

**St. Anthony Congregation Spaghetti Dinner** - The St. Anthony Congregation of West Aliquippa is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner today, November 3, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 327 Beaver Avenue, West Aliquippa, PA. The cost is \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children 5 to 12 years and Free for under 5 years. Everyone is welcome.

### ***Coming in December!***

#### **Advent Journey: A Pilgrimage through Prophecy**

Join us here at St. George Church on **Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 P.M.** for an adult ECF forum. We will "walk" through the Old Testament from the Creation and Fall of humanity, through the calling of Israel, the anointing of Kings, the Prophetic predictions of the Messiah, and end with the Annunciation to Mary and her Visitation to Elizabeth - showing how the coming of Christ is the fulfillment of all of the history of redemption.

*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.*

#### **Christmas Nutroll Sale**

We will once again have a Christmas nutroll sale. Nutrolls will be \$15.00 each. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 22. There will be order sheets in the center soon. Let us do the baking for you!

**The annual Christmas party for the parishes of St. George and St. Mary will be on Sunday, December 22. Details to follow.**

*And More...*

## Pirohi Sale This Week



Our next pirohi sale will be this Friday, November 8. Work schedule is as follows: Monday and Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 A.M. till finished. Friday, the day of the sale, come any time in the morning to help. Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! **To order call: 724-375-6652. Plan your dinner and order pirohi, tell family and friends!**

### **ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: SEMINARY FUNDRAISING DINNER**

The 63rd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration, benefiting our Byzantine Catholic Seminary will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019. The cost of the dinner is \$40 per plate (or \$18 per plate for children 12 and under). **We would like to have a table of eight reserved for St. George Church.** The deadline is **TODAY**, after which we will send in our parish registration form. If you are unable to attend, but wish to sponsor a seminarian or other guest to attend, this can also be arranged.

### ***Prayer to our Guardian Angel***

O angel of God, my holy guardian, given to me from heaven, enlighten me this day, and save me from all evil. Instruct me in doing good deeds, and set me on the path of salvation. Amen.

O angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything wherein I have offended you every day of my life, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the Evil One. May I never again anger God by my sins. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-Holy Trinity, and of the blessed Mother of God, and of all the saints. Amen.



*"The [guardian] angel will not retreat from us, unless we drive him away by our evil deeds. As the smoke drives bees away, and stench the doves, even so our stinking sin drives away from us the angel who protects our life."*

*St. Basil the Great*

### **Christmas Altar Candles**

A sign-up sheet is now available to donate altar candles for Christmas in memory of a deceased loved one or friend or for the health and well-being of a loved one or friend.

*There are new FREE resources available in our Library*



## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased.*

There was something different about this woman's touch. There was intent behind it, there was faith behind it, and there was rich content in her touch that made her contact significant, so significant that it persuaded power to proceed from him! Why?

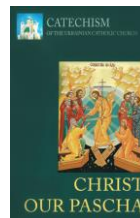
Her faith... Our Lord tells us that her faith was what made her whole. She believed even after twelve years of physical suffering and of enduring the label of social outcast that the Christ would heal her. In fact, it may well have been her suffering that gave birth to the rich faith she brought to the scene. Suffering can inspire the deepest kinds of faith. I would love to have a glimpse at her life during those twelve years. How did she pray, how did she express her piety, how exactly did the suffering help to purify her heart, simplify and clarify her mind? What was her response to all of it that brought forth such pure faith?



This faithful woman was uniquely prepared for the encounter; her long suffering had prepared her to meet the Incarnate God. She literally had nothing to lose. She had abandoned all feelings of shame, of fear, even of "being and non-being" as St. Dionysius the Areopagite writes in mystical language. She passed beyond everything, including herself, with single minded purpose to touch the hem of His garment. So, she becomes a model of the spiritual life for all of us. She fully incorporated in herself the essential mystical elements of renunciation of self and the world and detachment from everything in them.

Whatever else she may have offered Christ that day, this faithful woman at least offered three things, clarity of focus, courageous faith and utter self-denial. She had little else to give than these natural things developed in her through suffering, which are also available to all of us through the gift of God's image and of the Holy Spirit within.

**Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha - The Consequences of the Fall.** The Fall of our first ancestors is the tragedy of humankind. In-stead of being sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters to all, and stewards of creation, humans by their own sinful choice became slaves of evil, enemies to other people. They fell under the sway of the world. Created in the image of God, humankind failed to attain God-likeness. "Sin destroyed God-likeness in humankind." (#149)



*"To become adult Christians, you must learn familiarity with the scriptures"*

**Live Webinar**  
**UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY**  
An introduction to  
**Eastern Christian Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays, November 6 & 13**  
8:00 – 9:30 P.M. Eastern Time

Do you want to understand the Bible more deeply? We're surrounded by the scriptures as Eastern Christians, and yet, sometimes we still find the Bible to be a bit of a mystery and are unsure of how to make it a more prominent part of our life. We should not be afraid of the Bible! It's our book!

Join us for **our next two-part webinar starting THIS WEDNESDAY, November 6**, as we unlock the mystery with Joshua Mangels. Register at: <http://easterncatholic.org/events>.



Joshua Mangels is a former Protestant pastor who converted to Catholicism together with his wife and part of his congregation. He is now a parishioner of St. Melany's Byzantine Catholic Church in Tucson, Arizona

*"We have learned the plan of our salvation from no one else other than from those through whom the gospel has come down to us. For they did at one time proclaim the gospel in public. And, at a later period, by the will of God, they handed the gospel down to us in the Scriptures-to be the 'ground and pillar of our faith.'"*

*- St. Irenaeus the Godbearer*

**Lifting Our Hearts to God From the Depths** - St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Aleppo welcomes you to "**Lifting our Hearts to God from the Depths**," an evening of Adoration presided by Father Boniface Hicks, OSB. Fr. Boniface, a monk of St. Vincent's Archabbey in Latrobe, is the director of Spiritual Formation at St. Vincent Seminary, the General Manager of We Are One Body (WAOB) Catholic Radio, and the co-author of *Spiritual Direction: A Guide for Sharing the Father's Love*. This event will be held on **Friday, November 15 at St. Mary's Church**, 444 Glenfield Road, Sewickley, PA 15143 at **7:00 PM**.

### ONE DROP OF GRACE

*According to thy mercy, pour out upon me, who am miserable, at least one small drop of grace to make me understand and be converted, that I might make at least some small effort to correct myself. For if thy grace does not illumine my soul, I will not be able to see the carelessness and negligence that the passions have produced in me through my apathy and recklessness.*

*- Our venerable father Ephraim the Syrian*

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**Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, David Klacik,  
Louisa Hersh**

**E.C.F. coordinator: Jo Ann Hersh  
Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff**

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

*When you throw a nail into a fire, it gets hot and starts to glow like fire. In the same way  
you, when you listen to divine teachings and live accordingly, will become like God.*  
*St. Symeon of Daibabe*