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Sunday, July 4th, 2021

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK: (COULD BE CHANGED)

Sunday	07/04/2021	11:00 am	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	+Joseph B Simchak By <i>Barbara & Kristin</i> (On-Line)
Sunday	07/11/2021	11:00 am	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	+Mildred Jama By <i>Arleen Jama</i> (On-Line)



**On SEPTEMBER 26th 2021 we are going to celebrate
125 Years of the establishment
of Sts Peter and Paul in Braddock.**

**Most Reverend William C. Skurla at 3:00 P.M. will
celebrate Divine Liturgy. All details will be announced.**

DIVINE SERVICES ATTENDANCE

Liturgy on Wednesday, June 23rd was 7; on Sunday, June 27th was 41.

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

Liturgy on Wednesday, June 23rd was 144; on Sunday, June 27th was 135.

SICK AND SHUT-INS

*Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick,
homebound, hospitalized, living in nursing facilities, or need
your prayers for their personal intentions:*



*Andrew Cencarik, Don Downey, Anna D. Fialkovich, Mark Fialkovich, Benjamin
Kaefer, Jr., John Kopay, Jr., Sylvia Kopay, Mary Anne Ference Mistick, Richard
Paloscko, Nancy Pcolar, Bob Newton, Rebecca McCullough, Will McCullough, Marie
Churley, Joanne Skinta, John Gegick and Those serving in the Armed Forces, Gerry
Petticca and Family, Paul Peek, Emily Cox, Margaret Torbich, Mary Pat H, Gale
Joscak, Mary Ann Badar, Robert Crowley, Rose Petruska, Gary Fall, Andrew Torbich,
Mark Crowley, Mason Stern, Shawna Lynn Beluscak, Ronald Dusetzina, Virginia
Mehalik-Woods, Gio Savko.*

****If you have a family member in the hospital or other facilities, and would like us to remember them
in prayer, contact Father Vitalii and we will be glad to publish their name in the bulletin – even if they
are not a parishioner of Saints Peter & Paul Parish.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01	MEGHAN FEDOR	07/13	NADIA DRABIK
07/04	MICHAEL FIALKOVICH	07/13	BRENDAN FEDOR
07/05	MICHAEL FEDOR	07/15	JASON FIALKOVICH
07/10	LORI DOWNEY	07/24	BETTY JEAN FIALKOVICH
		07/26	MARK SHAMBURA

PLEASE NOTE: On July 18th, the Divine Liturgy will be held at 09:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

**Beginning January 31, 2021 all MONTHLY donations are going to cover our expenses for our
125 years celebration on September 26th 2021. Collected so far \$2,703.00**

LITURGY STIPEND UPDATED

**BEGINNING 6/18/2021 THE SUGGESTED OFFERING FOR A DIVINE LITURGY WILL
NOW BE \$ 20.00 THROUGHOUT THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH
(PITTSBURGH, PASSAIC, PARMA AND PHOENIX) AS DECIDED BY THE COUNCIL OF
HIERARCHES**

On July 4 th 2021	On July 11 th 2021	On July 18 th 2021	On July 25 th 2021
Team A	Team B	Team C	Team A

CATHOLIC TEACHING, THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE CHURCH'S SACRAMENTS

III. The Sacraments of Faith

Christ sent his apostles so that "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations." "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The mission to baptize, and so the sacramental mission, is implied in the mission to evangelize, because the sacrament is prepared for by the word of God and by the faith which is assent to this word:

The People of God is formed into one in the first place by the Word of the living God.... the preaching of the Word is required for the sacramental ministry itself, since the sacraments are sacraments of faith, drawing their origin and nourishment from the Word.

"The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it. That is why they are called 'sacraments of faith.'"

The Church's faith precedes the faith of the believer who is invited to adhere to it. When the Church celebrates the sacraments, she confesses the faith received from the apostles - whence the ancient saying: *lex orandi, lex credendi* (or: *legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi* according to Prosper of Aquitaine [5th cent.]). The law of prayer is the law of faith: the Church believes as she prays. Liturgy is a constitutive element of the holy and living Tradition.

For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or the community. Even the supreme authority in the Church may not change the liturgy arbitrarily, but only in the obedience of faith and with religious respect for the mystery of the liturgy.

Likewise, since the sacraments express and develop the communion of faith in the Church, the *lex orandi* is one of the essential criteria of the dialogue that seeks to restore the unity of Christians.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member, they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only by the pastor.

SISTERS OF ST. BASIL ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR THE 87TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE – SUN., SEPT. 5



The Sisters of St. Basil the Great are pleased to announce that on Sunday, September 5, 2021, the 87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St. Macrina. With the theme, "Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress", the Pilgrimage will be an in-person event and will also be streamed live. Weather permitting, liturgical services will be broadcast at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with local county CDC/health department officials, the Pilgrimage will be conducted with guidelines and limitations.

Although we are very happy to warmly welcome Pilgrims to the grounds of Mt. St. Macrina this year, we encourage those with compromised health conditions, unvaccinated Pilgrims, or those who would need to travel great distances to pray with us virtually via the livestream at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

UPDATES

Joan Skinta is at Woodhaven Care Ceeter, Room 107, 2400 McGinley Rd., Monroeville Pa 15146

Rose Petruska is at Magnolia Place, 100 Bella Court, Saxonburg, PA 16056

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE - 3 P.M. – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – ST ELIAS

Though it is uncertain right now if the actual celebration can be held, we are still asking for you to submit the names of the wedding anniversary celebrants for this year, so that they can be honored in some way.

This will take place at St Elias in Munhall on September 13th 2020. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m., followed by a dinner in the Social Hall. **If you are celebrating or have already celebrated your wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, or beyond during this year of 2020 and 2021, contact Fr. Vitalii. Dead line is July 18th 2021.**

CHAPTER VII - CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AND TASKS

The indispensable requirements of the word of God

88. Another threat to be reckoned with is scientism. This is the philosophical notion which refuses to admit the validity of forms of knowledge other than those of the positive sciences; and it relegates religious, theological, ethical and aesthetic knowledge to the realm of mere fantasy. In the past, the same idea emerged in positivism and neo-positivism, which considered metaphysical statements to be meaningless. Critical epistemology has discredited such a claim, but now we see it revived in the new guise of scientism, which dismisses values as mere products of the emotions and rejects the notion of being in order to clear the way for pure and simple facticity. Science would thus be poised to dominate all aspects of human life through technological progress. The undeniable triumphs of scientific research and contemporary technology have helped to propagate a scientific outlook, which now seems boundless, given its inroads into different cultures and the radical changes it has brought.

Regrettably, it must be noted, scientism consigns all that has to do with the question of the meaning of life to the realm of the irrational or imaginary. No less disappointing is the way in which it approaches the other great problems of philosophy which, if they are not ignored, are subjected to analyses based on superficial analogies, lacking all rational foundation. This leads to the impoverishment of human thought, which no longer addresses the ultimate problems which the human being, as the animal rationale, has pondered constantly from the beginning of time. And since it leaves no space for the critique offered by ethical judgement, the scientific mentality has succeeded in leading many to think that if something is technically possible it is therefore morally admissible.

To be continued... FIDES ET RATIO OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF, JOHN PAUL II

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

An assembly for all four eparchies in the Metropolia is being planned (in-person event). This event will be held on November 5-6, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, PA. More specific information will be sent out in the near future.

DEI VERBUM; CHAPTER VI; SACRED SCRIPTURE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Dei Verbum

On Divine Revelation



22. Easy access to Sacred Scripture should be provided for all the Christian faithful. That is why the Church from the very beginning accepted as her own that very ancient Greek translation of the Old Testament which is called the Septuagint; and she has always given a place of honor to other Eastern translations and Latin ones especially the Latin translation known as the Vulgate. But since the word of God should be accessible at all times, the Church by her authority

and with maternal concern sees to it that suitable and correct translations are made into different languages, especially from the original texts of the sacred books. And should the opportunity arise and the Church authorities approve, if these translations are produced in cooperation with the separated brethren as well, all Christians will be able to use them. *Solemnly Promulgated by His Holiness Pope Paul VI on November 18, 1965*

CHURCH HISTORY; Fourth Century;

The Second Ecumenical Council

Emperor Theodosius the Great came to the imperial throne of the eastern part of the Roman Empire in 379. A strong supporter of the Nicene Faith, he wanted to help the Church finally put an end to the various forms of Arianism which had cropped up since the Council of Nicea. He also understood that Macedonianism and Apollinarianism had to be addressed. In 381 he called a Church council in Constantinople which would come to be known as the Second Ecumenical Council.

This council condemned all forms of Arianizing doctrines by reaffirming the doctrinal statement, or creed, which had been proclaimed at the Nicene Council. It also condemned

Macedonianism, and proclaimed the divinity of the Holy Spirit in a paragraph added to the Creed of Nicea. It is this Creed, the combined work of the first two Ecumenical Councils, which Orthodox Christians we recite at baptismal services and the Divine Liturgy. Also known as the Symbol of Faith, it is the most important Christian creed ever written. This council also condemned the teachings of Apollinaris.



THANK YOU!!!



We would like to give thanks to all our faithful for all preparation and customizing and cleaning of Sts Peter & Paul. Thank you and God bless all of you.

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Gospel reading of last Sunday told us how the Gadarenes went out to meet Jesus and how they asked Him to “*to leave their district.*” And this happened because all of them were infected with one sin, the passion for profit, the love of money. This was an insatiable thirst for wealth, more and more of it. And wealth came to them through large herds of swine which were grazing in their pastures. But according to Jewish Law, they had no right to keep them. In this was their sin, and they lived in sin, to satisfy only this passion, this idol of getting rich. And this passion seemed to unite them all. See how the Gospel says, “*Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.*”.

Yet not all inhabitants of this town were bad people. Among them were those who wanted to see Jesus, who wanted to listen to His teaching, and maybe were ready to believe in Him. Salvation was so close. But this idol, this passion for profit enslaved them; and instead of asking the Lord to remain in their town, they asked Him to go away. They were already deprived of their freedom of will; through sin they were enslaved, a spiritual paralysis possessed them. The Gospel continues, “*And He entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into His own city. And, behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed: When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, «Courage, child, your sins are forgiven».*”

There is physical paralysis, but there is also spiritual paralysis. Being paralyzed physically we want to do something, but either our hand or our foot does not move. But being spiritually paralyzed even to think is difficult, and we don’t want to do anything — we lose heart. There is a desire to fulfill a commandment of Christ, and yet we cannot; something is interfering, something is holding us back. And instead of Christ abiding in our heart — there is a storm, and Christ goes away. What motivated the Gadarenes to ask Christ to leave their land? Sin — the passion for profit. And this sin brought them into spiritual paralysis, and they did not have enough spiritual fortitude to detain Christ with them.

So it happens to us. The only reason is sin. And sin is not only love of money. There is a whole variety of rays from this “black diamond.” This means laziness, pride, vain talking, lying, condemnation, anger, irritability, any kind of impurity and still more and more. And we all suffer from these sins: whoever has any of these, this is sin. And this is what brings us to spiritual weakness, to spiritual paralysis. Let us look within ourselves and let us honestly recognize that, like the Gadarenes, we all live in spiritual weakness, in spiritual paralysis. But let us not despond. The Gospel today gives us great comfort. With what words does Christ heal the paralytic? “*Your sins are forgiven.*” In spiritual paralysis, sin is always the reason. All you have to do is find this sin, this passion which stands between us and Christ; take it to the Lord and say: “*Lord, heal me!*”

Then the Lord will tell us as He did the paralytic: “*Your sins are forgiven Arise, take up your bed and go home*”.

And the storm will calm down, will go away from the heart, and Christ will fill it with quiet joy. The weakness will disappear and a new energy will appear in us, a new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We need you!

Not too many churches reach the blessed milestone of 125 years of age. **As part of our Anniversary Celebration, there will be a special Anniversary. Memory Book about our Church.**

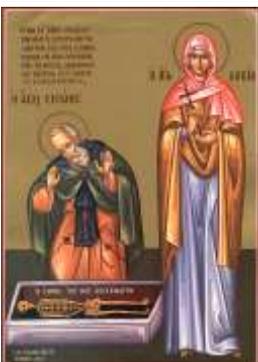
Here's how you can help:

- (1) We would like to honor our founding families and long-time members by publishing their photos, names, and information.** Please share any information and photos you may have about your grandparents, great aunts and uncles, etc.
- (2) We are also looking for very old photos of the church (pre-1940).** Do you have any old family photos that were taken at SS. Peter & Paul? We'd love to include them.
- (3) Would you share a favorite church memory or two?** We'd like to include members' reminiscences, of any kind. It can be long or short, from long ago or last month.

Please send any information or suggestions you might have to: Mary Anne (FERENCE) Mistick

Email: mam109@verizon.net

VENERABLE SISOES THE GREAT; COMMEMORATED ON JULY 6



Saint Sisoes the Great (+ 429) was a solitary monk, pursuing asceticism in the Egyptian desert in a cave sanctified by the prayerful labors of his predecessor, Saint Anthony the Great (January 17). For his sixty years of labor in the desert, Saint Sisoes attained to sublime spiritual purity and he was granted the gift of wonderworking, so that by his prayers he once restored a dead child back to life.

Extremely strict with himself, Abba Sisoes was very merciful and compassionate to others, and he received everyone with love. To those who visited him, the saint first of all always taught humility. When one of the monks asked how he might attain to a constant remembrance of God, Saint Sisoes remarked, "That is no great thing, my son, but it is a great thing to regard yourself as inferior to everyone else. This leads to the acquisition of humility." Asked by the monks whether one year is sufficient for repentance if a brother sins, Abba Sisoes said, "I trust in the mercy of God that if such a man repents with all his heart, then God will accept his repentance in three days."

When Saint Sisoes lay upon his deathbed, the disciples surrounding the Elder saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked the dying man what he saw. Abba Sisoes replied that he saw Saint Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face increased in brightness, and he spoke with someone. The monks asked, "With whom are you speaking, Father?" He said that angels had come for his soul, and he was entreating them to give him a little more time for repentance. The monks said, "You have no need for repentance, Father." Saint Sisoes said with great humility, "I do not think that I have even begun to repent."

After these words the face of the holy abba shone so brightly that the brethren were not able to look upon him. Saint Sisoes told them that he saw the Lord Himself. Then there was a flash like lightning, and a fragrant odor, and Abba Sisoes departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.



July Fourth Word Search



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