



Saint Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava vo v'iki!



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JUNE 30, 2019

SYNAXIS OF ALL CARPATHO-RUSSIAN SAINTS

- SUN., JUNE 30** **SYNAXIS OF ALL CARPATHO-RUSSIAN SAINTS. 2nd Sunday after Pentecost.** Martyrs
Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael of Persia
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida: Stephen Chappie by Mary Ann and Joe Hlavac
- SUN., JULY 7** **BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET AND FORERUNNER OF CHRIST JOHN THE BAPTIST. 3rd**
Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Special Remembrance & Panachida: Barbara Banosky by Barbara Simonoff
- Fri., July 12** **Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida: Margaret Hixon by family
- Sun., July 14** **4th Sunday after Pentecost.** Unmercenary Healers Cosmas and Damian.
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida: Mary Gombos by Eddie Gombos

Holy Mystery of Confession: Before Divine Liturgy and other services. If you cannot make a scheduled time, please let me know and we can make arrangements.

PEOPLE STUFF

Prayer List: *Deceased:* Pañi Charlotte Conjelko. Jane Barclay

Living: Fr. Joseph Cervo. Fr. Robert Popichak. Pañi Dorothy Hutnyan. Pañi Donna Smoley. Pañi Eleanor Pribish. Dana Andrade. Gloria Andrade. Michael Artim. Gregory Michael Aurilio. Brooklyn Grace Banovski and her parents Chris and Katie. Walter Bolbat. John Bonga. Donald Bodnar. Charlene Borsic. Jaime Budes. Barbara Chappie. Steve Bournius. Rebecca, David & Bradley Noah Cozad. Mary Ann Crouse. Martha Danchak. George & Margaret Dorogy. Breanne Glass. Dorothy Glass. Eddie Gombos. Jennifer Hartrick. Shirley Hrubic. Kevin Ianni. Gary Ingelido. Andrea Kerkentzes. Joan Martell. Brian Masterovsky. Helen Mihalik. Bill & Patti Novotnak. Frank Palmieri. Diane Phillips. Millie and Edward Phillips. Michael Platt. John Righetti. Anna Senich. Bernice Sindak. Terry Slezak. Bill and Andrea Sovick. Margaret Stemler. Milton and Thelma Supak. Diana Terezis. Bobby and Dee Triffanoff. Josh Walendziewicz. Paul Worst. Paul & Valerie Yednak. Jim Zajac.
Prospora Bakers: Trudy Trifanoff. Delores Cubakovic, and their intentions.

Eternal Memory! *Jane Barclay* fell asleep in the Lord after a lengthy illness on June 25. We will celebrate a 40-day Memorial for Jane on Sunday, August 4. *May the Lord God grant his servant Jane a blessed repose.*

Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saint Michael Church. We invite *everyone* present today to chant the Liturgy along with the cantor. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

F(E)ASTING

Upcoming Feast Days: **Birth of St. John Baptist, Sunday, July 7.**
Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Friday, July 12.

PARISH STUFF

New! Official Announcement: The Semi-Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, July 21, 2019, after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan to attend this meeting. We have a couple of things to talk about that you may find interesting. The Agenda will be available next Sunday.

New! The Parish Council meets tomorrow, July 1, at 7 PM, for its regular monthly meeting.

Reminder! Lottery Ticket Raffle: Lottery goes off next *Sunday, July 7*. You can buy your tickets from Carole Bushak et al. – they are still \$5.00 each. *Also*, we are asking for donations of lottery tickets to be included in the prize. Anytime you have a chance to pick up one or more tickets, of various denominations, please give them to Carole and help us out with this fundraiser!

Reminder! *Don't forget to Bring your favorite Mug for Social Hour!*

Update! Agape Offerings: Today: Jerry's Birthday. Next Sunday and all of July: Still available.

Church Repairs: *We thank all of our parishioners* for your ongoing, active interest in the well-being of our parish. God bless us every one! So far, we have **\$341** donated toward new repairs on the church. Total cost of this work is unknown at this time. *We thank you for your generosity. God bless!*

DIOCESE, DEANERY AND ADDITIONAL STUFF

New! Christmas in July! Vendor/Craft Show Saturday, July 20, 2019, 10 AM to 2 PM. St. Nicholas Church, Homestead. "Over 20 of your favorite Vendors and Crafters. Russian Auction. Café Nikolaj. 50/50.

Update! Upcoming Events this summer: in our Parish, the Deanery and the Diocese.

- *Sun., July 7:* here at St. Michael's: Lottery Tickets Raffle Drawn
- *Sat., July 20:* Christmas in July – Vendor/Craft Show, St. Nicholas, Homestead
- **Sun., July 14 – Sat., July 20. Camp Nazareth Week for the Pittsburgh Deanery.**
- *Sun., July 21:* here at St. Michael's: Semi-annual Parish Meeting.
- *Sat., Aug 10:* St. John's, East Pittsburgh, Annual Golf Tourney at Valley Green Country Club.

As new information comes in, we will be adding dates to the list. Keep it in mind!

FAITH N' BASEBALL

Last Sunday I talked a bit about the experience that Pañi Joanna and I had at the *Faith Night* program after the Pirates game in PNC Park. Here is a brief offering from Clint Hurdle, who offers daily messages of faith and hope from his website, www.ClintHurdle.com. It is a sample that I found pretty nifty.

Our Gifts to God and our Church

June 23, 2019

Attendance	74
Communions	20

Collections

Monthly	70.00
Sunday	1081.00
Special Donation, memory of Margaret Dufalla	150.00
All Votive Candles	166.00
Building Maintenance	30.00
Diocesan Membership	104.00
Total Offerings:	1601.00

Building and Repairs Donations to Date
\$4141! God bless your generosity!

"There's A Hole In My Sidewalk"

By Portia Nelson

From: Clint Hurdle <clint@clinthurdle.com>, Thu, Jun 27, 2019. "What's the hole in your sidewalk?"

Chapter 1

I walk down the street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk
I fall in.
I am lost...
I am hopeless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes forever to find a way out.

Chapter 2

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I'm in the same place.
But it isn't my fault.
It still takes a long time to get out.

Chapter 3

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in...it's a habit
My eyes are open; I know where I am;
It is my fault.
I get out immediately.

Chapter 4

I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I walk around it.

Chapter 5

I walk down another street.

Today, ask yourself what hole in the sidewalk do you keep finding yourself? Also, what chapter of this story are you in?

Make a difference today,

Love Clint

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LOVE FOR GOD AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

by Reverend Presbyter Demetrios Serfes, Boise, Idaho

Our love for Our Lord God and for one another is a spiritual essential for all Christians. The humble and diligent practice of that love is a vital step on our journey to become true and pious Christians. On that journey we discover the deep joys of prayer, of fasting, of keeping vigils in our Churches and in our homes.

We discover, too, the wisdom to be found in picking up the Holy Scriptures and studying them with fervor, in reading about the saints and martyrs of the Church, and being spiritually nourished by the Holy Fathers of the Church. All these essentials uplift us, leading us to always think well of every person, and be humbly concerned for their spiritual welfare and salvation.

All of us should spiritually desire that the peace of God will descend upon us, and bring us His love - and He does when we live up to our Christian duties while we are on this earth. What we must refrain from is thinking ill of one another: we must think of, and treat one another as the precious creation of Our God! We, as loving Christians, should not judge anyone, not even the person who might of had been unkind to us. We must, as Christians allow our Lord God to be the judge! What we can do instead is very simple - humbly pray for those who have in any way "hurt" us, by word or deed, for we can and should act both in forbearance and patience towards one another, only seeking the good that truly lives in us all!

On a constant daily basis we should spiritually struggle to keep the love of Our God alive in our hearts. The one way to keep this great love of Our Lord God is to never allow our brother or sister to feel irritation from us. At such times, we should humbly seek a reconciliation, forgiving and in turn being forgiven. Then we will truly be able to go to Christ Our Lord with a clear and pure conscience, offering Him our gift of love in prayer that is now true, earnest and cleansed. Please read from the Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:24.

How many times in our lives have we found people who have fallen into the temptation of gossip, and that gossip has truly wounded us? Our Christian duty is neither to gossip about anyone nor to list to such gossip. If we do, we start to fall away from the Divine Grace which has been given to us, and our lives will no longer be holy and clean in the presence of Our Lord God. Let us learn today never to abuse our neighbor in gossip, for we certainly do not want to find ourselves cut off from eternal life.

Love of God and love for another truly can be fulfilling for us all as Christians, so let us then be always concerned as to how we can spiritually accomplish this great virtue, and avoid any temptation that might only bring us to the face of despair. All of us must seek to be free from any hatred, irritation, and anger, fully understanding why Our Savior Jesus Christ indicated in His teachings: "But I say to you, love your enemies...do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you". Read this beautiful Holy Gospel passage from St. Matthew: 5:44).

Let us love Our Lord God, who is love, and let us love one another, as we then truly spiritually confess: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one essence, and undivided!

"HUMBLEMINDEDNESS"

by Elder Ephraim

"Always in your prayer may you seek humblemindedness foremost, that God may give you, and you persist in, this request of yours, for without true humblemindedness nothing good or meritorious is achieved.

Just as the Apostle Paul, my child, has also said: "What do you have that you have not received? And if you have received it, why do you boast as though you had not received it?" (1 Cor. 4:7).; "Everyone who is arrogant is an abomination to the Lord" (Prov. 16:5). For this reason, my child, struggle against this unhappy passion, being humbleminded and considering what great humility the Lord of glory showed in becoming man and humbling Himself before abuse and slander, even up to the Cross. But also all the holy people of God showed most excellent humility, in order to both become holy and to attest to us that there is no other way to be saved than this.

Whatever gives you humility, espouse that. Do so even if you are pained and feel like you are dying. The end of the pain will be blessing from God and progress toward the most excellent of virtues, humility.

I pray that our God, Jesus, will give you this within your soul indelibly."