



July 2, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

July 1 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>+Dorothy Kenyhercz req by Emil Kenyhercz</i>	5:00pm
July 2 (Sun)	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy <i>+Bryan Mihalick req by George & Diane Mihalick</i>	10:30am
July 5 (Wed)	Divine Liturgy <i>+ Denis Rinkacs req by the Family</i>	8:30am
July 7 (Fri)	Divine Liturgy <i>+Fr. Joseph Kapusnak</i>	8:30am
July 8 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>Parish Family</i>	5:00pm
July 9 (Sun)	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy <i>+Thomas Wesdock req by the Family</i>	10:30am



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Mickey Dzura, Marian Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.



**St. Elias Byzantine
Catholic Church**

4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, PA 15120

FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday, July 14 — Saturday, July 15 — Sunday, July 16

Open at 5:00PM nightly

Entertainment

Food, Refreshments, On the Grille items, Ethnic Specialties Bake Sale

Games of Chance, Bingo, Basket Raffle , Raffles, Carnival Games

(See poster on bulletin board for additional information)



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of July 2 thru July 8 for +Bryan Mihalick

Our Tithe to our Parish
June 25 , 2017 — \$2,195.96

A Celebration of Marriage



There will be a Divine Liturgy on September 10, 2017, at 3:00pm at St. Elias Church for those celebrating wedding anniversaries of (10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50 and every 5 years thereafter) in the year 2017. Following the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving, a banquet dinner will be served in the church social hall. Each couple will receive a certificate and is photographed with Archbishop William. The photograph will be mailed at a later date. (Certificates are sent to those who are unable to attend.) If you plan to attend, please let Fr. John know as soon as possible. Names must be submitted to the Chancery by Friday, July 28.

97th Annual GCU 7 Byzantine Family Day

Kennywood Park Thursday, July 27, 2017

Prices as Follows:

- FunDay Ticket (ages 3-54)\$24.00
- Senior FunDay Ticket (age 55+)\$14.00
- Super Senior FunDay (age 70+)\$ 9.99
- Catered Lunch (age 11+).....\$15.00
- Catered Lunch (age 3-10)\$ 8.00
- Catered Lunch (ages 2 & under)FREE

Tickets may be ordered by mail to: GCU-Kennywood
5400 Tuscarawas Road
Beaver, Pa. 15009

Please call 724-495-3400 ext.3809 or email events@GCUusa.com with any questions.

Deadline for ticket orders—Monday, July 10, 2017

In today’s Gospel, we are shown the true power of faith by someone who is both humbled and awe-struck by the saving power of Jesus Christ. Through the interaction of Christ and the centurion, Matthew relates to us just how significant placing out faith in Christ is to our salvation and ever lasting life. The centurion, a man of some authority within society, comes to Christ in hope that He may heal his ill servant. When Christ agrees to go and see the servant, the centurion replies, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.” (Mt 8:8) This humble reply is significant for several reasons.



The centurion teaches us that we must recognize our human frailty when we approach Christ. Although a man of power, he submits himself to Christ, a person who would have no bearing on the centurion’s existence otherwise. The centurion’s actions come from a state of helplessness in which he turns to Christ because he realizes there is no way he can handle the situation with his servant alone. How often do we all feel helpless and unable to face the challenges in front of us? As the centurion, we must first acknowledge that we cannot take on the burdens of this world alone. This acknowledgement is only the first step. To encounter the true saving grace of Jesus Christ we must go further.

As he approaches Christ, the centurion not only recognizes his own frailty but also exclaims that merely by Christ’s word his servant may be healed. This second component to the centurion’s faith in Christ is just as important as the first. Not only does he admit he is not worthy of the grace of Christ, he also has the faith to believe that Christ’s power to save is not in His presence but simply in His word. This testament of faith on behalf of the centurion is an example to all of us. As Christians, we must be ready and willing to submit ourselves to Christ and rely on His word. While Jesus Christ the person may not be physically walking around with us today, His power of salvation extends beyond any physical boundaries and is present in His word and in our faith in Him.

Christ responds positively to the centurion’s humble, yet powerful faith. We learn that it is this belief in the saving power of Jesus Christ that will grant us eternal life in the heavenly Kingdom. Through our unwavering faith in Christ, just as the centurion, we may experience the compassion and healing power of His saving grace.

[Seminarian Paul West]