



July 23, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

July 22 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>+Marie Klotz req by Mike & Shirley Andreyko</i>	5:00pm
July 23 (Sun)	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy <i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	10:30am
July 24 (Mon)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
July 29 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Belak Family</i>	5:00pm
July 30 (Sun)	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy <i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	10:30am



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 23 thru July 29 for +Jean Dzura.

Our Tithe to our Parish

July 16, 2017 — \$2,254.00



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, Marian Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Fr. Edward Lucas, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

IMPORTANT SURVEY

There is an important meeting coming up next year called the **Synod of Bishops**. This meeting takes place in Rome and involves select bishops from around the world who meet with Pope Francis to discuss matters of great importance for the Church.

This meeting will focus on youth and young people in the Church. In preparation for this meeting, bishops are asked to survey the people in their diocese/eparchy to obtain their input.



In our Archeparchy, parishioners are invited to participate in a survey so that Archbishop William may speak clearly on behalf of the people of our Archeparchy.

To participate in this survey, please go to the Archieparchial website: **archpitt.org** and click on the tab for “**Survey**.” This survey is open to all, and the younger members of our parish are strongly encouraged to participate. This is your chance to clearly offer your thoughts and opinions and hopefully help the Archbishop to represent the views of all.

97th Annual GCU 7 Byzantine Family Day

Kennywood Park — Thursday, July 27, 2017

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

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.

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

Often people have asked: *“Why doesn’t our Church offer enrichment classes or opportunities to grow in our faith as other churches do?”*

Well, here is something pretty interesting from our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. It is now possible to obtain a Master of Arts in Theology 100% online! It is accredited by The Association of Theological Schools, convenient and affordable, designed for busy professionals.



It is also possible to enhance your own knowledge of Byzantine theology by auditing courses online.

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Today’s Gospel offers us the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ the healer. One of the many things Christ became known for in his day was his miraculous power to heal the sick and cast out demons. This is exactly the snapshot of Christ that Matthew affords us today. While Matthew’s Gospel affirms the healing power of Christ through his interactions with the blind men and the man who cannot speak, some-



thing far greater can be taken from these events: the healing power of faith.

We are all ill, every single one of us. Illness goes far beyond that of outward physical health. While many of us must contend with health related struggles, there are many other things that affect our overall wellness as a person. As Christians, it is important that we are aware of this. Think of the many ways that our individual well-being affects those around us. How stress at work affects our attitude in the home or toward others in general. How a simple bad habit might distract from other things life has to offer. Or perhaps how something as seemingly trivial as a bad attitude can most certainly foster the same attitude in others. I say these things make us ill because they all have the potential to pull us further and further from Christ; however, as we learn today, it is our faith in Jesus Christ that grants us the opportunity to be healed.

It is important that that we be healed physically as well as psychologically and emotionally. We must not let the burdens of this world consume us to the point of despair. Each and every day, we must not forget to turn to Christ as a healing source of our daily ailments. In faith we must approach Christ and know that while he may not simply make our troubles go away, he will grant us the strength to carry on in times of struggle. This strength is the strength of healing. Just as the people in today’s Gospel, our faith in Jesus Christ is what will, in the end, make us well.

[Seminarian Paul West]