



September 5, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parish Schedule

- Sept. 5 (Sat) **Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
+ Michael Andrejko req by Mike & Shirley Andrejko
- Sept. 6 (Sun) **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+George Lucas req by the Pasternak Family
- Sept. 7 (Tue) **VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**
Divine Liturgy **7:00pm**
+Teresa Spudik req by the family
- Sept. 11 (Sat) **Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
Fr. Joseph Borodach, Health & Blessings
- Sept. 12 (Sun) **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Ruth Seech req by James & Linda Clougherty

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 Sept. 5 thru Sept. 11 for all who lost their lives on Sept 11, 2001.

“Eternal Memory”



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.



Tillie Abraham,, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Jude Bodnar,
Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni,
Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

OUR TITHE TO OUR PARISH
August 29, 2021 - - - - - \$2,537.00

Shoe Fundraiser



The East Allegheny Marching Band kicked off a shoe fundraiser on August 28 running through October 27. They will be collecting gently used shoes (all season men, women and children) in an effort to not only help those in need but to also help their organization earn some much-needed cash coming off of a pandemic year.

Please go through those closets and see what you might be willing to part with. Gently used means no holes or tears; something you would give to a friend.

The band will only have 2 months to reach their goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes. Please help if you can. There will be a donation bin in the education wing. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Keleschenyi at kbishop25@hotmail.com

PARISH PIROHY PROJECT

As we prepare to resume our pirohy project it is important to share with everyone the protocol that must be followed by all in attendance.

If you are fully vaccinated you will not need to wear a mask

Social distancing will be in place with more tables arranged to maintain social distancing

If you have not been fully vaccinated you must wear a mask and provide proof of negative testing within the past 24 hours

These precautions may seem conservative, however considering the age of those offering their time and commitment to resuming our pirohy project, we must employ safe and healthy practices for all.

Thank you for complying with these instructions and we look forward to welcoming everyone back shortly.

Father John

If we look at any of the icons of Mary, we see that she always directs our focus to Christ ... either by gesturing with her hands ... or by simply presenting Christ to us. This is her role, and it is the role of all the saints ... to lead us closer in union with Christ.

87th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE



The Sisters of St Basil the Great are pleased to announce that on Sunday, 5 September 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. Liturgical services will be broadcast at: www.sisersofstbasil.org.

The schedule will include: 9:30 am Confessions

9:30 am Matins

11:00 am Divine Liturgy for Vocations

1:30 pm Children’s Procession

2:30 pm Bereavement Session

4:00 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm Parastas

Pilgrims will be asked to wear masks when entering indoor shrines, as well as buildings as the Religious Gift Shop, House of Prayer, restroom facilities, etc.

NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

*This is the day of the Lord:
Rejoice, therefore, O nations!
Behold, the chamber of Light
and the scroll of the living Word
has come forth from the womb.
The gate that opens to the Rising Sun
and is ready for the entrance of the High Priest,
is here today.
She is the only one who introduced Christ,
and Christ alone, into the world
for the salvation of our souls.*

Feastdays are wonderful opportunities to gain insights into our faith!



No matter who it is that we honor on a feast, the focus is always on the Lord our God.

It may be a feast of the Lord himself ... a feast of the Mother of God ... or even a feast of one of the many saints. But the focus is clearly on the Lord. The saints are *channels* or *avenues* that lead us to the Lord. But they never take the place of the Lord.

This week we celebrate the birth of Mary, the Mother of God. In the hymn from this feast quoted above, we see the focus clearly in the first line ... *This is a day of the Lord!* This is the reason that we can rejoice ... for it is a day of the Lord!

Then we begin to see the role of Mary ... she is the *chamber* in which Christ the Light dwells ... she is the *scroll* upon which the living Word is written ... she is the *gate* through which passes Christ, the Rising Sun. Mary is then extolled as the one, and the only one, who introduced Christ into the world. This is the reason for her greatness ... she is honored because of her relationship to Christ ... and all honor returns to him.

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