



June 11, 2017
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Liturgical Schedule

June 10 (Sat) Divine Liturgy **5:00pm**
+Mary Kudrick req by Anthony Kudrick & Jude Bodnar

June 11 (Sun) Sunday of All Saints
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Tom Johnson req by George & Diane Mihalick

June 12 (Mon) Divine Liturgy **8:30am**
Health & Blessings for John & Barbara Modzelewski

June 14 (Wed) Divine Liturgy **8:30am**
+Nicholas & Elizabeth Petro

June 16 (Fri) Divine Liturgy **8:30am**
+Sister Jean Marie req by Ron & Jan Bishop

June 17 (Sat) Divine Liturgy **5:00pm**
Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist: Lucy Marie Taramelli

June 18 (Sun) Second Sunday After Pentecost
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
Living & Deceased Fathers



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 June 11 thru June 17 for +Stephen Heinack reqd by Norman.

Our Tithe to our Parish

June 4, 2017 — S 2,260.50



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.

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.

Listening in on Pope Francis:



An example I often use to illustrate the reality of vanity, is this: look at the peacock; it's beautiful if you look at it from the front. But if you look at it from behind, you discover the truth... Whoever gives in to such self-absorbed vanity has huge misery hiding inside them.

I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else.

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*Through the prayers of the Theotokos
and of all the Saints,
O Savior, save us!*



We are also made one with the Saints. We are given the name of one of the Saints, and this person becomes our personal heavenly patron ... praying before the throne of God for us. And when we pray, either alone or as a group, we first join ourselves to this great company of God's holy people, the Saints; for in this way, our personal prayer is strengthened and made firm.

Think about this the next time you chant the refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos and of all the Saints, O Savior, save us!*

CHRISTIAN INITIATION



This Saturday, 17 June, our parish is blessed with the celebration of the Baptism, Chrismation & Holy Eucharist for the new-born servant of God, **Lucy Marie**, infant daughter of Michelle and Michael Taramelli who have recently moved into the area and joined our parish. Many of our parishioners who are from SS Peter & Paul Church in Duquesne PA will remember Michelle's grandparents, +George and Elsie Kolcun, and her mother, Sharon.

Michelle and Michael have participated in three pre-Baptismal sessions where they were able to discuss the meaning of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation, study the liturgical ritual of this Service, and then Seminarian Paul West spoke with them about Christian parenthood and family life.

We warmly welcome all three into our parish and pray that they do indeed find a strong spiritual home here.

How often we chant this refrain!

In every liturgical service of our Byzantine Tradition, the prayers and hymns often include a form of this refrain.

When we pray, we do not pray alone ... or simply as a group of people gathered together here at St Stephen Church. Rather, we join together with the Mother of God, the apostles and prophets, the holy women and men of all generations, indeed with all the Saints, as we offer our prayer and petition to God.

Even as we enter the church, we stop first to venerate the icon of the patron saint of the church or of the feast ... and as we do this, we are symbolically joining ourselves with the saints as we pray.

This is a further reminder that we are not Christians in isolation. There is no such thing as an "isolated Christian" ... cut off from others. In our baptism, we are made one with the community of believing and worshipping Christians. We are part of this living Body of Christ.