



July 25, 2021

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parish Schedule

- July 24 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Susan Sabol req by husband Jack Sabol
Blessing of Vehicles after the Liturgy
- July 25 (Sun) NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ruth Seech req by Mike and Shirley Andreyko
Blessing of Vehicles after the Liturgy
- July 31 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Elizabeth Bache req by Mike & Shirley Andreyko
- Aug. 1 (Sun) TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+ Rosilind Bache req by William Bache

OUR TITHE TO OUR PARISH

July 18, 2021 \$1,933.00

A long and beautiful tradition in the Byzantine Church is never to forget our deceased. We do this every year with the Five Days of Remembrance (Hromoty, All Souls). However, we can still offer special remembrance in the church every day by requesting that the sanctuary lamp be lit for a deceased loved one. The suggested donation is \$20 and the request can be called into the office, e-mailed, or a note in the collection basket. If the week you request is already taken, the office will call and arrange another week.



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.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

September 12, 2021 — 3:00pm St. Elias Church, Munhall , Pa.

Couples celebrating their 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional years (multiples of five) in 2021 are asked to notify the office. Certificates are sent to all whether they are able to attend or not. Please call on Tuesday mornings.

The deadline for submitting information is July 27, 2021.

Reminder:

It is always important to keep our parish records correct and up-to-date. Last Fall you should have received information regarding our parishes future plans and also a census form. If you have not done so, please return the census form. If you need a new one, please e-mail or call the office. Telephone number and e-mail address are on the back of the bulletin.

87TH Annual Pilgrimage

in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Pilgrimage, Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, will be a one day, in-person event and will also be streamed live.

All liturgical services will take place at the Shrine Altar. Boxed lunches/snacks will be available for purchase during the pilgrimage.

Weather permitting, liturgical services will be broadcast at www.sistersofstbasil.org.

- 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Vocations
- 1:30p.m. Children’s Procession
- 4 p.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 7 p.m. Parastas

YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD

MESSAGE FROM MA'S PANTRY ANNUAL DAY OF GIVING

THIS IS THE BIG ONE! August 3 is Pittsburgh Foundation **Day of Giving for MA's Pantry**. Again this year, the Pittsburgh Foundation has invited MA's Pantry to participate in its Critical Needs Alert. On August 3, the Foundation will match every gift between \$25 and \$1,000 made to MA's Pantry on the Pittsburgh Foundation website. This is very easy and should be feeling very familiar by now. MA's Pantry depends upon this one fundraising event to sustain much of its work. It is the single largest fundraising event of the year for MA's Pantry. Last year MA's Pantry realized \$31,523.95. Since then, the COVID pandemic has created even greater need. Between June and December 2020, the number of households served by MA's pantry increased 101%.



St. Stephen will be collecting cash donations for Ma's Pantry during the month of July in order to participate in the Day of Giving on August 3. If you would like to make a donation please put it in an envelope marked Ma's Pantry and drop it off in the collection basket.

Please Note: If you choose to donate by check, checks should be made out to St Stephen Church with the notation "Ma's Pantry" on the bottom. In this way, we can total them and send one check as our parish donation.

The Scriptures are filled with powerful *images*.

Images are wonderful ... for they both capture our imagination ... and they also give clear expression to complex realities.

In his letter to the young Christian community at Corinth (read at today's Divine Liturgy), St. Paul tells them that their community is like a "building."



In this building, Paul has laid the foundation ... and each person contributes to the development of this building ... Some build with gold, silver and precious stones ... while others build with wood hay or straw.

In other words, by his preaching and his work among the Corinthians, Paul sees himself as laying a foundation for a strong community ... and he sees his foundation solidly anchored upon Jesus Christ ... the only basis for a Christian community.

Now, he is concerned about the quality of each person's contribution to this building/community. For, he knows well that the "Day" will come ... the Day of Judgment ... when all things will be tested. He describes this "Day" as a time of fire ... not a fire of punishment ... but a fire which tests the quality of the work of each person.

Of course, when fire "tests" such contributions as gold and silver and precious stones ... it only purifies them even more. Gifts of quality only increase in value ... especially under the test of fire.

Other gifts ... of wood and hay and straw ... when they are tested by fire ... quickly burn up. Shoddy work never endures the test of fire.

Images such as these offer us a powerful reflection on our own lives ... and our contributions to building up the communities to which we belong.