



August 26, 2018

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

- Aug. 25 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
Intention of our Parish Family
- Aug. 26 (Sun) Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Margaret Mihalick req by George & Diane Mihalick
- Aug. 29 (Wed) Beheading of John The Baptist**
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm
Day of Fasting
- Sept 1 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
New Church Year
- Sept 2 (Sun) Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+James Abraham req by our Parish Family



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 August 26 thru September 1 for all students and teachers as they start the new school year.

Our Tithe to our parish
August 19, 2018 - \$1,268.00



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.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.



POPE FRANCIS REFLECTS ON THE BEATITUDES

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Although this beatitude makes us think of the endless situation of war in our world, Francis starts with “The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people.” Such people “are really the enemies of peace.”



Peace makers, on the other hand, build peace and friendship in society. “And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, ‘let us pursue what makes for peace’ (Romans 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict.”

The evangelical peace “excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested.”

Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a special ministry of the Sisters of St. Basil. It has been held every Labor Day weekend since 1934. It was that year that the Sisters and pilgrims celebrated the blessing of the then newly acquired Monastery for the Sisters.



In 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting that they spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title.

The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling.

The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.



ANOINTED ...SEALED ... GIVEN THE SPIRIT ...

The history of the Church is a wonderful teacher for us ...

It is filled with people ... who are real flesh and blood, just as we are ... and events that are as true to life as anything that we experience in our daily lives.

The Church has never been populated with “plaster-of-Paris saints” ... who may be lovely to look at ... but so unreal! And even though we now have icons of the saints ... when they were alive, we must remember that most people did not see them as saints ... this is reserved to those who have spiritually mature eyes!

In a word, the Church has always been real people ... just like us ... with both our good sides as well as our distorted sides!

In his second epistle to the Corinthians, for example, St. Paul had to spend sometime defending his trustworthiness to this community. He had a change of travel plans ... and thus did not live up to his promise to make another visit to the community at Corinth. Hence, he was accused of not being trustworthy.

In making his defense, Paul calls upon God as his witness ... and as he does so, he also give us a glimpse into the early Christian community’s understanding of life in the Church. He writes:



But the one who gives us security with you in Christ, and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

{II Corinthians 1.21-22}

Here Paul is referring to the experience of baptism ... in which we are anointed (Literally, made *Christ-like* ... sealed with the Holy Spirit ... who is a *pledge* ... a *down payment* ... of God’s continuing, abiding presence in our hearts.

We, who have been baptized, have literally received the Holy Spirit as a down payment of God’s promise to always be with us. And, God who has made the down payment ... certainly does not withdraw his gift ... but rather, He continues to increase it.