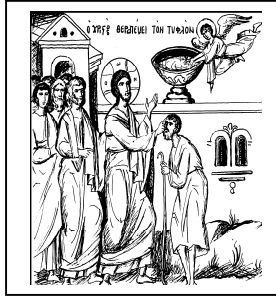


SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

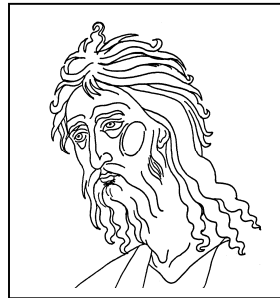
Sunday, August 25 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 9:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
 (Church)



Monday, August 26 Adrian and Natalie (Martyrs)
 No Liturgy

Tuesday, August 27 Poemen (Venerable)
 8:00 a.m. +Anna Marie Vensko
 (Church) Req. by Bill & Diane Buehner

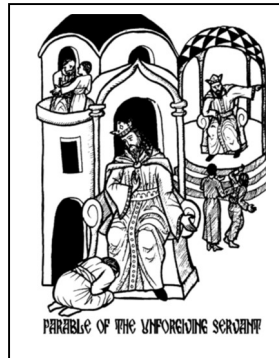
Wednesday, August 28 Moses the Ethiopian (Venerable)
 6:30 p.m. For the Parish Family
 (Church) Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the
 Beheading of John the Baptist



Thursday, August 29 Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist
 9:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
 (Church)

Friday, August 30 Alexander, John & Paul (Patriarchs) (SIMPLE ABSTINENCE)
 8:00 a.m. +George Molchan
 (Church) Bequest

Saturday, August 31 Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos
 NO LITURGY - PILGRIMAGE



Sunday, September 1 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 9:00 a.m. BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR
 (Church) For the Parish Family

PRAYER LIST – Shelby, Beatrice, Alice, Dorothy, Fred, Elmer, Tillie, Janet, Carl, Dan, Ted, Jack, Monica, Mickie, Margie, Rita, Jamie, Sharlene, Bernard, Zackery, Rita, Nadine, Sr. Josetta, Robert, PJ, Loren, Cil, Sharen, Janet, Bertie, Margaret, Kathy, David, Louis, Norma Jean, Arlene, Kay, Bill, Janet, Jeff, John, Patty, Joan, Aubrey, Audrey, Cathy, Mary, Pauline, Debbie, Barb, Dolores, Ida, Patty, BA, Rose, Paul, Jason, Tiffany, Kenzie, Chase, Deb, Janet, George Jr., Diana, Emil, Margie, Curtis, Stephanie, James, Frank Sr., Frank Jr., Delores, Fr. Eugene, Tammy, James, Ashley, Chris, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Barbara, Susan, Cindy, Charlene, Danny Jr., Brian, Kristen, Troy, Traci, Trevor, Tanner, Riley, Linda, Chris, Mary, Loretta, Justin, Riley, Butch, Amelia, Josephine, Clara, Elaine, Beatrice, Alice, Dorothy, Fr. Eugene, Jocelyn, Meeghan, Nancy, Robin, Lee, Pete, Jodi, Buzzy, Lee, Dewayne, Dave, Harvey, Dave, Barb, Bill, Patty, Eugene, Irene, Ambrose, Irma, Wilma, Tanya, Anne, Marcella, Allen, Sandy, Debbie, Dan, Marcia, Tammy, Nancy, Ralph, Paul, George, Dorothy, Hannah, Michelle, Marge, Charlene, Mason, Melanie, Jean, Melvin, John, Joyce, Joann.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 8/18/19

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$1677.00	\$155.00	\$722.00	\$56.00	\$400.00	\$3010.00

PACKAGE RAFFLE TICKET –This is to help defray the expenses for the annual Carpatho-Rusyn Festival in October. The ticket will go off on the evening daily lottery drawing, Sunday, October 27, 2019. The ticket donation is \$5.00. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser.

PIROHI SERVICE PROJECT FOR PILGRIMAGE – We will once again make pirohi for the Pilgrimage at Mt. St. Macrina. Anyone wishing to help with this project is asked to come to the school kitchen on Tuesday, August 27, beginning at 9 a.m.

REGULAR PIROHI SALES – These resume on Friday, September 20.

THANK YOU - PARISH PICNIC – Our parish picnic held last Sunday was a successful and enjoyable day! Thank you to the Social Ministry and everyone who helped in any way to make it such a wonderful time!

GIFT CARDS – The Social Ministry Committee will once again sell gift cards. Order forms are in the narthex or sacristy.

PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:30 P.M. LITURGY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, BECAUSE OF THE PILGRIMAGE AT MOUNT ST. MACRINA.

‡ **CHOOSE LIFE!** That husbands and wives may nurture a culture of life within their homes, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE SUPPORT – the Annual Pilgrimage at Mount St. Macrina this coming Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1.

GCU LODGE 81 – is sponsoring its Annual Food Drive the weekend of Sept. 14-15. Non-perishable food items along with cash donations will be accepted. Non-perishable food items will be purchased with the monetary donations received. All donated and purchased items will then be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank in Uniontown and the Food Pantry operated at the Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in Charleroi. Both food banks need items such as boxed meals and canned goods, pastas, juices, peanut butter, jellies, and cereals. Any assistance that you can provide is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

FALL CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW – sponsored by the Masontown Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Saturday, September 7, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Masontown Fire Department Hall at 221 N. Washington St., Masontown. Our St. John Ethnic Craft Club will be participating in this community event. All are welcome.

WATER DAMAGE TO SCHOOL HALL – on Sunday, July 14 the flooring of the school hall suffered extensive water damage from the heavy rain, which came in from the kitchen side and partially flooded the hall. There was so much rain that the drains would hold not the water, and there was considerable run off everywhere. We are waiting for Catholic Mutual Insurance Company to respond to the damage claim. Our Advisory Board met on August 13 and came up with the solution to demolish the present floor and to pour a concrete floor. The insurance adjuster would not consider damage to the floor that was previous to the flood and was not covered by insurance. The Advisory Board thought that this solution was the most cost effective one.

106TH ANNUAL OTPUST FESTIVAL – will be held on Sunday, August 25, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Salem, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. There will be food, baskets, hourly prizes, and games of chance.

WE POSSESS CHRIST, OUR PEACE, OUR LIGHT

From a treatise on Christian Perfection by Saint Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop

He is our peace, for he has made both one. Since we think of Christ as our peace, we may call ourselves true Christians only if our lives express Christ by our own peace. As the Apostle says: *He has put enmity to death.* We must never allow it to be rekindled in us in any way but must declare that it is absolutely dead. Gloriously has God slain enmity, in order to save us; may we never risk

the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges. We must not awaken that enmity or call it back to life by our wickedness, for it is better left dead.

No, since we possess Christ who is peace, we must put an end to this enmity and live as we believe he lived. He brown down the separating wall, uniting what was divided, bringing about peace by reconciling in his single person those who disagreed. In the same way, we must be reconciled not only with those who attack us from outside, but also with those who stir up dissension within; flesh then will no longer be opposed to the spirit, nor the spirit to the flesh. Once we subject the wisdom of the flesh to God's law, we shall be re-created as one single man at peace. Then, having become one instead of two, we shall have peace within ourselves.

Now peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end that civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become peace. By this peace we demonstrate that the name of Christ, which we bear, is authentic and appropriate.

When we consider that Christ is the true light, having nothing in common with deceit, we learn that our own life also must shine with the rays of that true light. Now these rays of the Sun of Justice are the virtues which pour out to enlighten us so that *we may put away the works of darkness and walk honorably as in broad daylight.* When we reject the deeds of darkness and do everything in the light of day, we become light and, as light should, we give light to others by our actions.

If we truly think of Christ as our source of holiness, we shall refrain from anything wicked or impure in thought or act and thus show ourselves to be worthy bearers of his name. For the quality of holiness is shown not be what we say but by what we do in life.

Luke 1:78-79 – The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to guide our feet in the way of peace. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. To guide our feet in the way of peace.