

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!

Слава Иисусу Христу!

4480 Route 981, Latrobe, PA 15650

Слава на вики!

Pastor: Father Paul-Alexander Shutt, O.S.B.

Confessions:

Tel: Rectory: 724-423-3673

St. Mary's Email: st.marytrauger@yahoo.com

Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM

Fax: 724-423-1808

Website: www.stmarybyzantinecatholic.org

Sunday 8:30 – 9:00 AM

Hall: 724-423-8838

or by appointment

28 July, 2013 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas

Our Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. July 27 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+ *Christine Bankovich requested by the Grandchildren*

Sun. July 28 **9:30 AM: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: pro populo**

Sat. Aug. 03 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+ *Margie Osif requested by Helen DeFlorio (rescheduled)*

Sun. Aug. 04 **9:30 AM: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: pro populo**

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

Acolytes Readers Ushers

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|
| Sat. July 27 | M. Mihalko | L. Knouse | J. Kontir, R. Garber |
| Sun. July 28 | E. & R. Hess | J. Hess | G. Krynicky, D. Hess |
| Sat. Aug. 03 | ----- | M. Hulyk | Cianciotti, J. Snitzer |
| Sun. Aug. 04 | E. & R. Hess | B. Chirdon | W. Furwa, R. Garber |

Collection: Adult \$610; Student \$13; Candles \$43; **Total: \$666.00**
07/21/13:

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord
(First of the three "Feasts of the Savior" in August)
Commemorated on August 1

In the ancient world the month of August was a dangerous month! In time of old Constantinople and the whole Byzantine world the summer was far more dangerous than the winter. Homes were small and cramped. The days and even the nights were hot and stifling. Food spoiled quickly. People became ill. The best medical practice of the day was not enough to prevent people from becoming sick, let alone able to heal them. Sometimes more was needed: prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the healing power of the Wood of the Cross. In the Greek Horologion of 1897 the derivation of this Feast is explained: "Because of the illnesses that occur in August, it was customary, in former times, to carry the Venerable Wood of the Cross through the streets and squares of Constantinople for the



sanctification of the city and for relief from sickness. On the eve (July 31), it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia [Ναός τῆς Ἁγίας τοῦ Θεοῦ Σοφίας , "Shrine of the Holy Wisdom of God]. From this Feast until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate."

In Eastern Europe this Feast is sometimes combined with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine, on August 1, 988. Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine was preserved in the Chronicles of the sixteenth century: "The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev and all Rus' was on August 1."



In the present practice of the Byzantine Church, the Lesser Sanctification of Water on August 1 is done either before or after the Liturgy. Because of the **Blessing of Water**, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called 'Savior of the Water.' There may also be a **Blessing of New Honey** today, which is why the Feast is also called "Savior of the Honey." On this day the newly gathered honey is blessed and tasted.

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

DORMITION FAST: The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1st – 14th, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (6 August). It is, therefore, observed just like the Great Fast.

Next Sunday's Readings: Epistle, I Corinthians 9:2-12 *The Rights of an Apostle*
Gospel, Matthew 18:23-35 *The Unforgiving Servant*



~ Announcements ~

- **Many Thanks to *Laura Henry, Marge Hulyk, and Mary Ann Kontir*** for providing baked goods to our bingo.
- **Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration:** It is the custom of our holy Byzantine Church to bless fruit on the 6th August. Grapes & Apples will be blessed with prayers and Jordan water at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. You may also bring to church any fresh fruits & vegetables from home gardens and vineyards to be blessed. Flowers and herbs will be blessed on the Feast of the Dormition, 15th August.
- **Next Sunday is our Parish Festival.** ALL donations for the "**Parish Laundry & Grocery Basket**", **Pick a Ticket, & Chinese Auction Baskets are needed ASAP.** **Worker Lists** for the booths are due today. Booth Chairs, please take a Booth Workers' Schedule next week. You are responsible to provide a **money box** for your booth. Food Vouchers can be picked up from Andy Boytim at the start of the Festival. Start-Up money will be in your money bags and will be collected first at approximately 3:00 pm. You may bring your own folding chairs. Parishioners not helping anywhere may be asked to provide relief to any worker even for half an hour. Bring in your prepackaged Cake Wheel goodies either Saturday, August 3rd, or the morning of the Festival.

➤ **RENOWNED CARPATHO-RUSYN SINGERS TOGETHER ON FIRST-EVER AMERICAN TOUR:** Europe's best-known Carpatho-Rusyn folk singer will be joined by another prominent Rusyn singer for their first-ever tour of major American cities. **Maria Macoskova**, viewed as the "grand dame" of Carpatho-Rusyn folk singers internationally will be performing the folk songs of the Carpatho-Rusyn people along with **Beata Begeniova-Fedoriouk**, herself a prominent folk singer in both Europe and North America. They will be accompanied by noted accordionist Jozef Piroh of Presov, Slovakia. The tour includes Washington, DC, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, New York City, and Minneapolis. **The scheduled performance for Pittsburgh, is Sunday, September 8th at 3:00 PM at the New Hazlett Theatre, Allegheny Square East.** For tickets or more information call 1-888-71-TICKETS OR go online to <http://www.rusynprojects.org>. (See article in Narthex for more info.)

SAVE THE DATE...

- ❑ *July 27, 28th – Kecksburg VFD Sponsors "Old Fashion & UFO Festival" (See Poster)*
- ❑ *Sunday, August 4th – Kecksburg VFD "All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet" (See Poster)*
- ❑ *Sunday, August 11th Rain or Shine. St. Florian Summer Festival in United begins at Noon. There will be a basket booth, American & ethnic foods, games of chance, kiddie games, world-famous fried dough, cake table, & a Used Book Sale. Entertainment from 12:00 – 3:00 pm provided by Frank Powaski's live radio show. Ray Jay & The Carousels will perform from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. The festival will close at approximately 9:00 pm with various ticket drawings.*