

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!

Слава Иисусу Христу!

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07 July, 2013 ~ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, Mentioned in the Ladder.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. July 06	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Barry, Kim, & Luca Giacobbi</i>
Sun. July 07	9:30 AM: 7th Sunday after Pentecost: pro populo
Sat. July 13	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Conrad Papier requested by Edward Smartnick Family</i>
Sun. July 14	9:30 AM: Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils: pro populo

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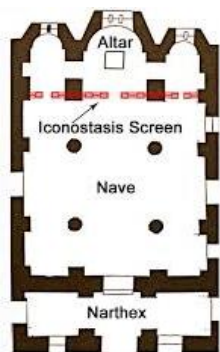
Readers

Ushers

Sat. July 06	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	D. Mihalko, J. Kontir
Sun. July 07	-- None --	S. Vacha	J. Knouse, R. Garber
Sat. July 13	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	R. Garber, D. Cianciotti
Sun. July 14	E. & R. Hess	B. Chirdon	J. Overdorff, W. Furwa

Collection: 06/30/13: Adult \$722; Student \$19; Holy Day \$195; Candles \$53; **Total: \$989.**

THE NARTHEX ~ WHAT IT IS; WHAT IT IS NOT!



The narthex is an entrance area to a church, located at the western end of the nave [where the sun sets, hence where there is darkness. At the opposite (eastern) end of the nave is the altar – the space behind the Iconostasis [where the sun rises, where there is light – the light of Christ! Many early churches were built in the form of the old Roman Basilicas. Entrance to the western end of the church was through an outside area called the atrium into the narthex. The narthex was either an external structure similar to a porch or inside as a part of the nave but separated from it by a screen or rail. The narthex was used by catechumens and penitents who were not yet admitted into the nave. Often a baptismal font was also placed in the narthex.

Thus even to this day in our Byzantine Churches, the Narthex is a **SACRED SPACE** where certain liturgical rites still take place. **IT IS NOT AN AREA FOR CATCHING UP ON THE LATEST GOSSIP BEFORE THE DIVINE LITURGY; NOR IS IT WHERE ONE DUCKS OUT TO DURING THE LITURGY TO SOCIALIZE!!!** There is more information about the role of the Narthex in the life of our Church in this week's bulletin insert.

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Christians Attacked in Wake of Egyptian Government Upeaval

Parish Looted and Burnt to the Ground by Islamic Fundamentalists

Vatican City, July 04, 2013 (Zenit.org) Junno Arocho Esteves

While many Egyptians celebrated the military's actions in deposing Mohamed Morsy as President of Egypt, *Fides News Agency* reported that groups of "fanatical Islamists" attacked a **Coptic Catholic parish** in the northern village of Delgia. **The pastor's house as well as several buildings belonging to the Church were looted and then burnt to the ground** on Wednesday evening.



"Thank God there were no victims and injuries but the alarm continues." Coptic Catholic Bishop Botros Fahim Awad Hanna of Minya told *Fides*. "The fundamentalists have closed the roads at the entrance to the village. They shout slogans against Christians, they say they want to destroy everything and now they are trying again to storm the church. The local police are helpless; I called Cairo to ask for the intervention of the army."

The attack on the Catholic Coptic parish is, as of now, the most serious reported incident against Christians in the wake of the unfolding political drama affecting the nation. However, *Fides* states that "threats and intimidation against Christian communities have occurred in other parts of Egypt."



~ Announcements ~

- **Mille grazie alle due artiste** who freely repainted the foyer of the rectory while Father was away in June!
- **Спасибо большое** to Andy Boytim for purchasing, and to James Fullman Jr. for designing, and with James Fullman Sr. installing the new handrailing at the entrance to the tunnel! Our parish is truly blessed with many talented volunteers!
- **Many Thanks to Theresa Woodring and Father Paul** for providing baked goods to our bingo this week.
- **The Celebration of Marriage** will be at 3:00 pm on September 15th, 2013, at **St. Elias Church in Munhall**. If you will be or already have celebrated any of these anniversaries (10, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 and beyond), your names have been sent in to the Chancery.



- **Expanding our Liturgical Vocabulary: Pericope (pe-ric-o-pe):** an extract or selection from a book, especially a reading passage from Scripture that forms part of a church service, e.g., *The Gospel pericope for this Sunday records the healing of two blind men and a demoniac.*
- **Byzantine Catholic Family Day — Thursday, July 25, 2013 KENNYWOOD PARK:** The Schedule for the Day is copied and available on the table in the Narthex along with the order forms.
- **FESTIVAL MEMOS: Festival - Sunday, August 4th.** This year we are attempting to utilize the Social Hall more by having booths both indoors and outdoors. Signs have been updated. Please take them and fill out the Sign-Out Sheet. Festival posters are also available on the table in the Narthex. New information on Festival Update Sheet #1.
- **2013 Peter's Pence Collection will be taken the weekend of July 13-14th.** This worldwide collection supports church needs and humanitarian activities. It also assists seminaries and institutes of Christian formation in developing countries.

SAVE THE DATE...

- ✓ Saturday, 13 July 3rd "Families Celebrating Faith" gathering, Windber, PA
- ✓ Thursday, 25 July 93rd Annual Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood