

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Слава Иисусу Христу!**

**Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**  
**4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Glory Forever!**  
**Слава на вики!**

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**8 July, 2012: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*~ The Holy Great Martyr Procopius ~*

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	July	07	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+Conrad Papier requested by Donald Koshir, Sr.</i>					
Sun.	July	08	<b>9:30 AM: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:</b> For Our Parishioners					
Sat.	July	14	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> <i>+Grace Brehun requested by Husband Paul</i>					
Sun.	July	15	<b>9:30 AM: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:</b> For Our Parishioners					
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			<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b><u>Readers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>			
Sat.	July	07	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko			
Sun.	July	08	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	D. & C. Cianciotti			
Sat.	July	14	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Kontir, R. Garber			
Sun.	July	15	D. Cianciotti	L. Knouse	J. Overdorff, R. Garber			

**Collection:** 07/01/12: Adult \$ 783; Student \$ 4; Candles \$ 45; Holy Day \$ 210;  
Peter's Pence \$ 60; Festival \$ 705; **Total: \$ 1807**



**~ PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~**

**O** Christ God, You gift us with life. Through the Mysteries of Holy Baptism and Chrismation, You have called us to new life in You that we may be a sign of your love in the world. We pray that You will continue to fill men and women with an abundance of courage to follow the path You have set before them today. May those who feel drawn to serve as lay ministers, monks and nuns, deacons and priests be blessed with a passion and vision to make the world a better place. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**The Holy Great Martyr Procopius**, his birth name Neanius, a native of Jerusalem, lived and suffered during the reign of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). His father, an eminent Roman by the name of Christopher, was a Christian, but the mother of the saint, Theodosia, remained a pagan. He was early deprived of his father, and the young child was raised by his mother. Having received an excellent secular education, he was introduced to Diocletian in the very first year of the emperor's accession



to the throne , and he quickly advanced in government service. Towards the year 303, when open persecution against Christians began, Procopius was sent as a proconsul to Alexandria with orders to mercilessly persecute the Church of God. On the way to Egypt, near the Syrian city of Apamea, the saint had a vision of the Lord Jesus, similar to the vision of Saul on the road to Damascus. A divine voice exclaimed, "*Neanius, why do you persecute Me?*" Neanius asked, "*Who are you, Lord?*" "*I am the crucified Jesus, the Son of God.*" At that moment a radiant Cross appeared in the air. Neanius felt an inexpressible joy and spiritual happiness in his heart and he was transformed from being a persecutor into a zealous follower of Christ.

From this point in time Neanius became favorably disposed towards Christians and fought victoriously against the barbarians. The words of the Savior came true for the saint, "*A man's foes shall be those of his own household*" (Mt. 10:36). His mother, a pagan herself, went to the emperor to complain that her son did not worship the ancestral gods. Neanius was summoned to the procurator Judæus Justus, where he was solemnly handed the decree of Diocletian. Having read through the blasphemous directive, Neanius quietly tore it up before the eyes of everyone. This was a crime, which the Romans regarded as an "insult to authority." Neanius was held under guard and in chains sent to Cæsarea of Palestine, where the Apostle Paul once languished. After terrible torments, they threw the saint into a dank prison. That night, a light shone in the prison, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself baptized the suffering confessor, and gave him the name Procopius.

Repeatedly they led St Procopius to the courtroom, demanding that he renounce Christ, and they subjected him to more tortures. The stolidity of the martyr and his fiery faith brought down God's abundant grace on those who witnessed the execution. Inspired by the example of Procopius, many of the holy martyr's former guards and Roman soldiers went beneath the executioner's sword together with their tribunes Nikostrates and Antiochus. Twelve Christian women received martyr's crowns, after they came to the gates of the Cæsarea Prætorium.

Struck by the great faith and courage of the Christians, and seeing the firmness of her son in bearing terrible sufferings, Theodosia became repentant and stood in the line of confessors and was executed. Finally the new procurator, Flavian, convinced of the futility of the tortures, sentenced the holy Great Martyr Procopius to beheading by the sword. By night Christians took up his much-tortured body, and with tears and prayers, they committed it to the earth. He was the first martyrdom at Cæsarea (303).



- Thank you to **Marge Hulyk** and **Father** for donating baked goods to our Friday bingo.
- The **Byzantine Seminary Press** is having a "**Christmas in July**" Open House on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. See Poster. They are offering 10% off your entire purchase.
- **Brochures for Eastern Catholic Churches Encounter 2012, Mid-West Laity Program are available in the Narthex. Please note that there is a discount for Group Registration.**

- **FESTIVAL MEMOS:** Our Parish Festival will be held on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Signs are being updated and new ones purchased. To anyone donating condiments: we have enough mustard and relish. We still could use pickles and ketchup. We will have a parish “Laundry Basket” and “Grocery Basket” for the Chinese Auction. **Be sure to take and read Festival Update # 1.**
- **July 13-15: Saint Benedict Festival in Marguerite.** See Poster for more detail.
- **St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event.** Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 8/18/2012. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

