Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Исусу Христу! St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church 4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever! Слава на вики!

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## 13 November, 2011: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

## **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	Nov.	12	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil + Mary Ann Witek requested by Jill, Ryan, Jenna, & Sara					
Sun.	Nov.	13	10:30 AM: 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners					
Sat.	Nov.	19	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil +Virginia Barbus requested by Tom & Lois Hanson					
Sun.	Nov.	20	10:30 AM: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners					
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			<b>Acolytes</b>		Readers		<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Nov.	12	M. Mihalko		J. Kontir	J	J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun.	Nov.	13	D. Cianciotti		L. Cianciotti	•	W. Furwa, J. Overdorff	
Sat.	Nov.	19	M. Mihalko		D. Cholock	J	J. Kontir, M. Bankovich	
Sun.	Nov.	20	E. Hess		B. Chirdon	J	J. Knouse, G. Krynicky	

<u>Collection:</u> 11/06/11: Adult \$ 922; Student \$ 9; Candles \$ 44; Fuel \$ 20; **Total: \$ 995** 



Stewardship is our response to God's grace and moves us from grace to gratitude. Just as we love because God first loved us (1st John 4:14), we give because God first gave to us. The question of the Psalmist «What shall I give to the Lord in return for all His benefits towards me?» (Ps 116:2), is answered in every Divine Liturgy when the priest calls us to «offer ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.» Stewardship is not about calculations or portions or percentages. It cannot be reduced to a number of hours or service or dollars offered. Stewardship is a way of life. As Byzantine Catholics we are called to a new way of seeing things – a new way of life. Your stewardship will first of all be obedient to the greatest of the commandants: «to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.» You are called to bring others to commit their lives to Christ Jesus in such a way that leads to the joy of knowing Him personally and profoundly. As we come to know

Jesus in this way, we are drawn into the communion of the Body of Christ – the Church. When we receive the Holy Eucharist as stewards, we are recipients of a great gift – actually the greatest gift we could ever receive – the Body and Blood of Christ. Proper stewardship of our gifts has the ability to revitalize our Church. Unless our stewardship is grounded in the Eucharist, it is only about supporting the needs of the Church, with everyone recruited to their fair share. But when we understand the true meaning of the Holy Eucharist, we bridge the gap between liturgy and life, between the love of Jesus on the Cross and our daily lives, between our beautiful Byzantine theology and spirituality and the practical stewardship to which we are called. As Byzantine Catholics, we are to see the world as God's gift, as a sacrament of God's presence and as a means of communion with Him. And so we are able to offer the world back to God as thanksgiving as we say in every Divine Liturgy «Offering You, Your own, from Your own. Always and everywhere.»



## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ➤ stmarybyzantinecatholic.org Continue to explore our parish web site as more and more items are added. Make it known to your extended family, relatives, and friends and invite them to become a part of our family. Think of this as a 21<sup>st</sup> century tool for evangelization to help spread the good news about Eastern Catholicism.
- ➤ A most sincere thank you to Mr. Frank Chappell a frequent visitor to our parish for installing the new kitchen storm door on the rectory!!!
- > Thank you very much! / Ευχαριστώ πολι! to Mary Ann Kontir, to Debra Simko and Kathy Snitzer for their cakes to our weekly bingo these past two Fridays.
- **Volunteers** are still needed to assist Mr. Greg Krynicky with the overseeing of the various maintenance issues concerning the parish's buildings and grounds. Contact him or Father if you would be willing to help in this area.
- The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union is holding its annual "Stedry Vecer" on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. Mass is at 4 pm in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovakians will perform. Tickets: \$18 adults / \$12 children 16 & under. Tickets are limited; RSVP prior to November 28th by calling 724-537-7743 after 6 pm.
- ➤ <u>Sincere Thanks to:</u> Dave Cholock, James & Bob Knouse for replacing the chain lights in the church with new energy efficient ones, some of which were made available free of charge to non-profit organizations by West Penn Power . Dave also donated other energy efficient lights not available through West Penn for in the church and outside the facilities.
- ➤ See Poster for information on <u>Trauger VFD's Holiday Craft and Vendor Show</u> on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

- > **Door Prizes Needed for Our Turkey Bingo!!** Proceeds from the bingo will benefit all the youth of our parish at Christmas time. Give your door prizes to Marge or bring them to the rectory by Saturday, November 19th. See poster for more details.
- > The Ladies Guild of St. Mary Byzantine Church in Bradenville will hold its annual Fall Craft Show and Pirohi Sale on Sunday, November 13th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Dome. You can eat a variety of home-made dishes there or take your meal home. More than 40 tables of craft items will offer gifts for Thanksgiving & Christmas. Contact Cathy Zemba for more info. 724-640-2421. See poster for details.
- > Need Help With High Heating Bills? See poster & applications available in the Narthex.

## SAVE THE DATES...

- ❖ St. Nicholas Turkey Bingo, Sunday, **November 13**, 1- 4 pm. See poster. ❖ Byzantine Spirituality Conference, Saturday, **November 19**, St. John the Baptist in Munhall.
- ❖ St. Mary's Turkey Bingo, Sunday, November 20, 1 to 4 pm. See poster.
- ❖ Open House: Byzantine Seminary Press, Saturday, November 26, 9 5 pm
- ❖ St. Nicholas Charity Event, **December 4**, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall.