

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Ανέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Indeed He is Risen!
Востину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς Ἀνέστη!

Administrator: Fr. Paul-Alexander Shutt, OSB
Confession Schedule: Saturday 16:00 – 16:30,
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15 APRIL 2018 / 7526 Third Pascal Sunday
Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Apr. 14 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women
Sun. Apr. 15 10:30 Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women Suffrages *pro populo*
Sat. Apr. 21 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Sun. Apr. 22 10:30 Sunday of the Paralytic Man Suffrages *pro populo*

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	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHER
Sat. Apr. 14	-----	B. Chirdon	Any two present
Sun. Apr. 15	E.R.A. Hess	S. Vacha	R. Knouse. D. Hess
Sat. Apr. 21	-----	J. Kontir	Any two present
Sun. Apr. 22	M. Syphan	G. Krynicky	R. Knouse, A. Syphan

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Adult: \$1392
Pascha \$600

Children \$11
Candles \$139

Holy Week \$15
TOTAL: \$2227

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THE PEOPLE CHOOSE. CHRYSOSTOM: Now when Matthias was to be presented, it was said, “It must be someone who has been with us the whole time.” But not so here, since this was different. No longer did they put it to the lot, and although they could have made the choice themselves, moved as they were by the Spirit, they wanted the testimony of the people. Determining the number, ordaining the chosen and other such business rested with them, but the choice itself they entrusted to the people, so as not to give the appearance of showing favor. For even God entrusted it to Moses to choose as elders the men he knew. HOMILIES ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 14

CALLED BY NAME: Every parish throughout the Byzantine Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh is participating in *CALLED BY NAME*, a program of vocation awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in the priesthood, diaconate, monastic life. Perhaps you know someone (senior high age or older) who, in your opinion, would have the qualifications to become a priest, deacon, or monastic. Please recommend this person by filling out the nomination form located on the tables in the Narthex, and either send it directly to Fr. Kevin E. Marks, the Director of Vocations for the Archeparchy or drop it in the offertory basket.

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Next Sunday’s Readings ~ Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Acts of the Holy Apostles 9: 32 – 42 Healing of Aeneas; Dorcas Restored to Life
John 5: 1 - 15 The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda

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- ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~
- The **2018 Vocation Icon** sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Reserve the icon for a week and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic life.
 - **15th Annual Day of Reflection for Women** will be held on **Saturday, 5 May 2018** from **9:00 – 14:30** at our cathedral of St John the Baptist in Munhall. This year’s theme is *Angels Build Bridges*. The cost is \$25 (no refunds) and includes a box lunch. Proceeds from the Benefit Auction will be given to local women’s shelters. Checks are to be made payable to Office of Religious Education. Brochures containing the schedule for the day and all other information can be found on the tables in the Narthex. Registration deadline is 26 April.

- This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its **MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY** degree program with fully online courses. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty. In keeping with our mission statement, «...*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.*» (Mt. 28:20), **Byzantine Online** seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. Through **Byzantine Online**, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. More information can be found at **online.bcs.edu**.
- The members of the **ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR** welcome all to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall on **May 6** - the 6th and final Sunday of Pascha - as the glorious Resurrection is celebrated in readings, hymns and songs. The hour-long inspirational presentation "*Rejoice and Be Glad!*" will begin at **3:00 p.m.** A hospitality reception with light snacks and beverages will follow the program in the Cathedral's lower level.
- **From the Archeparchial Safe Environment Office:** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month where church and civic organizations join in with others across the country to recognize the importance of our children, the future they represent, and the things that we can do every day to make sure they have the great childhood they deserve.



**18th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Lecture
sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of
Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Pittsburgh, PA**

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Lecture at 7:00 pm

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

This event is FREE but due to space limitations **registration is required by April 30th. Please register on-line, call 412-321-8383, or email office@bcs.edu.**

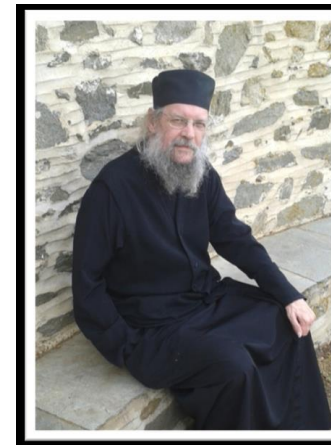
Hosted by Saint John Byzantine Catholic Cathedral
210 Greentree Road
Munhall, PA 15120

Our Guest Speaker: Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin)

TOPIC: The Place of the Presence of God:

Aphrahat of Persia's Portrait of the Christian Holy Man

Aphrahat the Persian sage is the earliest writer in Christian Syriac of whom we have proof. Writing in the 330s and 340s in the vicinity of modern Iraqi Kurdistan, his works are notable for their relative freedom from the lexicon and thought world of Greek philosophy; neither does he appear to know any prominent, pre-Nicene Church Fathers. Although unacquainted with Greek and Latin patristic literature, Aphrahat clearly possessed considerable authority in the Church of the Persian Empire. Archbishop Alexander will examine the portrait Aphrahat paints of the holy man in his fourteenth Demonstration. The idea of transformation, of becoming divine, is clearly central to Aphrahat. While the language of the Greek Fathers' theosis is absent, he phrases it in an idiom much more akin to that of Second Temple apocalypses, and of the later Jewish Ezekiel chariot-throne mystics of whom he was a likely contemporary.



Archbishop Alexander was born in Burbank, CA in 1948 and raised attending Saint Innocent Orthodox Church. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vladimir's Seminary. He pursued doctoral studies at Oxford University in England under His Eminence, Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware]. During this time, he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos. After receiving his D.Phil., Archbishop Alexander returned to the U.S. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1982 and to the priesthood two years later. In 1986, he was tonsured to monastic orders. He served O.C.A. missions in northern California and headed the Diocese of the West's mission committee. From 1989 to 2012, Archbishop Alexander taught in the Theology Department at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In May 2012 he was consecrated Bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America and in 2016 additionally was named as Bishop of the Diocese of the South. In 2017 he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop.