

07 JULY 2024

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7/7/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✧ Thomas Kearney (req. by Charlotte Kujawinski)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✧ Debbie Pangratz (req. by Paul & Doris Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS 7/14/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✧ Ken Fetzner (req. by Larry & Paula Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) ✧ Margaret Krivonak (req. by Cole Family)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

06/30/24 \$2545.00

In Memory of ✧ Eileen Betza Romeo - \$680.00

2024 ERIE COUNTY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY – Sunday, August 4

Please see the sign-up sheet for the noon lunch and order forms for both free and purchased ride tickets in the church narthex. Deadline to order tickets is Sunday, July 21. Call Kathy Adams (not the park office) with all questions 814-882-0785.

ERIE BYZANTINES AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK – Sunday, August 18

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as the Erie Seawolves take on the Akron Rubberducks at PNC Park. Gates open at 12:35 PM and game time is 1:35 PM. Tickets include reserved seating in the right field Beer Garden. Buffet from 1 PM until 2:30 PM and 2 domestic beers (for adults) included in ticket. Tickets: \$40 adults, parish children under age 13 are free. Reservations and tickets orders due by August 4. Order forms are in narthex.

JUBILEE YEAR (2025) PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the people of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a Pilgrimage to Italy from May 5 to 15, 2025 to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year. A Jubilee year is a holy year. As we read in Leviticus (25:12), “For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you.” The year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in Rome on 24 December 2024 until the Feast of Epiphany 2026. For more information, contact Fr. Ed Cimbala at 908-872-2928 or email: fredcimbala@gmail.com. Reservations and full payment must be made by December 26, 2024.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner

100TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 8, 1924, Pope Pius XI established a diocese in the United States for the Byzantine Ruthenian Church. At the same time, he chose Basil Takach to be the first bishop. Bishop Takach arrived August 13, 1924 in New York on a ship from Europe. Ruthenia was a region in Eastern Europe around the area of the Carpathian Mountain range. Until the end of World War I in 1918, Ruthenia was located in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Bishop Takach resided at different churches until 1926 when he moved to St. John the Baptist Church, Munhall, PA (a suburb of Pittsburgh) and that was designated as the Cathedral for the Byzantine Ruthenians in the United States.

THE LORD’S WAY

Most of us can look back on life and marvel at what seemed to be chance happenings: an unexpected meeting with someone, the missing of a plane or an appointment, an accidental occurrence that altered our best-made plans, or some sudden inspiration or resolution that changed everything. Such things are too numerous and remarkable to be dismissed as accidents or coincidences, when, in fact, they may indeed be answers to our prayers.

Our Lord does not force His guidance upon us. However, we can still obtain His guidance to make prudent and wise decisions by remembering, first of all, that it is part of God’s providence for us to use the intuitive wisdom He has given us. God works through ordinary means and He sometimes guides us through other people. Other people can look at our problems objectively and thus offer advice from their own experience. We must also take care that we are traveling on the right path. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. (Ps 119:105)

Keeping the Lord’s Presence

Spiritual renewal does not just happen. We have to do something to help make it happen. We have to participate in it. We have to search and think and seek and hunt and pray. “Seek and you shall find,” said Jesus. We have to seek and ask and knock. We have to embark on a spiritual journey. We may call this spiritual journey “the daily practice of the presence of God in our lives.” It is what the Psalmist means when he says, “I keep the Lord ever before me” (Psalm 16:8).

A Jewish rabbi used to say that the question of religion is what we do with the presence of God. A Christian might put it this way: What do I do in my life with the presence of Christ? How do I keep it alive? Do I keep it alive?

FEAR NOT

Never look ahead to the changes and challenges of this life in fear. Instead, as they arise look at them with the full assurance that God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. Hasn’t He kept you safe up to now? So hold His loving hand tightly, and He will lead you safely through all things. When you cannot stand, He will carry you in His arms.

Do not look ahead to what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you His unwavering strength that you may bear it. Be at peace, then, and set aside all anxious thoughts and worries.

–St. Francis de Sales