

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)

ELIJAH, GREAT PROPHET 7/20/24

Friday: 6:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7/20/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Jerry Kowalski (req. by Paul Bosak)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Fr. Francis Duchala (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)

11:00 AM (E) Blessings for daughters Yuliya and Olga (req. by Yaroslav & Lesya Bugera)

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

07/07/24

\$1376.00**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD JULY COLLECTION – Ketchup or Mustard***Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”***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 Cimballa at 908-872-2928 or email: fredcimballa@gmail.com. Reservations and full payment must be made by December 26, 2024.

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.

ECUMENICAL COUNCILS – Meetings of the World’s Bishops

Locations and years of the first six ecumenical councils:

1. Nicea I, 325
2. Constantinople I, 381
3. Ephesus, 431
4. Chalcedon, 451
5. Constantinople II, 553
6. Constantinople III, 680-681

All of these places are in the modern country of Turkey.

PROPHET ELIJAH – July 20

The end of the earthly life of Elijah came mysteriously. As he was speaking with his disciple Elisha, a flaming chariot and flaming horses came between them and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11). Jewish people, Christians and Muslims all pay high honor to Elijah. Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, Elijah appeared at Christ’s Transfiguration. Elijah was a courageous prophet and a hero of faithfulness to God in Israel. He came into conflict with King Ahab and his wife Queen Jezebel. This royal couple tried to persuade the Jewish people to worship the pagan idols of their Gentile neighbors

Be Your Best

A story is told of a king who went to his garden one morning, only to find everything withered and dying. He asked the oak tree that stood near the gate what the trouble was. The oak said it was tired of life and determined to die because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine tree. The pine was troubled because it could not bear grapes like the grapevine. The grapevine was determined to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and produce fruit as large as peaches. The geranium was fretting because it was not tall and fragrant like the lilac.

So it went throughout the garden. Yet coming to a violet, the king found its face as bright and happy as ever and said, “Well, violet, I’m glad to find one brave little flower in the midst of this discouragement. You don’t seem to be the least disheartened.” The violet responded, “No, I’m not. I know I am small, yet I thought if you wanted an oak or a pine or a peach tree or even a lilac, you would have planted one. Since I knew you wanted a violet, I’m determined to be the best little violet I can be.”

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