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ANNUAL BLESSING OF CRECHE IN DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH, PA.



Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla was among the religious leaders attending the annual blessing of the Crèche at the US Steel Tower in downtown Pittsburgh on Nov. 21. The Crèche has appeared annually since 1999 and is the only authorized replica of the nativity scene in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

St. Mary in Weirton, W. Va. parishioner earns U.S. citizenship

By Mike Garan
St. Mary, Weirton, W. Va.

Violetta Turianyn of St. Mary's parish in Weirton, W. Va., proudly took her oath of allegiance on Oct. 31 in Monroeville, Pa. to become a United States citizen.

What became a goal for this foreign-born youth turned into sweet reality and what she hopes will be countless opportunities.

When Violetta left her native Ukraine in 2017 for the United States, little did the 5½-year-old realize how much her future — and her life — were about to change.

A year earlier, her parents, Vasyly and Natalia, had won a lottery providing the family green cards to emigrate to the U.S.

As fate would have it, Russia would launch a full-scale invasion of Ukraine five years later, forcing more than 5 million Ukrainians to flee to other nations and shifting almost 4 million people



Violetta Turianyn

within the country.

The Turianyns fortunately would avoid the cruelty of war time in their native land and turned their attention to securing the freedoms offered by "the great melting pot." But, as are many new beginnings,

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Pope Leo XIV appoints Archbishop William to Dicastery

Pope Leo XIV appointed Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla as a member of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches on Nov. 21.

Also appointed were: His Eminence Cardinal Arthur Roche, prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments; and Bishop Tesfaye Tadesse Gebresilasie, M.C.C.J., auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Dicastery deals with those matters involving persons or things affecting the Eastern Catholic Churches *sui iuris*. ■

ETERNAL MEMORY

SISTER M. VALERIA EVANYO, OSBM

Sister M. Valeria Evanyo, OSBM, a Sister of the Uniontown Province of the Sisters of St. Basil, fell asleep in the Lord at Mt. Macrina Manor in Uniontown, Pa. on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

She was born Helen on Feb. 18, 1932 in Pittsburgh, Pa., the youngest of three daughters of the late Michael and Mary (Minarish) Evanyo. Her early education was received at Pittsburgh public schools, and later graduated from Mt. Macrina Academy in Uniontown.

After entrance into the Basilian community from St. John the Baptist Parish on the South Side, she earned a bachelor's degree from Carlow (then Mt. Mercy) College. Her first ministry was teaching in parochial schools: Pottstown, Mont Clare, and Uniontown, all in Pa.; in Bridgeport, Conn.; Chicago, Ill.; and Cleveland and Lorain, both in Ohio.

Sister Valeria also served in leadership on the Provincial Council.

A love for developmentally challenged children impelled Sister Valeria to pursue a master's degree in special education, teaching at the Rose-Mary Center in Cleveland and at the Intermediate Unit in Uniontown.

The Lord's call became quite different when she was appointed

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Sister M. Valeria Evanyo, OSBM



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BULLETIN BOARD

Live Nativity at Mount St. Macrina



The annual Live Nativity on the grounds of Mount St. Macrina at Mount Macrina Manor will take place Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The address is 520 W. Main St., Uniontown, Pa.

Archeparchial Choir Christmas Program & Cookie Reception

A program of Hymns and Carols of the Nativity of our Lord by the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir followed by seasonal treats in the parish social hall at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at St. Elias, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pa. ■

Upcoming event at Mount St. Macrina

The following event will take place at Mount St. Macrina Retreat Ministry location, 510 W. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. To register for programs or more information, call 724-438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net.

Program: 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 **Christmas Presentation Retreat** presented by Father Anthony Costantino. Includes Presentation, Reflection Time, Sacrament of Reconciliation and lunch. Registration due: Dec. 8. Offering: \$45. ■

■ Registration: 9:15 a.m.,

“Carpathian Cookery” available for purchase

The Carpathian Cookery cookbook, has entered its 23rd printing, having sold over 21,000 copies, is available for purchase.

This cookbook was requested by the Library of Congress to be in their ethnic cooking collection.

The 330-page cookbook has a new look and features a protective plastic cover.

The book includes sections on Christmas and Easter customs and recipes, traditional Rusyn and Slavic foods, other ethnic dishes, and many other tried-and-true recipes of St. John’s parishioners.

There is a variety of paska bread and kolachi (filled roll) recipes, as well as meatless dishes and Lenten recipes, suitable for the Great Fast, as well as the Pre-Christmas Fast.

The cost of the cookbook is \$14 plus \$6 postage and handling (\$20).

If ordering from Canada, please send a \$36 (\$14 plus \$22). U.S. Postal money order payable in U.S. dollars to reflect the difference in the exchange rate and postage cost.

To order, send a check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, Pa. 15401, or call 724-438-1382 (M-F 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. – leave message).

For more information. You may contact us at: carpathiancookery@gmail.com. ■



Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Schedule of Services - Christmas 2025

Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich, Rector



Wednesday, Dec. 24 Vigil, Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve

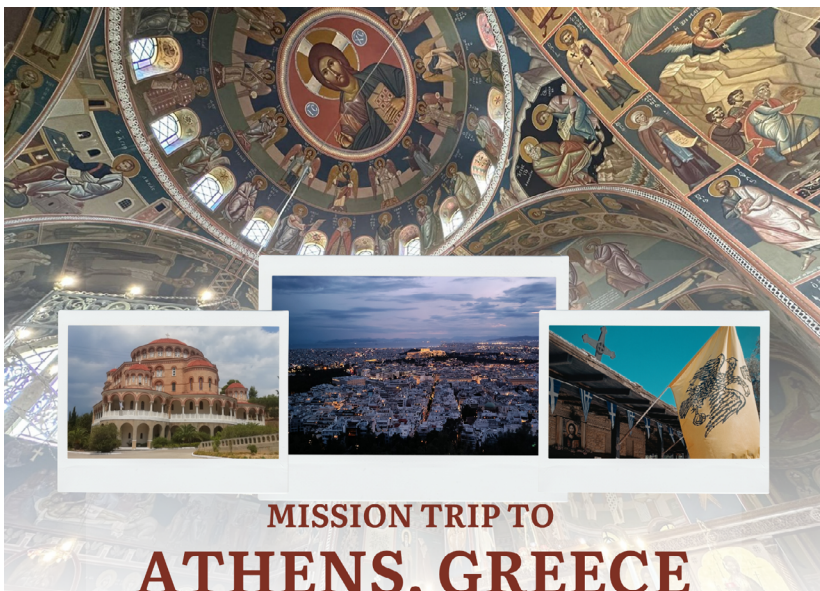
9 a.m. Royal Hours
8 p.m. Vigil Liturgy

Thursday, Dec. 25 Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

9 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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ETERNAL MEMORY

SISTER M. VALERIA EVANYO, OSBM

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a secretary to the English Section of the Secretary of State at the Vatican in Rome, Italy. Serving in Rome for 13 years, she served in written communications for both the Holy Father John Paul II, and for other Vatican offices. Sister Valeria has the unique distinction among the Basilian community of having worked for a saint, St. John Paul II.

Back in America, Sister Valeria assumed the responsibility of secretary for +Bishop Basil Schott at the Eparchy of Parma. Subsequently, she became the receptionist at the Chancery of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh until her retirement from active ministry in August 2014. Health issues took her to the monastery in August 2022, and then to Mt. Macrina Manor.

Throughout her life of service, Sister Valeria was known for her light-hearted spirit and great sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, and her sisters Mary Corso and Pauline Benedik. Left to cherish her memory are her nieces and nephews: Theresa and Thomas Benedik, Emily O'Keefe, Barbara Fair, June Murray, Virginia Corso-Phinney, and Urban, William and Martin Corso.

Friends were received at the monastery on Friday, Oct. 31 and the Parastas service for a Nun was celebrated by Very Rev. Andrew J. Deskevich that evening.

The funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Most Rev. Archbishop William C. Skurla on Saturday, Nov. 1. Concelebrants were Very Rev. Andrew J. Deskevich, and Reverend Fathers Jerome Botsko, Kyprian Wojciechowski and Tyler Wisniewski. Father Stephen J. Wahal was in attendance.

Interment followed in the Sisters section of Mt. Macrina Cemetery.

In blessed repose grant eternal rest O Lord to your departed handmaid Sister Valeria and remember her forever! ■

St. Mary in Weirton, W. Va. parishioner earns U.S. citizenship

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their journey would prove challenging.

Vasyl sold his hardware store, his car and most of the family's possessions. The threesome then traveled to Kyiv to undergo medical examinations before they could receive approval to travel.

At the encouragement of long-time friend Father Vasyl Symyon (then St. Mary's pastor), the Turianyns settled in Weirton with added help from city businessman and St. Mary's parishioner John Greco.

Communicating with their new neighbors became problematic without an interpreter. Natalia spoke a bit of English; Vasyl and Violetta none at all. When Violetta entered kindergarten, she could neither understand nor speak English. Four months later, however, she was teaching her parents her newly acquired language.

Eventually, each of them took English lessons from retired teacher Donna Roman, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist church in Avella, Pa. From there, the Turianyns started to settle in and become more comfortable in their new surroundings. Since then, all have become proficient in the English language.

Their circle of friends has expanded among parishioners,

school teachers, classmates' parents, neighbors and customers. Vasyl has used his construction skills to open a successful remodeling business.

In March 2021, the Turianyns welcomed another daughter, Michaela, to the family, earning Violetta the title of "big sister." One year later, Vasyl and Natalia became eligible for and passed their naturalization examinations. And recently, Natalia accepted a job with a local financial firm.

Today, this family of Ukrainian immigrants is proud to wave the red, white and blue from their front porch. Still, while always remaining faithful to their Ukrainian roots, they now enjoy and celebrate that unalienable right to the pursuit of happiness.

Violetta is an eighth grade student at Weirton Madonna High School where she maintains a 4.0 GPA and is very active in church, school and community activities.

"I am proud and feel blessed to be an American citizen," Violetta said, "and I look forward to the prospects that lie ahead for me."

This teenager has come to realize the many blessings of our noble land and the opportunity to put them to good use. Violetta knows where she came from and, through her studies, has learned what she stands for. It appears she's off to a great start! ■

REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA

Understanding the Christmas story

By Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM



This is a transcript of Sister Barbara Jean's Dec. 22, 2024 reflection, which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Now we come to the Sunday of the Ancestors. Think about this: when you're trying to retell a really important event in your own life, what a struggle it is to convey the fullness of that experience to another.

It helps me to understand the telling of the Christmas story in the Gospel, for instance, and the stories of the coming of the Savior and His whole history.

So, we see it through the eyes of four Gospel writers. Matthew starts with the genealogy of Jesus and starts way back in the beginning of time and goes on to the relationship of Joseph and Mary before it gets to the Christmas story.

Luke begins with the birth of John the Baptist and goes right through the birth of Jesus and the

flight into Egypt and all the rest we know as part of the Christmas story.

Mark's Gospel skips the whole beginning and starts with the adult Jesus in ministry. John's Gospel takes a completely different approach — a very spiritual, mystical, theological approach and brings us to recognize Christ as the Light of the World and the great happening of history.

We need these different perspectives just as you would try in various ways to convey an event that's really special and big and to bring the inner meaning of it to be shared with another person.

In this reflection time as we approach Christmas, it's good to ask ourselves — in this great story we face each year — what part of it, particularly, speaks to me this year? That's how I approach getting into the spirit of Christmas. What of all these elements that we surround ourselves with in this special season touches my heart this year?

I'll tell you what it is so far and that is the phrase which says the Christ child comes in a form that looks like me. If we were comparing baby pictures, there

wouldn't be too much difference, and that amazes my heart this year.

It might be other things that touch you. It might have been the humble surroundings that Christ was born into. It might be the foreigners — the kings — who came to worship and seemed to understand more than others did. It could be the dear shepherds who are amazed; the angels who bring the message and bring light into this scene.

What is it this year that may help you get inside the experience of the greatest moment of history? The greatest gift humanity has ever received — is Christ, our Savior.

Let that touch our hearts and inspire in us the kind of loving generosity that the Father has shared with us in giving His Son. Let it change our whole perspective to a loving one — to generosity and to the call to imitate this love by serving others, as well.

May God bless us and bring to this Holy Season this Christmas a spirit of love, peace, and joy. ■

The BCW wants your Christmas stories!

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again when I come to you to request stories for this year's Christmas issue of The Byzantine Catholic World.

In past years, I asked you to share special memories about your family, food, and Christmas trees for features in The BCW ... and your great response turned into really good reads.

This year, I want to read your Christmas stories of what you remember from your days in ECF (formerly CCD) classes or in Catholic School during the Christmas season:

Please consider writing a few sentences or a couple of paragraphs about this:

Do you have a specific memory regarding learning about the Christmas story from one of your teachers?

Did you complete a fun Christmas project in class?

Did you learn a Nativity hymn in Old Slavonic for the first time?

Were you in a Christmas pageant?

Did you participate in an Advent project such as collecting for the needy or distributing Christmas stockings at a nursing home?

Did you go Christmas Caroling with your class around the neighborhood?

Remember, what you think may have been inconsequential at the time can make a great story!

Those are some ideas I hope will spark a story or a memory you can share with *The BCW's* readers.

Please send me your stories by Friday, Dec. 12.

And if you have any photos to go with your story, please don't hesitate to send those, also!

Please send stories and photos to me at: bcw@archpitt.org

Also, please let me know what church you attend.

Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to reading! ■

David Mayernik Jr.
Editor
The Byzantine Catholic World

TEXT MESSAGES

Two thumbs up from Pope Leo XIV

By David Mayernik Jr.
Editor



I was searching my brain for a column idea for this month's issue when, like a bolt from the blue, I saw a video titled:

"Pope Leo XIV reveals his four favorite movies of all time."

In the short, only 23-second video, Pope Leo says:

"My four favorite films:

"It's a Wonderful Life." Jimmy Stewart; from 1946.

"The Sound of Music" from 1965 with Julie Andrews.

"Ordinary People." The year was 1980. The stars were Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore.

"La Vita E Bella" (translation: 'Life is Beautiful'); 1997. Roberto Benigni."

Pope Leo had me at "It's a Wonderful Life."

I can certainly understand why it's a favorite of the leader of the world's Catholics. It's a story of

personal redemption which has stood the test of time since it was released in 1947.

For those who haven't seen the film, directed by Frank Capra — and I hope you have — it's the story of George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart), who considers jumping off a bridge on Christmas Eve 1945 only to be visited by Clarence, his guardian angel, and discovering what life in Bedford Falls would be like if he wasn't born.

I watch the movie every Christmas Eve on NBC and it brings me much joy.

Many movies don't hold up over the years but "It's a Wonderful Life" remains as fresh as ever.

One of my favorite scenes is at the very end when the townspeople of Bedford Falls rally together to donate dollar bills and coins to replace the missing \$8,000 stolen by the evil Mr. Potter.

George also finds a copy of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* with an inscription inside the front cover courtesy of Clarence:

"Remember, no man is a failure who has friends. Thanks for the wings!" ■





THE SOCIETY OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Welcoming seminarians to new academic year

By Dorothy Mayernik
Secretary, The Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius

The Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius (SSCM), the Vocations Ministry of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, welcomed the Seminarians back for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The afternoon gathering on Nov. 2 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. began prayerfully with a Moleben for Vocations celebrated by Father Tyler Wisniewski, SSCM Chaplain, assisted by Deacon Nicholas Krivacs.

Afterward, everyone moved down to the church hall to meet-and-greet the new seminarians, reconnect with their Prayer Partners from last year, and meet family members in attendance.

President Diane Pochron gave a warm welcome to everyone. Diane and Dorothy Mayernik spoke briefly about the organization's more than 50-year history of supporting vocations as part of Serra International and the transition to focus entirely on our Eparchy as the Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius:

Our mission is to foster and promote religious vocations in our Byzantine Catholic Church. We do this through a ministry of prayer, affirmation, and support. As the Vocations Ministry of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Society members join together in praying for vocations and taking part in activities to support our seminarians, deacon students, clergy, religious, and those in formation for religious life.

After dinner, SSCM members continued the group's longstanding tradition of holding a Brown Bag Auction. The serious bidding wars followed by "White Elephant" items pulled out of the bags by the "auction winners" made for a fun time.

The Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius extends prayerful best wishes to Seminary Rector Father Ron Barusefsky, faculty members, and seminarians for a grace-filled year of study, formation, and fellowship.

We welcome new members to SSCM. If you are interested, please contact Diane Pochron pochrond@pitt.edu. ■



PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Saints Cyril and Methodius, Venerable Apostles of the Slavs and Patrons of our Byzantine Catholic Seminary, we place our Seminarians in your loving care. Help them to grow in humility, meekness and prudence. Enkindle in them a burning zeal for souls. May their hearts be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and may they learn to know and love the Church so that they may always and everywhere think, speak and act with Her, the Glorious Spouse of Christ. May they become exemplars of generosity and detachment from the things of this world. But above all, O Venerable Patrons, help them to truly know, love and serve the Eternal High Priest, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose priests they aspire to be. Amen.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Lord Jesus Christ, instill in the hearts of young men and women, a willingness to joyfully give their lives for the sake of souls, and call them to Your service. Hear my prayer and the prayers of Your Church: send us good, faithful and holy Priests and Religious to lead your people to their Eternal Happiness. Amen.

See more information on the Archeparchy's website:

<https://archpitt.org/society-of-saints-cyril-and-methodius/>

SS. PETER AND PAUL IN WARREN, OHIO

October Fun Fest

By John and Lisa Mosko
SS. Peter and Paul, Warren, Ohio

We kicked off the second annual October Fun Fest at SS. Peter and Paul in Warren, Ohio after Liturgy on Sunday, Oct. 19, with Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec blessing the tractor and trailer that was used for hayrides.

Although the weather was a concern with rain moving in, a few hayrides were given while the food was being served. The children loved the hayrides and went more than once.

The afternoon was enjoyed by many parishioners and their families and friends. A delicious lunch consisting of a kielbasa sandwich or hot dogs, two pierogi, a ladle of halushki, a cup of homemade turkey soup (compliments of Sarah Kerul'-Kmec), applesauce, a variety of desserts, and beverages filled our bellies.

We played a Fall Trivia Game, LCR (left-center-right) Game, cornhole, scrabble, and a dice game with prizes. A 50/50 raffle and a children's activity area were also available to make this a fun afternoon. ■



Debbie and Rick Taylor





ST. MICHAEL IN HERMITAGE, PA.

Celebrating 120 years

St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa. celebrated its 120th anniversary with a Festive Patronal Feast Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 9.

The Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich, Protosyncellus and rector of St. John Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa.

Father Andrew represented Metropolitan William C. Skurla, who was attending a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting in Baltimore, Md.

Concelebrants were: Very Rev. Kevin E. Marks, Pastor; Father Michael Farynets; Father John Welch; and Father Ian McElrath.

In attendance were Father Richard Lambert, Msgr. Alexis Mihalik, and Father David Mastroberte.

In his homily, Father Andrew congratulated the parish on this milestone and mentioned that any challenges in the past and the unforeseen future are dealt with by faith and trust in the Lord, taken from the Sunday Gospel of Jairus trusting in the Lord to heal his daughter.

A banquet dinner followed at The Corinthian Event Center in Sharon, Pa. At the banquet, parishioner Joan Walker was honored for her many decades of service to St. Michael Church including head cantor, ECF coordinator, and Bethany ministry leader. Joan will turn 90 years old on Christmas Day.

Father Alexis Pastelyi celebrated the parish's initial Divine Liturgy in Bobby Hall, located on Idaho Street, Farrell, Pa., on June 4, 1905. A month later, under Father Alexander Dudinsky's spiritual leadership, plans were made for a church building and property was purchased on Spearman Avenue in Farrell. Construction commenced in September.

By March 1906 the edifice was completed and the first Divine Liturgy was celebrated.

On July 4, 1906 the church was solemnly blessed and dedicated.

In 1910 Father John Danilovich was assigned to the church and served until his death in 1923. He and the parishioners successfully paid the existing debt.

In 1918, 12 acres of land were purchased and solemnly blessed under the name of St. Mary Cemetery, which later was changed to St. Michael Cemetery.

The church was renovated in March 1924 to accommodate a growing congregation and on Sept. 27, 1928, the Feast of the



Universal Elevation of the Holy Cross, Bishop Basil Takach rededicated the church.

The parish continued to flourish and change. The church was redecorated and the basement remodeled into a social center with kitchen facilities. Land opposite the church was purchased for a parking lot.

Larger facilities had to accommodate the still-growing numbers. With the approval

of Bishop Nicholas T. Elko, Father Petrick purchased land on Highland Road Extension in Hickory Township (present-day Hermitage) and construction of a social center soon began.

By January 1969 the parish was clear of debt and thoughts of building a new church were placed in motion.

The groundbreaking ceremony occurred on Dec. 26, 1971. Since then, the Parish grew throughout

the Shenango Valley and other neighboring communities with the pastors who served there.

In October 2012, St. Michael's only priest vocation, Father Kevin was assigned as pastor. Under his leadership, the parish has welcomed many new families, has been updated with renovations and technological advances, and continues to be a thriving spiritual home in the Shenango Valley and surrounding areas. ■

Honoring our Veterans

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL IN MUNHALL, PA.

After the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Divine Liturgies at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa., Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich blessed and recognized those who served our nation in the military, including those parishioners who are deceased. ■



ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

*By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.*

In anticipation of Veterans Day, the weekend of Nov. 8 and 9 for St. Gregory's was dedicated to our Veterans.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, prayerful supplications were offered for all living and departed men and women who have served and continue to serve our nation under God. ■



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD IN CLAIRTON, PA.

*By Trish Roberts
Ascension Church, Clairton Pa.*

Ascension Church in Clairton, Pa. celebrated Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Father Christopher Burke recognized the service men and women during Liturgy. He invited the Veterans who were present to come forward for a personal blessing.

Afterward, everyone was invited to a cake and coffee social at the hall. GCU presented each Veteran with a thank you card and an Eat 'n Park gift card.

Tiffany Tomkowicz and Jessica Dufalla assisted the children in the ECF program to make "thank you" cards decorated with red poppies for each Veteran.

The children then shared poetry that they wrote to thank Veterans for their service and led the



Pledge of Allegiance and "God Bless America." Alex Lassige and Mason Luketich closed the program playing an echo rendition of "Taps." ■



Father Christopher Burke blesses Veterans William Kerr, John Glegyak, Donald Buchina, Michael Cherepko, Michael Sowko



ST. JOSEPH IN TORONTO, OHIO

Farewell, Father John

By Nancy Doerr
St. Joseph, Toronto, Ohio

St. Joseph in Toronto, Ohio bid farewell to Father John Kapitan Jr. on his retirement with a social after the Divine Liturgy on Sept. 20. Many blessings to you! ■



Welcome, Father David

By Nancy Doerr
St. Joseph, Toronto, Ohio

A welcome social was held for Father David Bosnich at St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in Toronto, Ohio after

the Divine Liturgy on Oct. 18 and cookies and refreshments after his installation on Oct. 25.

Many blessings on his new assignment. We are happy to welcome you. ■



SS. PETER AND PAUL IN PATTON, PA.

Newly baptized in Christ

By Father Roman Andriitso
SS. Peter and Paul, Patton, Pa.

Congratulations to Nolan Craig Kinback, who became an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven through baptism.

For the first time in the last 10 years, a baptism took place in our Parish.

May Almighty God continue to bless him and his family always! ■



ST. MARY HOLY PROTECTION IN MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Adult Catechesis, Outreach

By Patricia Johnson
St. Mary Holy Protection, Morgantown, W. Va.

St. Mary's Holy Protection in Morgantown, W. Va. initiated a new adult catechesis class, which meets twice monthly before the regularly scheduled Wednesday evening Divine Liturgy.

Class participants will be reading through and discussing "Christ Our Pascha" Ukrainian Catholic Catechism. The catechesis class is taught by parish pastor Father Kyprian Wojciechowski and Dr. Matthew Miner, Professor of Philosophy and Moral Theology at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Dr. Miner also serves as a cantor at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa., where Father Kyprian also serves.

Liturgy is followed by a potluck dinner and fellowship in the parish hall.

Besides St. Mary's parishioners, there have been several young adult and college-aged participants from St. John University (Roman Catholic) Parish in Morgantown, W. Va.



The catechesis class is part of the broader outreach to local college students at West Virginia University. Father Kyprian is among a group of priests in the Archeparchy who are engaged in college and young adult outreach with the blessing of the Archeparchy.

Father Kyprian hopes this new catechesis endeavor will help to build up the body of Christ educated by the catechism and the Word, formed by divine teaching, and nourished by the Sacramental Mysteries and the Divine Liturgy. ■



ST. MICHAEL IN CAMPBELL, OHIO

Celebrating 100 years

By Father Kevin Marks
St. Michael, Campbell, Ohio

On Saturday, Nov. 8, St. Michael parishioner Marge Shabella turned 100 years old.

The Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy was offered for

her amazing milestone. Congratulations Marge on becoming a centenarian! May God bless you always and grant you many more happy, blessed years!

Marge is pictured below third from left. ■



SS. PETER AND PAUL IN TARENTUM, PA.

A Journey of Prayer for Vocations: From Church to Home

By Father Vasyl Polyak
SS. Peter and Paul, Tarentum, Pa.

This October, our parish of SS. Peter and Paul in Tarentum, Pa. joined the faithful throughout the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh in a special prayer initiative for vocations.

Encouraged by our Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla and the Synod of Bishops, the faithful are invited to participate in a spiritual pilgrimage that begins in the church and continues in the home — uniting our hearts in prayer for new and renewed responses to God’s call.

The initiative began with a solemn public prayer service in early October. During that celebration, a specially blessed icon of Christ the High Priest was placed before the faithful as a visible reminder that every vocation flows from the priesthood of Christ Himself.

The icon, beautifully written and prayerfully blessed, now travels from household to household each week, accompanied by a booklet containing prayers, Scripture readings, and reflections. Families welcome the icon into their homes as they would a beloved guest, dedicating time each day to pray together for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic life, and Christian marriage.

In our Byzantine Catholic tradition, icons are not merely works of art; they are windows into the heavenly reality, drawing us into communion with the divine.

When a family prays before the icon, they stand mystically before the presence of Christ and His saints. This sacred encounter transforms an ordinary room into a domestic church — a small

sanctuary of grace within the home.

The moving of the icon from one family to another is a visible expression of our unity as one Church, walking together and interceding for the same purpose.

The vocation to serve God takes many forms, and this prayer initiative beautifully reminds us that all are called to holiness.

While the priesthood and monastic life are vital for the Church’s mission, the life of Christian marriage is also a true vocation.

In fact, our Eastern Catholic heritage uniquely testifies that the call to marriage and the call to the priesthood need not be opposed. In the Byzantine tradition, married men may be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood, living both vocations in harmony as they serve their families and the wider community of faith. This living witness enriches the Church, showing that the call to serve can flourish within the daily realities of family life.

Through this simple yet profound practice of prayer with the icon, our parishioners are rediscovering the beauty of prayer in common, the warmth of family faith, and the awareness that God continues to call people from our midst.

Every time the icon enters a new home, it brings with it hope and blessing — a reminder that the Church depends on the generosity of hearts willing to say “yes” to God’s invitation.

May this season of prayer bear abundant fruit, awakening within many the courage to respond to God’s call, and strengthening those already living their vocation with faith and love. ■



Father Vasyl Polyak

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN LYNDORA, PA.

Trick or treat

St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Lyndora, Pa. had a Halloween party after the Sunday morning Liturgy.

Father Radko Blichar provided the pizza and the GCU donated the candy for the kids. A fun time was had by all. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN SCOTTDALE, PA.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

St. John the Baptist in Scottsdale, Pa. recently held its annual Spaghetti Dinner. A raffle was also held with an assortment of baskets as prizes. ■



Betsy Sapola, Mike Lashinsky (“Chief Spaghetti Cooker”), Debbie Saxberg, and Barb Zaksek.



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ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

Trunk or Treat 2025

By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

All was ready for this year's Trunk or Treat at St. Gregory in Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Following the Divine Liturgy our ECF students exited the Church hall where our parishioners were

ready to distribute candy. Our children did really well and quickly filled up their bags with plenty of treats.

Afterwards, we continued in the Church Hall with fun games and crafts. We express our sincere thanks to all who participated in this fun event. ■



Tradition in the kitchen

By Susan Roglovsky
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

You say "kolache," I say "kolaczki"...

As the annual "Taste of Heaven" Christmas Cookie sale has grown year after year since it first began in 2011, the Women of Faith Ministry at St. Gregory's in Upper St. Clair, Pa. is striving to ensure that our Eastern European traditional sweet treats are a featured item at the fundraiser.

This year, enthusiastic women and men of the parish joined together for community baking sessions where dozens upon dozens of these pockets of fruit or nut filled joy were baked with the same love and care that our Babas taught us!

We each may have made them in different shapes in our own kitchens, and may not pronounce the name the same, but our collective tradition lives on! ■



Fall Chili Cook-Off

By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy on Nov. 2, the ECF Fall Chili Cook-off Fundraiser took place in our Church hall.

Initially we thought we were only likely to have three to four chili options, but it turns out that we had 14 and they were all delicious!

Additionally, this was one of the most hotly contested results to date. Congratulations to our parishioner Stratton on winning this year's cook-off!

Our St. Gregory ByzanTeens were also busy in charge of the

dessert table. The dessert that received the most votes was the brownies prepared by Steve. The sampler prize winner of this fun event was Grace. Congratulations to both of you!

This event was a huge success! All of our parishioners very much enjoyed this tasty and fun fundraiser that will help support the many ECF programs that we have for our children and teens at St. Gregory's. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped organize and took part in this event, which brought us together to share good food, laughter, and fellowship. ■



ST. MARY IN WEIRTON, W.VA.

Fall pirohi sale

By Mike Garan
St. Mary, Weirton, W. Va.

More than 30 volunteers gathered at St. Mary's parish hall in Weirton, W. Va. on Oct. 26 for the Altar Society's fall pirohi sale. Newly appointed administrator Father Luke Iyengar and the team made and cooked 230 dozen of the delicious dumplings filled with potato

and cheese. When too many cooks assembled in the kitchen, several volunteers turned their attention to the church grounds for a "fall foliage" clean-up. The morning also served as time for fellowship and fun among parishioners and friends. Father Luke promises more fun-filled projects are ahead for the St. Mary's family. So stay tuned! ■



"Rolling out" holiday goodies

By Mike Garan
St. Mary, Weirton, W. Va.

A group of St. Mary's parishioners in Weirton, W.Va. met in the church hall Nov. 8 for their semi-annual nut roll sale. Preparations began the day before the sale for volunteers to make the dough, grind nuts for the filling and set up the hall. The next morning, rolling ingredients within the dough began at 7 a.m. and baking soon followed into the

early afternoon. The team baked a combined 270 nut and poppy seed rolls, selling these delicious desserts for customers to top off their Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts. Also, a special thanks to parishioner Sunni Ordonneau for spending time outdoors during the bake sale. She removed old flowers and weeds and cleaned the general landscape. ■



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD IN CLAIRTON, PA.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser

By Trish Roberts
Ascension Church, Clairton, Pa.

Ascension Church in Clairton, Pa. held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Oct. 19. Spaghetti and meatball hoagie dinners were available to dine in or take out. A bake sale and basket raffle were held during the dinner.

The Neighborhood Resilience Project joined us and provided free Covid and flu shots and also health screenings to those who were interested. Our volunteers did a great job making everyone feel welcome and contributing to a successful event. ■





ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

“Maryfest”

*By Mary Caryl Planiczki
St. Elias, Munhall, Pa.*

Before a delicious pasta dinner in the church hall of St. Elias in Munhall, Pa., the Archeparchial Choir presented “Maryfest,” a beautiful program of songs in celebration of the Theotokos in the sanctuary of the church.

The song and fun continued in the hall with entertainment by the choir while the priests of the Pittsburgh deanery cooked and served a wonderful pasta and meatball dinner complete with bread, salad, and dessert.

A great time was had by all in attendance. ■



Runs in the family

*By Mary Caryl Planiczki
St. Elias, Munhall, Pa.*

St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. was proud to be represented by excellent runners in local races! Anthony DeProspero ran with

Jackie Kutzfara at the EQT 10 miler in Pittsburgh.

Also, Danielle DeProspero ran with her brother Anthony in the Columbus half marathon in October. Great job! ■



Rolling the dough

*By Mary Caryl Planiczki
St. Elias, Munhall, Pa.*

Pirohi workers were rolling, cutting, filling, pinching, boiling, and packing pirohi after Sunday

morning liturgies at St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. We are thankful to have this hardworking crew! Our babas would be proud! ■



HOLY SPIRIT IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Sharing our heritage

*By Mary Dzurichko
Holy Spirit, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Holy Spirit Parish in Pittsburgh, Pa. was sharing our heritage this month, first at the Slovak Heritage Festival, held at the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning on Nov. 2.

Father Michael Kuntiz along with volunteers Mary Dzurichko and Anthony DiSaia, fielded questions and handed out information about the parish and the Byzantine Church.

On the following Saturday,

part of the Sokyra folk group performed Rusyn folk music and stories for a diverse audience from as far away as Youngstown, Ohio.

The lively music had everyone clapping along, with some volunteers hitting the dance floor!

A delicious home-cooked dinner of holupki, kielbasa, halushki, and pirohi followed, with a tour of the church and the drawing of the raffle winners!

It was a great time and there's already talk of holding a similar event in 2026. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

All stories by Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar

Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration

The Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration annual event, held Oct. 26, involved the participation of many parishioners of St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa. who strive to make it a huge success.

Displays of Rusyn culture, demonstrations of iconography/pysanky/bobbin lace making, and children's activities, along with

festive music by Sokyra, created a lively atmosphere. A very extensive bake sale, as well as the delicious ethnic foods prepared by the kitchen workers were a main attraction.

The well-attended event draws people from far and wide to enjoy the hospitality and Rusyn culture. ■



Veterans recognition

The weekend Divine Liturgies of Nov. 8 and 9 included special blessings for those who serve and have served our country.

Father Thomas Dansak, who substituted for the Saturday Liturgy, gave a tribute to veterans

and shared memories about his Navy career.

On Sunday, Father Kyprian Wojciechowski called veterans forward for a special blessing. Thank you, Veterans, for your service! ■



November birthdays

After the Divine Liturgy on Nov. 16, parishioners celebrating a birthday in November were recognized.

Brunch items were provided by the Social Ministry Committee. ■



Eternal memory, blessed repose

To commemorate Blessed Bishop Theodore Romzha, a special vigil Divine Liturgy was held on Oct. 30.

An icon of the martyred bishop was adorned with flowers and embroidered ruchnyks. Father Kyprian Wojciechowski gave a moving synopsis of Bishop Romzha's life. Father James Ragan also attended the event.

Following the Liturgy, a Panachida was prayed for Father Ronald Larko, pastor of St. John's from 2011 until his passing on Oct. 31, 2021. ■



Volunteer Appreciation Night

On the evening of Nov. 14, Father Kyprian Wojciechowski and Pani Emily hosted "Volunteer Appreciation Night." The evening included music, an Olive Garden

meal, prizes, raffles, fellowship, and more to show their thanks for all that the parishioners and volunteers contribute to keep the parish alive. ■



Busy times for ECF

During the months of October and November, the ECF classes kept busy with community-minded projects.

The students prepared special wooden pumpkins with a message on them that Father Kyprian Wojciechowski will distribute to the homebound parishioners on his monthly visits.

The weekly bulletin now includes a section called "Children's Corner." It contains a Sunday Gospel reading, along with

a related puzzle or activity. During classes, Dr. Matthew Miner, cantor, practices singing traditional Christmas carols which the students will sing at Mt. Macrina Manor during the Christmas season.

After the Saturday Divine Liturgy on Nov. 15, ECF teachers provided games and activities for the students and their families. They were also treated to pizza, snacks, and prizes. ■





THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

By Archpriest David M. Petras


THE SERVICE OF THE PRIEST



After the bishop proclaims the gift of the Holy Spirit in the prayer, "Divine Grace, which always heals what is infirm and supplies what is lacking ... let us pray for him, that the grace of the all-holy Spirit may come upon him," there are two other prayers of ordination which are said as the bishop continues to impose his hand on the head of the man now ordained. In these prayers of ordination, the priest is consistently called presbyteros, which means "Elder." This gives rise to a pun in Greek. In the prayer God is addressed as "elder than all creation."

The main function of the priest, mentioned in both prayers is "to sanctify the word of your truth." This should be taken in the context of John 17, the "priestly prayer" of Jesus. Just as Christ sanctified the apostles, so the priest is "to sanctify the word of truth," for the people. This means more than merely reading the Gospel and preaching it to the people. It also means living a holy and blameless life so that his way of life witnesses to the truth of God. One "sanctifies the truth," by a blameless life and unshaken faith, by perfectly serving God in every way and by being a good steward of the mysteries, which can be done only in the grace of the Holy Spirit. This is connected with the mystery of baptism. The priest is to bring the people to "enlightenment." This includes proclamation, instruction, mystagogy and initiation. Some mysteries were hidden from unbelievers, the priest was to bring others into the light. The priest also "offers

spiritual sacrifices," which we looked at more fully in the last article. In Christian terminology, this means the rational, spiritual, unbloody latreia of the Liturgy. This is precisely the priest's task in the celebration of the Liturgy. It is a ministry of words and praise, to proclaim the prayers of praise and to read them well and with meaning.


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The second prayer of ordination sums this up, "O Lord, fill with the gifts of your Holy Spirit this your servant, whom you have been pleased to raise to the order of presbyter, that he may be worthy to stand blamelessly before your holy altar, to proclaim the gospel of your kingdom, to sanctify the word of your truth, to offer you gifts and spiritual sacrifices, and to renew your people by the bath of rebirth." The priest baptizes, preaches, teaches, and celebrates the Divine Liturgy. The priest as confessor is not explicitly mentioned, because

it was actually a part of his whole mission. As confessor he gave spiritual guidance against sin and, by God's grace of forgiveness, renewed us in our baptismal commitment to renounce sin and to follow Christ.

In the beginning the presbyterate had three characteristics: (1) it was shared and collegial; (2) it was not self-sufficient, but subject to the apostles, and then to the bishops as the ultimate authorities in the Church; (3) it was not universal, it was meant for the local Church. The individual priest was united to the universal Church through the bishop. The Church in the Vatican II Council renewed this office of the priest. Priests had grown very individualistic. The older mind-set considered them as individual agents with their own pasture to till and the priest became the lord of his domain. The earliest clear reference to the three-fold structure of the Church's ministry is in Ignatius of Antioch (ca. 110 a.d.). He writes, "Let all reverence the deacons as an appointment of Jesus Christ, and the bishop as Jesus Christ, and the presbyters as the sanhedrin (the Jewish council of elders) of God, and assembly of the apostles. Apart from these, there is no Church." (In Trall. 3,1.) The priests, therefore, are a collegial group. They are always mentioned in the plural, and the bishop is the single head of the church.

The presbyters are to be obedient to the bishop, "Your justly renowned presbytery is fitted as exactly to the bishop as the strings are to a harp." The priest had two functions: first, to give comfort to the bishop (Trall. 12,2), that is, they formed a consultative body and advised the bishop not only in administration but also in doctrine (Magn. 2). Cyprian

would later write that the bishop did nothing without consulting the presbyters (Epistle 14,4). Even today, according to Cano Law, the bishop must consult the presbyters before making certain decisions. Second, their role in the community was reflected in their liturgical position - they con-celebrated the Liturgy with the bishop.

The tradition of the Church is that only the bishop or priest may celebrate the eucharist. This follows the principle that the one who presides over the church presides over the eucharist. In the beginning, only the bishop presided over the eucharist, but the bishop began to delegate priests to preside and to hear confessions. As the church grew larger, the bishop began to delegate more and more, until by the fourth century, this is the established role of the priest. Jerome (Letter 146) for the West and John Chrysostom (Homily 11 on 1 Timothy) both witness that there is very little difference between what a bishop and a priest can do liturgically. For example, only the bishop ordained and consecrated chrism.

The prayers for both the priest and the deacon end with a prayer for the fulfillment of their service to the Church as their final reward. The prayer hopes that the priest will be a good steward of the mysteries and will receive the right reward at the second coming. This is a reminder of the parable of the talents. The priest must multiply the talent given to him or lose it. If he does not fulfill his office he is liable to judgement. The faithful, then, must pray for their priests that they guide them to the Lord in all holiness. ■

PARISH LITURGIES BROADCAST VIA INTERNET

Here is the most current list of parishes broadcasting Sunday Divine Liturgies and other services to the Faithful via their websites and social media sites such as Facebook.

For changes or to be listed, send information to bcw@archpitt.org.

St. John the Baptist Cathedral
Munball, Pa.
www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com

Holy Ghost
McKees Rocks, Pa.
www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org
www.youtube.com, then type Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

St. John Chrysostom
Pittsburgh, Pa.
www.sjcbcc.com

St. Gregory
Upper St. Clair, Pa.
www.facebook.com/stgregoryusc

St. Michael
Campbell, Ohio
www.facebook.com/st.michaelbyz.campbell

St. Elias
Munball, Pa.
www.facebook.com/StEliasByzantineCatholicChurch/

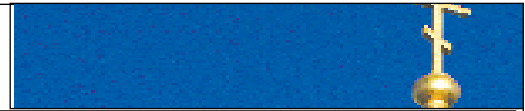
SS. Peter and Paul
Braddock, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/SSPeterPaulBraddock/>

St. Michael
Hermitage, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelbyz.hermitage>

St. Mary
Windber, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryDormition>

St. Mary
Bradenville, Pa.
 Go to [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in "St. Mary's Byzantine Media"

AROUND THE ARCHEPARCHY



CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY EAST WINDS SYMPHONIC BAND — 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, St. John the Baptist Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Come to enjoy some Christmas and Holiday favorites performed by the East Winds Symphonic Band, while enjoying a spread of Christmas cookies. Admission is free.

ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & COOKIE RECEPTION — 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 21, St. Elias Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pa. Program of Hymns and Carols of the Nativity of our Lord followed by seasonal treats in the parish social hall.

TASTE OF HEAVEN COOKIE SALE — 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Gregory, 2005 Mohawk Road (Brookside Farms), Upper St. Clair, Pa. Join us for our annual Taste of Heaven Cookie Sale Experience! Enjoy live holiday music as you stroll through tables filled with traditional holiday and everyday favorites. Fill a container with your own selections, purchase pre-packaged unique ethnic delicacies and specialty sweet treats, or choose from our beautifully wrapped “Gifts to Go” – perfect for a hostess or someone special on your holiday gift list. Payment: Cash and credit/debit cards accepted. Questions: Call 412-835-7800 for more information. We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT/BAKE SALE — Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. Sponsored by the Ethnic Craft Club of St. John the Baptist. The sale will feature decorations, wood crafted items, folk crafts, religious articles, parish cookbooks (Carpathian Cookery), imported items, homemade candy, various baked goods (long rolls, cookies, breads, etc.), and many other articles that would make fine Christmas gifts or holiday decorations. Raffle prizes available. There is no admission fee. Handicapped accessible. Parking in lot behind school. For information call: 724-438-1382 M-F between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — leave message.

PIROHI SALE — St. John the Baptist, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. is resuming pirohi sales for take-out only. Available are Potato/Cheese or Sauerkraut, cooked or frozen; and Prune (lekvar), frozen only at \$11 per dozen. Orders may be placed by calling 724-434-5355 Monday through Wednesday beginning at 9 a.m. (unless limit is reached prior to that time). On message: Specify type(s), number of dozens ordering, and leave name, phone number, and time of pick up which will be 9 a.m. to noon Friday in back of school building in upper parking lot.

ADVENT PIEROGI SALE — Dec. 5, 12, and 19, St. Pius X, 2236 Brownsville Road, Carrick, Pa. Frozen pierogis only at this time. Three varieties available: potato cheese, \$11 per dozen and \$6 per half dozen; cottage cheese, \$15 per dozen and \$8 per half dozen; and sauerkraut, \$12 per doze and \$6 per half dozen.

HOLY GHOST PIROHI — Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks, Pa. is selling our award-winning pirohi prior to Christmas this year. Sale dates are Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Prices are the same as last year: \$12 per dozen for Potato with cheese and \$13 per dozen for Kraut or Farmers’ Cheese. New this year: Jalapeño at \$15 per dozen. Check weekly by phone for availability. Orders can be picked up between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Fridays. To order, call the Pirohi Kitchen at 412-331-5155 between 9 a.m. and noon on Wednesday prior to sale date. “Best in the Burgh” two years in a row at Kennywood’s Pierogi Fest! Come on down to “the Bottoms!”

PRE-CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BAKE SALE — Serving noon-1 p.m. (following 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy) Sunday, Dec. 14, St. Mary Assumption, 40 Church St., New Salem, Pa. in the parish Social Hall. The dinner features Breaded Chicken Cutlet, Holubki (Cabbage Roll), Parsley Potatoes, Penne Pasta, Garden Salad, Roll, Drink and Dessert. Cost: \$20 per person Eat in or take out. A number of various themed baskets and more will be raffled. For information and/or to purchase tickets in advance call 412-491-9705. Deadline to order tickets: Sunday, Dec. 7.

DATES TO REMEMBER



- DEC. 6**
Feast of Our Holy Father Nicholas of Myra
- DEC. 7**
St. Nicholas Celebration
St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, Pa.
- DEC. 8**
Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna
- DEC. 21**
Archeparchial Choir Christmas Program & Cookie Reception
2 p.m., St. Elias Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pa.
- DEC. 25**
Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Chancery closed
- DEC. 26**
Feast of the Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos
- DEC. 27**
Feast of the Holy Protomartyr Stephen
- DEC. 31**
Vigil of the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord
Vigil of the Feast of St. Basil the Great
New Year’s Eve

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