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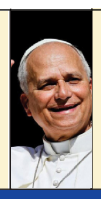

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THE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY SPONSORS MISSION TRIP TO ATHENS, GREECE

During their mission trip to Athens, Greece, young adults visited the Areopagus, or "Hill of Ares," located northwest of the Acropolis. Rising about 115 meters above the city, the Areopagus was a prominent council and judicial body in ancient Athens. For more photos, see pages 4 to 5.

By Viktoria Zolnova
Director, The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

A group of 12 young adults, accompanied by three team leaders, traveled to Athens, Greece June 8 to 20 to participate in a Mission Trip. The mission brought together participants from the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, the Eparchy of Phoenix, the Eparchy of Passaic, and the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, all united by a common desire to serve others and strengthen connections with the local community.

The Mission Trip was a collaborative project organized and hosted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, in partnership with the Greek Catholic Apostolic Exarchate of Greece.

The journey began several months before the group's departure, as the young adults gathered virtually for four preparatory Zoom meetings designed to help them build community, learn about the mission, and prepare spiritually and practically for their experience.

The theme of the Mission Trip — "In silence we listen. In service we go. In Christ we are changed" — beautifully expressed the heart of the experience. This mission was far more than a spiritual event, a work project, a sightseeing excursion, or a social gathering. It was a transformative and unifying journey that profoundly impacted the lives of the young adults and will remain with them for years to come.

Each day of the mission was rooted in prayer, community, service, and learning. The group participated in the Divine Liturgy, prayer, group reflections, and faith-sharing.

Service activities included several hands-on projects at the Greek Catholic Apostolic Exarchate in Athens, such as painting railings and a roof, cleaning and organizing storage areas, and maintaining the grounds of a school for children with autism.

The team also participated in outreach and social service projects in cooperation with Praesentia House, a partner association of the Consolatio organization. Through these experiences, the young adults had the opportunity to encounter and spend time with individuals from marginalized communities, including immigrants, elderly residents in nursing homes, and people struggling with addiction.

Accompanied by the missionaries of Praesentia House and the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, they witnessed firsthand the dignity of every human person and the power of compassionate presence.

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Footsteps of a spiritual journey

92ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SET FOR SEPT. 4 TO 7 AT MOUNT ST. MACRINA IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

By Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM
Provincial

Glory to Jesus Christ!

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first steps."

How often have we heard that phrase, or one similar? Or, we will often hear, just take 'one step at a time.'

Whether the journey begins with the first enthusiastic steps we take as a baby or with the first steps we take after rehabbing from surgery, each step plays a crucial role in our development and formation.

The footsteps we take on our spiritual journey are at the very heart of who we are as pilgrims here on earth.

We can all point to key moments in our lives that shaped and formed us, setting us on a path in one direction or another. These footsteps have formed and continue to form, directing us.

Our 92nd annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is upon us! With enthusiasm and joy, the Sisters of St. Basil welcome all our pilgrims to Mount St. Macrina to once again take those sacred pilgrimage steps that nourish and support us throughout the year.

Mount St. Macrina awaits your presence and is eager to support the treasured steps you take on this annual pilgrimage. All of us who live and work at the Mount are joyfully awaiting your prayers, presence, and friendship.

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great hope and pray that your travels to and from Mount Saint Macrina are safe and blessed. We pray that every step you take nourishes you spiritually, refreshes your spirit,

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REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA

Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

By Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM

Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick posts videos of her reflections each week on the Facebook page of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great at https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown.

This is a transcript of her Aug. 14, 2025 reflection.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It's August – it's time to get ready for the Feast of the Holy Mother of God, the Dormition. This feast then leads to a preparation which may have been a part of our lives for a very long time, that is, for the Holy Pilgrimage in honor of the Theotokos during Labor Day weekend at Mount St. Macrina.

This Feast, her Holy Dormition, of course, is filled with the many praises we offer to our Holy Mother, chosen by God for her greatness and for her fidelity to us who come as loving children, trusting children, asking for her intercession, her protection, her care for us and for those for whom we pray.

One of the beautiful prayers from the Feast of the Dormition:

With unworthy lips we praise the Theotokos, who is more venerable than all creation and more holy than the Cherubim and all the angels in Heaven. She is the unshakable throne of the King. She is the house in which the Eternal One made His abode. She is the salvation of the world and the sanctuary of God. In her Holy Memory, God richly gives great mercy to the faithful.

This is one prayer paragraph that summarizes all the beautiful ways we praise our Holy Mother because God chose her for this great privilege. She is special and will always be for us.

In her honor, we prepare the Pilgrimage and invite others to come and pray to her before her Holy Shrine, her Holy Icon. Pilgrims come to give thanks and to present needs and petitions in faith and hope, knowing she is, indeed, our Icon of Hope, ever a reminder of God with us, through her intercession, through her care.

Come let us be faithful to this joyful praise of our Holy Mother in the Feast of the Dormition and also strive to join in a Pilgrimage in her honor.

God bless you. ■

"Theotokos: Beacon of Hope"

92ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SET FOR SEPT. 4 TO 7 AT MOUNT ST. MACRINA

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and uplifts your heart as you make plans to attend this 92nd annual Pilgrimage. We'll be waiting.

May Our Mother of Perpetual Help walk with you every step of the journey.

In the love of the Lord,

Sr. Susan Sisko, OSBM
Provincial

The Tradition of Pilgrimage

This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 92nd annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Since 1934, her Shrine at Mount St. Macrina has been a favored destination for the thousands of pilgrims who come to venerate her icon. Praying before this sacred image, they place all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows, and their joys into her hands.

Throughout the entire pilgrimage, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help holds a central place. It is carried in procession with love and devotion to each liturgical service. There it is placed before the altar, so that all may venerate this Beloved Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

For those who come, pilgrimage is an integral part of their lives, providing for their diverse spiritual needs.

Besides the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services, the Mystery of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick are treasured blessings for all.

NOTES:

■ Please note: Curfew is 11 p.m.

■ Although casual attire is acceptable, Pilgrims are asked to be mindful of the religious nature of services and activities and to dress appropriately. Thank you!

■ In order to provide and maintain a safe environment for children and youth attending the 92nd annual Pilgrimage, a vital set of guidelines has been established regarding minors under the age of 18 who come to the Pilgrimage unaccompanied by a parent(s). Prior to Pilgrimage, parents must have completed and submitted two forms on behalf of each minor participating in supervised Pilgrimage activities: These forms, posted on our website, are: (1) Parental Consent and Waiver Liability Form and (2) Medical Matters Form. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Welcome Desk in front of the House of Prayer.

Forms, further guidelines and information may also be obtained at the Information Desk in the House of Prayer.

The Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of Theotokos: Beacon of Hope. With them, she waits to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St. Macrina. ■

PILGRIMAGE 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 4

6:30 p.m.
COMPLINE and **BLESSING OF WATER** at Lourdes Shrine

Saturday, September 5

8:30 a.m.- noon
MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(Confessions) at location TBD

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

9:30 a.m. THIRD HOUR
at Shrine Altar

10 a.m.
Procession with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Shrine Altar and **DIVINE LITURGY**

Welcome: Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM Provincial

1- 5 p.m.
MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(Confessions) at location TBD

1 p.m.
PARAKLESIS to Theotokos
at Shrine Altar

2 p.m.

ENRICHMENT SESSION
at Triniy Center

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent

ORIENTATION for TEENS at Prayer Garden

MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE at Lourdes Tent

3 p.m.
TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden

4 p.m.
VESPERS with **DIVINE LITURGY** at Shrine Altar

7:30 p.m.
Procession to Cemetery for Parastas

Teen Social after Parastas
Young Adults at Trinity Center followed by **COMPLINE** in Dormition Grotto

Sunday, September 6

7:30 a.m.
MATINS at Shrine Altar

8 a.m. – noon
MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(Confessions) at location TBD

9 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY
– Slavonic Shrine Altar

11 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY
- Vocations Shrine Altar

Noon – 5 p.m.
MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
(Confessions) at location TBD

1 p.m.
CHILDREN'S PROCESSION with Special Blessing for Youth and Young Adults — from Lourdes Grotto to the Shrine Altar

2 p.m.
ENRICHMENT SESSION
at Trinity Center

BEREAVEMENT SESSION
at Mausoleum

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE
at Children's Tent

TEEN PILGRIMAGE
at Prayer Garden

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE
at Lourdes Tent

2 p.m.
MYSTERY OF ANOINTING
at Shrine Altar

3:45 p.m.
Procession to Shrine Altar

4 p.m.
DIVINE LITURGY
at Shrine Altar
Words of Gratitude:
Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM
Provincial

7:30 p.m.
CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION
Beginning and ending at the Shrine Altar

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Following the Candlelight Procession:

TEEN SOCIAL
Prayer Garden Area

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING
at Trinity Center followed by **COMPLINE** in Dormition Grotto

Monday, September 7

9:30 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY
at Shrine Altar

“In silence we listen. In service we go. In Christ we are changed”

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In addition to serving those in need, participants explored the rich spiritual, historical, and cultural heritage of Greece. They visited many significant sites, including the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the Areopagus, the Byzantine and Christian Museum, numerous Byzantine churches, the Meteora monasteries, Corinth, the island of Aegina, and the Monastery of St. Nectarios.

The group also visited the Sisters of the Pammakaristos Mother of God (founded in 1920/1922), an active congregation of the Greek Byzantine Catholic Church, where they had the opportunity to pray and learn about their life and ministry.

These experiences deepened their understanding of the Byzantine Christian faith and its historical roots while allowing them to encounter the beauty of Greek culture and hospitality.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the trip was witnessing the impact of even the simplest acts of kindness. Through service, prayer, fellowship, and daily encounters with others, the team experienced the importance of living out the Gospel through everyday actions and a spirit of humility, simplicity, and joy.

The Mission Trip to Greece was not only an opportunity to serve but also a journey of personal growth, faith formation, and community building. As the participants return home, they carry with them memories, friendships, and lessons that will continue to shape their lives and inspire them to live as missionary disciples wherever God calls them.

We would like to thank all who participated in and helped make this Mission Trip possible, especially the Greek Catholic Union for their financial support, and the Greek Catholic Apostolic Exarchate in Athens, its employees, and Protosyncellus Father Peter Fuco, for their warm hospitality, guidance, and accompaniment throughout the mission.

We also look forward to future service opportunities, not only abroad, but also within our local communities.

May the fruits of this mission continue to grow in the hearts of all who participated and in the communities they served. ■

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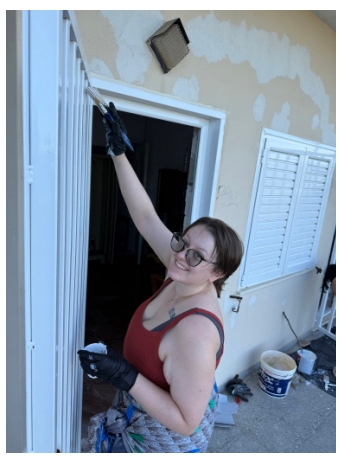


Full text: Letter of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America

Pope Leo XIV greets faithful as people gather near the Pavia Cathedral during his visit to Pavia, Italy, June 20, 2026. Pope Leo -- the first U.S.-born pontiff-- sent a letter to all Americans on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the country's independence. (OSV News/Yara Nardi, Reuters)

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all Americans on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This semiquincentennial marks that defining moment in the history of the United States of America, July 4, 1776, that gave enduring voice to the ideals of liberty, equality, the pursuit of happiness, justice and democratic self-government.

For two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have worked together to carry these principles forward — through sacrifice, service, innovation and civic participation. This anniversary stands as an invitation not only to celebrate the nation's remarkable journey, but also to reflect upon the responsibilities that the sons and daughters of this country bear to one another, and to the generations who will inherit the nation that is being shaped today.

Among the most cherished of these principles is religious freedom — the right of every person to worship according to conscience and to practice their faith openly, without coercion or fear. In marking this anniversary, it is important to recognize that freedom of religion has long been central to the American promise, protecting both individual dignity and the peaceful coexistence of a diverse people.

This same freedom has permitted the Catholic Church to take root and flourish within the United States, to the advantage not only of her own members, but of the entire nation. As faithful sons and daughters of the Church, Catholics are called to imbue every dimension of their existence with the charity of Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:14), living out the Gospel in the circumstances of daily life. Such a way of living has given rise to the many benefits that the Church has provided over the years to the development of this nation. In particular, I bring to mind her service in areas of education, the preferential care of the poor, healthcare and basic social services, to name a few.

In the Encyclical "Sapientiae Christianae," my predecessor Pope Leo XIII wrote that "no better citizen is there… than the Christian who is mindful of his duty" (no. 7). In fact, faith — far from standing in opposition to the responsibilities of citizenship — lends new vigor to the pursuit of justice, peace and the common good, bringing to perfection every natural gift bestowed by the Creator. Saint Paul himself encouraged the early Christians to pray for those in positions of authority in order to live a peaceful life in accord with the will of God (cf. 1 Tim 2:2). In this regard, it is in the faithful fulfilment of duty — to God and country — that Catholics are called to continue to serve the nation, as leaven for the growth of a civilization of love (cf. Mt 13:33).

Also among the principles that have guided the development of this country is the God-given dignity of every human life, each person being endowed with an inherent worth that calls for reverence, protection and care. In this spirit, a full understanding of this dignity leads to recognizing the importance of safeguarding human life from its beginning at conception until natural death, and of building a society in which the vulnerable, the suffering and the forgotten are always met with compassion, solidarity and love.

Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants, whose hopes, sacrifices and contribution have formed part of the history of this country from its very beginning. In every generation, those who have arrived seeking freedom, opportunity and a place to belong have helped to shape the nation's character. To receive them with compassion and generosity is not only an act of charity, but also a recognition of the dignity that belongs to every human person.

In my recent Encyclical Letter, "Magnifica Humanitas," I wrote about working together for the common good. "Building a world in which everyone can flourish requires shared responsibility and courage. No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing" (no. 13). We need one another, and we need to work together in unity to confront the challenges that the world is facing today.

May this milestone renew the shared commitment to the promise of freedom, justice, opportunity and democracy. May Americans honor the courage and vision of those who came before them by strengthening their communities, respecting their differences and working together toward a more perfect union.

Congratulations on this extraordinary national anniversary. May the spirit of 1776 continue to inspire hope and unity as the United States of America moves into the future. In assuring all of you of my prayers in your renewed efforts to strengthen the nation in the principles that guided its Founding Fathers, I entrust you to the intercession of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of this country, that she will continue to watch over America and protect all who dwell therein.

From the Vatican, June 25, 2026

HOLY SPIRIT IN PITTSBURGH (OAKLAND), PA.

Celebrating 119 years at Holy Spirit

By Mary Dzurichko
Holy Spirit, Oakland (Pittsburgh), Pa.

Holy Spirit Church in Oakland celebrated our 119th anniversary at the Sunday, May 31 Divine Liturgy followed by a catered luncheon. A big thank you to the GCU for the parish social funds program, which covered most of the cost. It was a joyful day of fellowship as we gave thanks to God and prayed for many more blessed years of praise and service to Our Lord! ■

Feast of St. Elijah

ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

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

Following the Divine Services on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 to July 19, the Blessing of Vehicles took place in our parish family.

In our Holy Church, it has been a nice tradition to bless vehicles in commemoration of the prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. He is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel.

As we continue to enjoy these summer months, we wish all our faithful safe travels as we honor the holy prophet Elijah! ■

HOLY SPIRIT IN PITTSBURGH (OAKLAND), PA.

By Mary Dzurichko
Holy Spirit, Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa

The first blessing of vehicles at Holy Spirit Church in Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. took place on Sunday, July 19 after the 8 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

The early-rising parishioners sang the responses to Father Michael Kunitz's prayer asking for the intercession of St. Elijah on their driving and vehicle safety.

Their singing joyfully echoed among the adjacent residences as the vehicles and congregation were sprinkled with holy water.

Additional blessings took place at the 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday Divine Liturgies. ■

SS. PETER AND PAUL IN TARENTUM, PA.

Feast of SS. Peter and Paul

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

On Saturday, June 27, the faithful of SS. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Tarentum, Pa. gathered to celebrate the parish's annual Feast day in honor of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

The celebration began with the Divine Liturgy at 5 p.m. and continued with a festive parish dinner and fellowship at 6 p.m.

Every parish is dedicated to a particular saint, feast, or mystery of faith. The annual Feast Day is therefore much more than a cherished custom. It is an opportunity for the parish family to reflect on its spiritual identity and to renew its commitment to Christ and one another.

The Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul reminds us that the Church is called to be one flock gathered around the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Throughout the centuries, Christ has continued to guide His Church through those whom He has called to serve His people, including the Holy Father, bishops, priests, and pastors.

The witness of Saints Peter and Paul encourages all Christians to remain faithful to the Gospel and to work together in building up the Body of Christ.

One of the great blessings of a parish Feast Day is the opportunity to gather as a family of faith. Parish life is not limited to attending services on Sundays and Holy Days. We are called to pray together, support one another in times of joy and difficulty, carry each other's burdens, and help one another grow closer to God. Through these relationships, the love of Christ becomes visible within our community.

Following the Divine Liturgy, parishioners and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and a joyful evening of fellowship.

Conversations around the tables provided an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, welcome newcomers, and strengthen the bonds that unite the parish family. Laughter, stories, and shared memories reminded

everyone that the Church is not simply a building but a living community of believers.

The gathering also offered an opportunity to reflect on the rich history of SS. Peter and Paul Parish. Parishioners recalled the sacrifices, dedication, and faith of previous generations who built and sustained the parish through many decades.

Special remembrance was given to faithful members who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Their lives and contributions remain an important part of our parish story and continue to inspire us today.

As photographs and presentations highlighted moments from the parish's past, many reflected on the blessings God has bestowed upon our community. Remembering the past helps us appreciate the present and inspires us to continue the mission entrusted to us for the future.

Above all, the annual Feast Day reminds us of the importance of keeping the love of Christ alive in our hearts, our families, and our parish community.

Gathered first in prayer and then in fellowship, we witness to the Gospel through unity, hospitality, service, and mutual care. In a world where many experience loneliness and division, the parish family offers a place where faith, friendship, and Christian love can flourish.

May the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul continue to intercede for our parish and inspire us to remain steadfast in faith, united in hope, and generous in love as we serve God and our neighbors. ■

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Take me out to the ball game!

By Elizabeth Harbist
St. John Chrysostom, Pittsburgh, Pa.

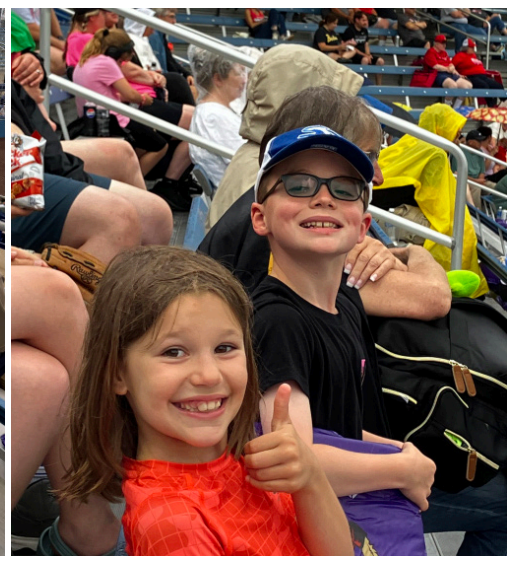
It was a wild night at the ballpark! Rain, an accordion player, hot dogs, and a double header!

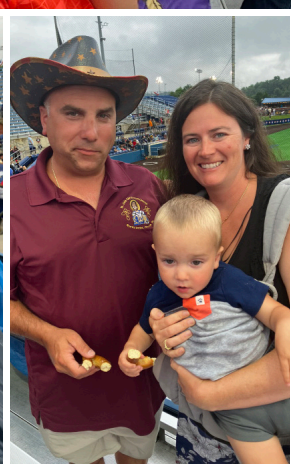
The Washington Wild Things took on the Jolliet Slammers on Saturday, June 27, and parishioners from St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh, Pa. were there to witness it all.

The outing was in celebration of a successful year of ECF and an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a little time together.

Our own Anna was chosen to run in the on-field race. She didn't win the race, but she'll always be a winner to us!

The Slammers took the first game 8-7, but the Wild Things won the nightcap 7-5. In spite of the almost constant rain, everyone had a great time and a few hot dogs, too! ■





Marking milestones

By Elizabeth Harbist
St. John Chrysostom, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Sunday, June 21, our parish family of St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh, Pa. marked milestone events for three of our members.

Dominic Hartung, son of James and Amanda Hartung, accepted an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy and began basic training in late June.

James Hartung is enrolled in SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, studying to become a parish priest.

Athanasia Medwig, daughter of Carola and Michael Medwig, completed high school requirements and will attend Grove City College in the fall.

And Father Tyler Wisniewski celebrated the second anniversary of his ordination on June 23.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy Father Tyler presented Dominic and Athanasia with icons and prayer books. He reminded them that when they are home visiting, they are always invited to serve Divine Liturgy.

Athanasia is a member of our choir, and Dominic is an altar server.

The celebration continued in the social hall with cake, coffee and echoes of congratulations and good luck!

May God grant Father Tyler, Dominic and Athanasia many more happy, healthy and blessed years. ■

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL IN MUNHALL, PA.

Hats off to Nathan!

Following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, June 28, Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich recognized and blessed parishioner Nathan M. Simko for having graduated Serra Catholic High School.

Graduating with High Honors, Nathan plans to study finance at Robert Morris College starting this fall. ■

Photo by Nick Havrilla Sr.

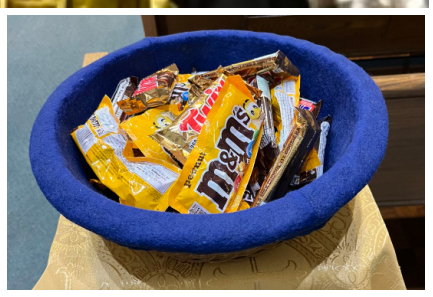
ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

Celebrating Father's Day

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

St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. honored our living and deceased fathers at the Saturday and Sunday liturgies for Father's Day. Petitions for the fathers were offered at the liturgies and candles were lit in their honor and memory.

All of our "sweet" fathers were also given a sweet treat after liturgy. We especially wish Father Vitalii Stashkevych a happy Father's Day and thank him for setting an example of a good father. ■



Welcoming Subdeacon Robert

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

St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. was blessed on Father's Day with a visit from Subdeacon Robert Way and his family who were visiting from the Eparchy of Phoenix.

May God grant Subdeacon Robert success in his studies and give him and his family safe travels. ■

SS. PETER AND PAUL IN BRADDOCK , PA.

Red, White, Blue Picnic

By Arleen Jama
SS. Peter and Paul, Braddock, Pa.

What a day of food, fun, and great spirit!

The food was absolutely delicious, and everyone pulled out all the stops for their patriotic attire. However, we have to talk about the "Red, White & Blue" fashion contest. To be perfectly honest, there wasn't actually any competition—because David Savko showed up and completely cleared the field. You really wore that outfit well, David! Congratulations on being our undisputed, standout patriotic fashion champion!

The True Miracle of the Day...

While honoring SS. Peter and Paul was the main event, we also witnessed a modern-day miracle: the group photo.

Miraculously, everyone actually listened at the exact same time. No stray wanderers, no closed eyes, and absolute compliance. It was a breeze!

A Heartfelt Thank You

A massive thank you to everyone who prepared and shared such incredible food, and to those who helped with the setup and clean-up.

Your presence and generosity are what make our parish family such an absolute blessing.

May blessings continue to rain down on SS. Peter and Paul as we look forward to celebrating our 130th anniversary on Oct. 25th ■

ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

Welcome, Father Nicholas!

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

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, was celebrated in a special way at St. Gregory.

We were overjoyed to witness the newly ordained Father Nicholas Krivacs at the Holy Table.

As it is a custom, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Father Nicholas bestowed his priestly blessing to the faithful.

We ask Our Lord to bless Father Nicholas, his wife Cailee, and son Theodore as they begin this new chapter serving Our Lord and His Holy Church! ■

ST. NICHOLAS IN NANTY-GLO, PA.

Happy birthday, Father Robert!

By Eugene Ostinowsky
St. Nicholas, Nanty-Glo, Pa.

One of the ways of celebrating a birthday is with a special birthday dinner. Members of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Nanty-Glo, Pa. did exactly that for their parish priest, Father Robert Oravetz, who turned 85 on June 1.

A covered dish dinner was held in the church social hall following the 11 a.m. Sunday Liturgy on May 31.

Father Bob is a big fan of covered dish dinners because of the large variety and tastiness of homemade foods.

It became evident that the dinner was no surprise to Father, he came prepared. He led us in prayer and gave an oral synopsis of his life and explained what led him to become a priest.

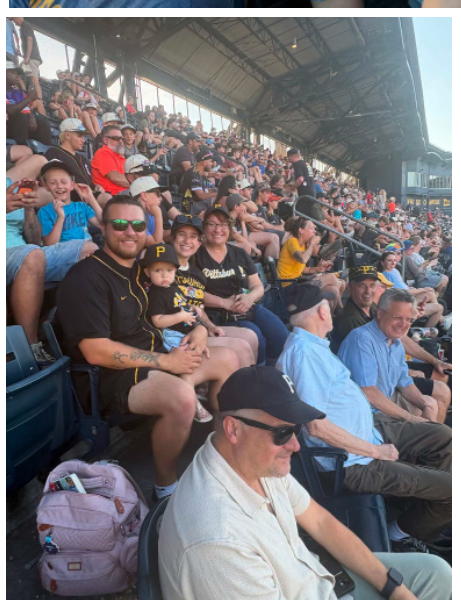
Before the event came to an end, he distributed a hardback Bible to each person in attendance.

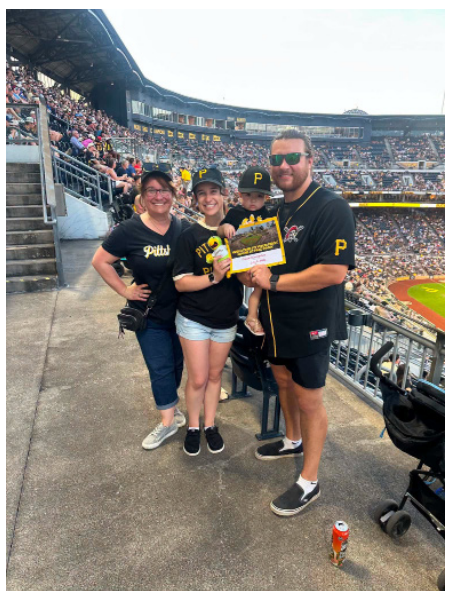
Happy Birthday to Father Bob and God grant him many years! ■

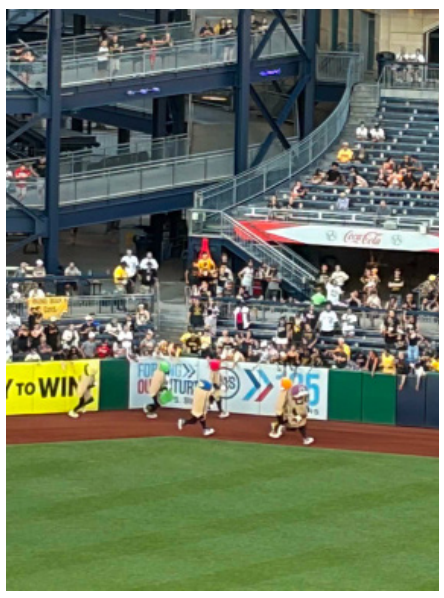
Take me out to the ball game

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

On a beautiful Wednesday evening, July 8, St. Gregory's parishioners enjoyed a wonderful evening at PNC Park. Even though the Pittsburgh Pirates lost, we still had a great time. ■







NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN DUBOIS, PA.

Celebrating Father's Day

By Deacon Paul Boboige
Nativity of the Mother of God, DuBois, Pa.

Father's Day at Nativity of the Mother of God parish in DuBois, Pa. has been special event for many years.

A lunch is provided at no charge to members and guests after the 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy. The past several years the Ladies Auxiliary has been providing the meat entrees and the preparations.

The faithful bring their potluck dishes to make a wonderful buffet.

The picture provided was near the end of the event. Father Nathaniel Tapsak is the administrator at Nativity of the Mother of God. ■

Welcome, new Byzantine Catholics!

By Deacon Paul Boboige
Nativity of the Mother of God, DuBois, Pa.

Daniel Sadowsky and Jason Lakomec officially became the newest members of the Byzantine Catholic Church on Sunday, June 28 at Nativity of the Mother of God Church in DuBois, Pa.

Their certificate of change of rite from Latin to Byzantine was signed by Dan and Jason and Father Nathaniel Tapsak. Congratulations!

According to Canon Law, a person who has been attending and embraces a particular Rite in the Catholic Church other than that in which he was baptized must write a letter indicating his intention to transfer to the new ritual church.

It is sent to the Chancery and the bishops of the original rite and the new rite for their permission.

After permission is granted, it is signed by the petitioner, priest and two witnesses and becomes official. ■

THE SISTERS OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT
MOUNT ST. MACRINA IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Deer crossing

Posted July 14 on the Facebook page of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great:
Just another day at Mount St. Macrina. Aren't they cute?

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN SCOTTDALE, PA.

Summer fun

St. John the Baptist in Scottdale, Pa. held their annual picnic last month.

Barb Zaksek and her son Ben (pictured below with Father Oleh Seremchuk) were honored with the yearly recognition award for their dedicaion and service to the parish. ■

Father Oleh Seremchuk, Steve Matsey, Dennis Kostelich, and Mike Marcej

ST. MICHAEL IN HERMITAGE, PA.

Celebrating Flag Day

By Bill Dzuricsko
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.

On Sunday, July 5, St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Hermitage, Pa. celebrated Flag Day.

Very Rev. Kevin Marks blessed the new flags during the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy. GCU Parish Coordinator Bill Dzuricsko led a brief flag raising ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star-Spangled Banner, and a poem entitled "A Toast to the Flag."

The program ended with the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "God Bless America."

A special thank you to parish veteran Alan Rymniak, who led the Pledge of Allegiance during the flag blessings in the church, and also to parish veteran Norbert Vasil who helped in the raising of the new flags at the Social Center flag pole.

Additional thank you to Xavier Gibbons and Alyssa Vasil who helped with the lowering and raising of the flags, and to Julie Rauth Shaw and the Gibbons family for their outstanding singing.

Finally, thank you to Father Kevin, all of the parishioners and guests who attended, and Michael J. Vasil, our reliable photographer! ■

Photo of the 2026 flag blessing taken from the choir loft by cantor Bill Dzuricsko. Parish veteran Alan Rymniak led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance and Very Rev. Kevin Marks blessed the flags provided by our GCU Parish Coordinator.

ASSUMPTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN WEIRTON, W. VA.

St. Mary salutes America 250

By Father Deacon Nathanael Kline
Assumption of the Mother of God, Weirton, W. Va.

St. Mary in Weirton W. Va. celebrated America's 250th birthday with a parish outing in its church hall on July 5. Altar Society members treated parishioners to a festive luncheon featuring hot dogs, baked beans, fruit, chips, desserts and beverages.

In conjunction with the nation's semiquincentennial observance, the parish also featured a series of historical highlights in its June and July bulletins. The articles reflected on significant moments in American history, ranging from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the Apollo 11 moon landing.

Father Luke Iyengar emphasized the importance of giving thanks for the blessings of both faith and country. "As we celebrate 250 years of our nation's history, we are reminded of God's providence and the sacrifices of those who have helped preserve our freedoms," he said.

"May we continue to pray for our country and work together to build a future rooted in faith, hope and charity."

Parishioners also honored Father Luke, who celebrated the first anniversary of his ordination on July 6, as well as seminarian Chad Durante, elevated in June to the subdiaconate. God grant His servants many happy and blessed years! ■

Helping those in need

By Mike Garan
Assumption of the Mother of God, Weirton, W. Va.

Father Luke Iyengar joined several of his St. Mary's parishioners at the Weirton Community Bread Basket's July 6 open house, showing their continued commitment to serving neighbors in need.

Father Luke helped mark the occasion by blessing the new facility.

St. Mary's is one of more than 30 area churches whose parishioners donate food each month to help provide essential groceries to local families and individuals facing hardship.

The Bread Basket recently celebrated its move into a spacious new home of nearly 7,000-square-feet, made possible after the former downtown Weirton WesBanco branch became available following its closure last year.

In a remarkable act of generosity, two former Weirton residents purchased the building and donated it to the Bread Basket.

The expanded facility will allow the organization to increase its food pantry operations, improve storage and distribution, and ultimately serve even more members of the community with dignity and compassion. ■

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Three times the fun

By Julia Pillar and Bonnie Balas
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.

Following the Sunday, June 21 Divine Liturgy, St. John the Baptist Church in Uniontown, Pa. held a trifecta event commemorating Father's Day, celebrating June birthdays, and recognizing 2026 graduates.

The Social Ministry group sponsored the brunch with parishioner Marcia Kletcho preparing many breakfast entrees.

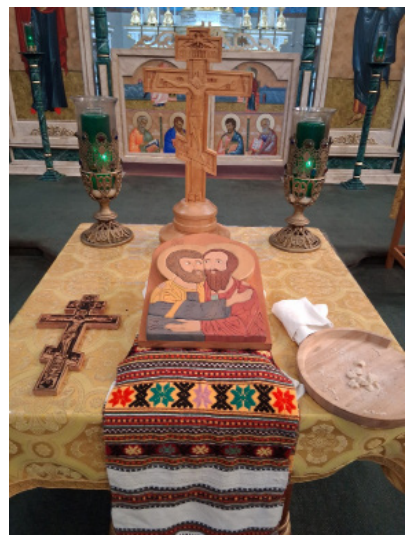
The men were presented with a key chain/flashlight/tool, while the graduates received a young adult's Catholic prayer book.

June birthday celebrants, which included Pani Emily, were honored with well wishes and a large cake.

May God grant them many happy, healthy, and blessed years! ■

Surprise Cookie Social

By Julia Pillar and Bonnie Balas
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.



Following the SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day Divine Liturgy on June 29 at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa., Father Kyprian Wojciechowski invited those in attendance for a special cookie treat.

Sharing the Eucharist, cool drinks, sweet treats, and fellowship was a great way to start the day! ■

St. John The Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church
20th Annual Classic Car Show

Registration: 12 pm to 2 pm
With a registration fee of $12
Car Show 12 pm to 4 pm
Rain or Shine

The First 150 cars will receive dash plaques along with Over 25 trophies awarded.

Music Provided By DJ Arnie Amber

50/50 Drawing
Byzantine Auction

GREAT FOOD

Date: September 27, 2026
Location: 185 East Main Street
Uniontown PA 15401

Classes Include
1900-1930
1931-1950
1951-1960
1961-1965
1966-1970
1971-1976
1977-1987
1988-2010
Street rod/Modified
Trucks
1959-older
1960-2010
No Judging For 2011 and Newer

Golf cart will be on site for transportation

Proceeds will benefit St. John the Baptist Church Maintenance Fund

THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

By Archpriest David M. Petras

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

When someone dies, and after the repose and wake at home, and the prayers and absolution in church, the body is taken to a cemetery for burial. In the Ruthenian Church, this journey is accompanied by gospels. Though these are optional, often the story of the raising of the widow's son at Nain is read on leaving the church, recalling the Lord stopping the burial procession to restore the man to life. Then, at the burial site, the gospel of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead at his tomb is read, for both these stories are appropriate to the moment, and proclaim that Jesus has conquered death and is the giver of life. When our Lord approached the tomb of Lazarus, he announced, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

We all "have" bodies. It is our common language, and the way we perceived reality. We "are" not bodies, but we have bodies. Since bodies are made of matter, they are limited and not eternal. If they are not prematurely destroyed by sickness or accident, they eventually wear out and fail. The psalmist says, "You turn men back to dust and say: "Go back, sons of men ... Our span is seventy years, or eighty for those who are strong" (Psalm 89:3.10). We all know this to be true, though good health care and good genetics can extend lives to over one-hundred years. In the liturgy, we recognize this reality, "As a flower withers and a dream takes flight, so does every mortal pass away" (Hymns of St. John Damascene, Tone 2). Death is then the separation of the soul from the body, In the Canon, we pray, "When you arranged all things, you fashioned me, a composite living creature lowly and lofty alike," that is, the union of a body and a soul. When the life of the soul leaves the body, it fails and decomposes, becoming ugly and odorous. This reality is again recognized in our worship, "I weep and lament when I contemplate death and behold, lying in the grave, the beauty fashioned for us by God in his own image disfigured, deformed, and without distinction" (Hymns of St. John Damascene, Tone 8). We end the Christian funeral, therefore, by the burial of the failed body away from sight, in the earth.

The hope of resurrection has guided our attitudes to burial of the dead.

At the same time, we maintain respect for the body. We add in the first prayer of the Parastas, "there is no real death for your servants, but only a transfer of the soul." We end our profession of faith, the Nicene Creed, with the words, "I expect the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The Hymn of St. John Damascene in Tone 2 continues from above, "But when the trumpet sounds, O Christ God, like an earthquake, all the dead will rise to meet you." For the Christian, then, this means that the body that had died and which is now being buried, still has an infinite value. We, in fact, venerate and especially honor the relics of those who have died in sanctity. Our faith comes from the resurrection of Christ. It is his glorified body that is the hope of the human race. St. Paul explains beautifully, "if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:16-22). Our faith in the Eucharist is that we partake of the glorified and risen body of our Lord in the eucharistic bread.

The hope of resurrection has guided our attitudes to burial of the dead. Though not always true now, it was the custom to bury the fallen asleep in the Lord facing the East, so that when the resurrection came, we would come forward straight to the Lord, symbolized by the rising sun. We may sometimes have problems of faith: not all bodies are preserved or retained integrally. Bodies are lost, unable to be recovered, or completely destroyed. Today many people request cremation for environmental or economic reasons, which the Church permits only if there is no compromise in our faith in the final resurrection. What happens to these bodies? We must not have a simplistic faith. St. Paul wrote that resurrection is a mystery accomplished by God's providence, "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one" (1 Corinthians 15:42-44). However we have died, we rise in a glorious resurrection in God.

The burial service in the Church is actually very simple. A troparion is sung, "O gaping earth, receive the body once formed from you by the hand of God, now coming back to you, its mother. What is in his image, the Creator has already reclaimed. O earth, receive the body that is yours." The body is lowered in the grave, and the priest shovels some dirt over the casket, saying, "To the Lord belong the earth and its fullness, the world and all who dwell in it" (Psalm 23:1). The Church thus stands with us in facing the reality of death. After the priest, the faithful would then assist in filling the grave, though this usually has been replaced with the placing of flowers. At the end, the priest would bless and seal the grave. A direction is still found in the Slavonic books that the body would be anointed with oil (usually just the face) as a sign of the completion of a life of faith that began at baptism, but this is now done only for a priest. The burial, then, is a sign of hope and faith in the life-giving God. It is our final seal and act of love for the departed. To bury the dead is considered a virtue, corporal work of mercy. ■

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
Munhall, Pa.
www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com

Holy Ghost
McKee 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.facebookcom/st.michaelbyz.campbell

St. Elias
Munhall, Pa.
www.facebook.com/StEliasByzantine CatholicChurch/

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 and type in "St. Mary's Byzantine Media"

Echoes East and West: Listen, Teach, Send

A weekend of prayer, community, and formation

Eastern and Western Churches forming young people as disciples of Christ

Echoes East and West: Listen, Teach, Send

Rooted in the pastoral vision of the USCCB Framework for Ministries with Youth and with Young Adults: Listen, Teach, Send, this weekend retreat gathers members of the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches ministering to young people and families for a time of prayer, reflection, and shared mission rooted in Christ. Through keynote talks, the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, communal prayer, and opportunities for fellowship, participants will encounter the beauty of the Church's diverse traditions while deepening their commitment to Christ's call for their lives. By actively listening to one another, receiving the wisdom of the Church, and strengthening bonds of community, this retreat seeks to renew participants to be sent forth as joyful witnesses of the Gospel. All those serving in the church's ministries as youth ministers, young adult ministers, catechists, pastors, family life directors, coaches, campus ministers, scout leaders, and parents are invited to attend.

Who is this conference for?

- Ministers working with
- Youth & Young Adults
- Campus Ministers
- Catechists
- Priests, seminarians, and religious
- Ministry leaders who seek to engage young people, families, and parents

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

DATES:
Friday, Oct. 23, 2026 -
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026

- **Beginning on Oct. 23 (Friday) at 4:30 p.m.** with Welcome & Check-in, followed by the 6:30 pm Divine Liturgy (Maronite) at St. Sharbel Spirituality Center, and Dinner Buffet and Social.
- **Continues Oct. 24 (Saturday) at 9:00 a.m.** with Morning Prayer (Ruthenian) and Sessions on Listening and Teaching, with interactive small-group discussions. In the afternoon, visiting St. Anthony's chapel, followed by dinner and bowling.
- **Oct. 25 (Sunday) at 9:00 a.m.:** Session on Sending, and the conference concludes with the Divine Liturgy (Maronite) at 11:00 am.

LOCATION:
Our Lady of Victory
Maronite Catholic Church
1000 Tropical Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA. 15216

CONFERENCE FEE:

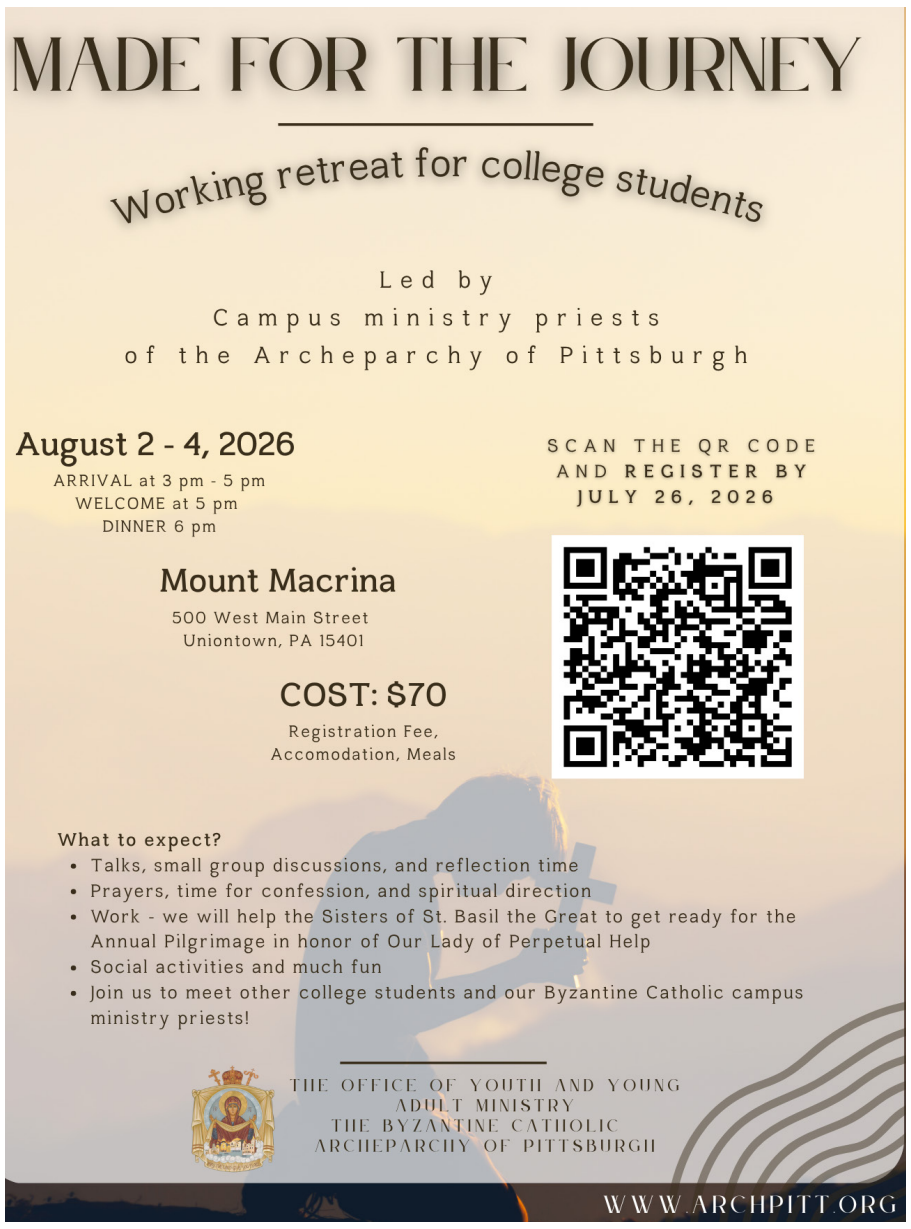
$50 per person

Includes materials, snacks, meals (Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner), a tour of St. Anthony's Chapel, and bowling

Payment Instructions:
Payments can be submitted online at the end of the registration form.
Recommended Hotels (for out-of-town attendees):

- Comfort Inn and Suites Pittsburgh South
- Days Inn by Wyndham Pittsburgh
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Pittsburgh West
- Hampton Inn Pittsburgh/Greentree

To REGISTER, please fill in the form available at archpitt.org.



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AROUND THE ARCHEPARCHY

SUMMER CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL — Enjoy some toe-tapping band music by the Eastwinds Symphonic Band for a Summer Concert on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 3-5 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Join us for an afternoon of musical delights.

ST. GREGORY FLEA MARKET — 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, St. Gregory, 2005 Mohawk Road (Brookside Farms), Upper St. Clair, Pa. Kitchen and household items, holiday décor, jewelry, toys, small furniture, sports items, household décor, and much more. For more information and directions, call the parish office at 412-835-7800. www.stgregoryusc.org.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CHURCH PICNIC — Aug. 16 following Liturgy, Ascension of Our Lord, 318 Park Ave., Clairton, Pa. Guests are invited to bring a covered dish (vegetable, salad, dessert, side dishes, etc.). Grilled burgers, hot dogs and drinks are provided. There will be children's games, raffle and an auction. The picnic cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Maximum is $25 per family. For more information leave a message at 412-233-7814.

HOLY SPIRIT FLEA MARKET —– 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, Holy Spirit, 4815 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. Located across from WQED. Lots of items for the home, apartment, or dorm, kitchen and dining, tools, furniture, holiday decorations and more all at great prices! Luncheon foods will be available for purchase, eat in or take out. Bring your family and friends. The hall entrance is off of the parking lot behind the church, accessed from Clyde or Devonshire streets. All proceeds benefit building improvement projects.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (SOUTH SIDE) A NIGHT AT THE RACES — Friday, Aug. 28, St. John Chrysostom Church Social Hall 506 Saline St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner. Races start at 7 p.m. Admission is $20 and includes dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, and dessert. BYOB. Ten races plus bonus race, raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle. Horses can be bought for $10 each. Contact Bev Rebovich at 412-431-1116.

ST. NICHOLAS "HOLY STEALS AND DEALS" INDOOR FLEA MARKET — St. Nicholas, 302 Third Ave., Brownsville, Pa. An array of gently used items for all ages. Special "Holy Deal" prices range from 50 cents to $5 and various prices on larger items. The "Holy Steal" is all clothing $1 per item or fill a bag for $5. All items are sold in "as is" condition. Located on Route 40 before crossing the Lane Bane Bridge. Benefits parish renovations. Sale dates (Subject to change): 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 and Friday Aug. 7; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. For information, call: 724-892-2587.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, St. Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh (Carrick), Pa. Bake sale, food items and lots of treasures for you to find! For information, call 412-881-8344.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 20TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW — Sunday, Sept. 27, St. John the Baptist, 185 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. Registration at noon- 2 p.m. after which the car show will continue until 4 p.m. Rain or shine. Registration fee: $12 and the first 150 cars will receive dash plaques and goody bags. There will be more than 25 trophies including one large trophy, Father Kyprian's Favorite, awarded. Classes include: 1900-1930, 1931-1950, 1951-1960, 1961-1965, 1966-1970, 1971-1976, 1977-1987, 1988-2010, Street Rod/Modified, Trucks 1959 and older and 1960-2010. No judging for 2011 and newer. Arnie Amber, Oldies DJ, 50/50 drawing contest, Byzantine Auction, and delicious food including a variety of sandwiches, soups, halushki, baked goods, and more will be featured. A golf cart shuttle will be available for on-site transportation. Contact information: 724-438-1382 (leave message). Proceeds benefit the St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Maintenance Fund.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUG. 6
Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

AUG. 15
Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

SEPT. 4 to 7
92nd annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
The Sisters of St. Basil the Great
Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.

See more upcoming events at www.archpitt.org

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