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Pilgrims from the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh tour the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio on Sept. 26. The event was sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

By The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." — Micah 6:8

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry hosted a Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio on Saturday, Sept. 26. The day offered a rich opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual reflection.

The pilgrimage began with an opportunity for Confession and the praying of the Third Hour, led by Father Michael Farynets of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Youngstown, Ohio, and Infant Jesus of Prague Byzantine Catholic Church in Boardman, Ohio. This was followed by the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon.

Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla presided at the Divine Liturgy, which was celebrated by Father Kevin Marks of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Hermitage, Pa., and St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio. Father Kevin also serves as Vocation Director of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

Other priests joined in the celebration. The liturgical singing was led by Daniel Shulick of St. Jude Thaddeus Byzantine Catholic Church in Ernest, Pa.

Following the liturgy, pilgrims were welcomed and invited to take a guided tour of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, led by Father Tony Massad of St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Youngstown, Ohio.

The group then shared lunch and fellowship, enriched by a discussion with Father Tony Massad.

Following the meal, Viktoria Zolnova, the Archeparchy's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, led several icebreakers and "get to know you" activities.

Father Kevin Marks then gave an

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Seminary set to celebrate 75th anniversary

1951 DEDICATION TO BE MARKED AT ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

By The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pa. will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its dedication on Sunday, Dec. 6 in conjunction with the annual St. Nicholas Celebration.

The St. Nicholas Moleben will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. at 3:30 p.m. followed by a banquet dinner.

The program will include special additions, including a talk on the Seminary by Bishop Robert Pipta, Bishop of the Parma Eparchy and former rector.

Mark the date! Registration and sponsorship forms were sent to all parishes, but you can also request them by emailing rector@bcs.edu.

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REFLECTION FROM MOUNT S. MACRINA

May love overflow in this Holy Season

By Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM



This is a transcript of Sister Barbara Jean's Dec. 5, 2025 reflection, which can be viewed at www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

A season of excitement is upon us, isn't it? In fact, I want to point out what's special about (the first week of December). We'll be celebrating both the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonder Worker and the Conception of St. Anne, called in the Roman Church the Immaculate Conception. Two very important manifestations of God's love is what I would call them.

In the past, I've talked about getting ready for the spiritual elements of Christmas by letting the decorations remind us that we're celebrating the greatest gift ever given and I still find that very helpful, when I see lights to be brought to the joys of this time.

I want to add, though, there's so much more if we will take the time to read, to remember, and to learn from these particular gifts that are manifested in this time in December. As I mentioned, St. Nicholas and the Conception of the Mother of God; both of which show God's love in a very generous way.

I want to recommend that you find some Advent resource because it points out many little particularities that are so helpful in remembering grace; God's graces in this time.

Also, the Holy Word of God; it's a good time to read the Nativity in the different Gospels. The coming of the Lord is God's appearing for our love, to actually love us, to make it concrete. These things should bring us great joy and spiritual enrichment.

It's a good time, also, for repentance, for confession. It's a good time for fasting.

Why? Well, if we tell ourselves we want to deprive ourselves of something it's not to be heroic. It's so that in remembering what we're fasting from, we are reminded of why. Reminded of God. We're reminded of being called to love.

May love overflow in us also in this Holy Season in a generous way. We have St. Nicholas as a prime example but beyond all gifts, the greatest of gifts is the very Son of God brought into this world for you, for me! Through greater attentiveness to His coming let us share His love, His gifts!

Rejoice! God bless you! ■

TEXT MESSAGES

Behind the mask of Murashov

By David Mayernik Jr.
Editor



It's a new hockey season and so far my hopes aren't too high for the Pittsburgh Penguins' chances.

But I am excited about the team's new goaltender, Sergei Murashov, a 22-year-old native of Yaroslavl, Russia.

He led the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins — Pittsburgh's American Hockey League farm team — to that league's finals last year, losing to Toronto Marlies, four games to two.

The 6-foot-2 athletic goaltender is getting his chance with the Pittsburgh this year.

He's easy to like — as was another Penguins goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury — and by all accounts has the mind of a philosopher.

Following a loss to the Winnipeg Jets in his first start of the season Oct. 5, Murashov told reporters he would wait one day before thinking about how he played: "There's a Russian saying: 'Morning is wiser than evening'."

But the reason I'm writing this column is because of the paint job on his goaltender mask.

Photos posted on Instagram by the mask's designer, Scott Williams of Scott Williams Studio in Kittanning, Pa., show images of Pittsburgh on the left side and a church's Onion domes on the right side.

Of course, the domes are a hallmark of Byzantine architectural traditions.

Williams posted that Murashov wanted to honor his hometown of Yaroslavl and country through the design.

According to Dan Kingerski, Penguins reporter for Pittsburgh Hockey Now, Yaroslavl "is part of the Golden Ring of ancient towns that long predates what we know as Russia."

He also writes: "The building on his right is the Transfiguration Church (in Murashov's hometown), which sits on a 12th-century monastery. The church was completed in 1224."

My hope is when Murashov is playing in a city such as Boston or Vancouver broadcasters may focus on the rookie's mask and point out the Onion domes.

And perhaps it will cause a viewer to seek out their meaning.

That 's the goal. ■



The mask of Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Sergei Murashov, as posted on Instagram.

scottwilliamsstudio "Home Sweet Home" I am completely honored again for the opportunity to paint for the @penguins and this time, @s_murashov_1 ! Sergei had an idea to represent his home, and his new home, and I think we came up with a great representation. Thanks also to the Penguins @jon_taglianetti , and the rest of the equipment staff, for allowing me to deliver the new mask in person! It was quite an experience. Click, Like, Share, Comment, and Follow ScottWilliamsStudio for more pics and info. #pittsburghpenguins #nhl #icehockeygoalie #goaliemaskart

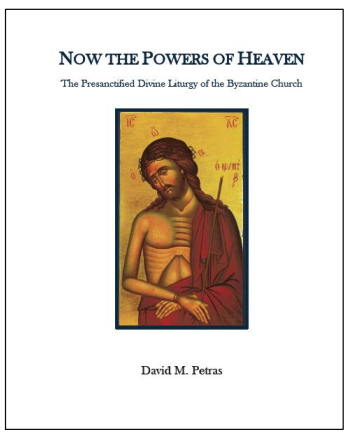
Clergy retreat



Clergy of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh gathered for a commemorative photo during their 2026 retreat the week of Oct. 4 at Antiochian Village near Latrobe, Pa. Photo by Gerri Acri. ■

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■ **Father Thomas Moore — Spiritual Reflections:**
9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 7. Conference, reflections and lunch. ■

Carpathian Cookery cook book available

The "Carpathian Cookery" cookbook, which has entered its 23rd printing after having sold more than 21,000 copies, is available for sale.

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.

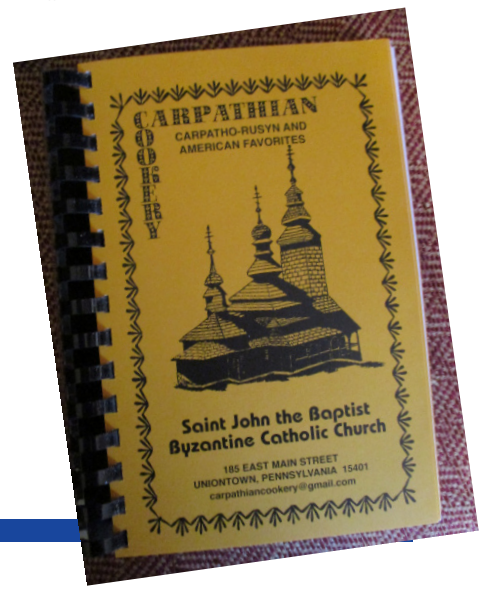
There is a variety of paska bread and kolachi (filled roll) recipes as well as meatless dishes and Lenten recipes suitable for the Great Fast as well as the pre-Christmas Fast.

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

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

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

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Head of the class

MOUNT ST. MACRINA ACADEMY CELEBRATES REUNION IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

By Mary Geraldine Pozonsky Rhoads O'Connor

'51.....'54....'56....'58....'59....'61. ...'63...."64.....'65....'66....'67....'68.. ..'69....!

Football signals you ask?

No! These numbers represent the members of the classes who attended the Biannual Alumni Meeting of Mount St. Macrina Academy.

The meeting opened with a warm and cheerful welcome from moderator Mary Geraldine Pozonsky Rhoads O'Connor (Gerry) and the singing of "The Halls of Ivy."

The first order of business was a presentation of a special gift to the members of the Class of 1951 celebrating 75 years: Sister Dolores Ann Vanischak and Sister Margaret Kapusnak, who later became a teacher at the school, a.k.a. Sister Thaddeus-Sister Smiling Flashbulb! The group then sang to them, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Other attendees celebrating milestone years included: Mary Ann Loya Washlock Class of 1956 (70 years); Martha Hudock Maresco and Mary Catherine Timo Silvestri Class of 1961 (65 years); Carol Berestecky Pucel, Elizabeth Jubera Moricz, Margaret Kriss Popp, Bernadette Loya Karoffa, Dianne Midlik Harmon,Barbara Pillar Coldren, Mary Geraldine Pozonsky Rhoads O'Connor, and Kathleen Rohall Pechunka Class of 1966 (60 years).

To celebrate these milestone classes and all the attendees of the meeting the group sang prayerfully: God Grant You Many Years! Mnohaja 'lita !

The women also honored their deceased classmates by praying the Panachida (Memorial Service for the Faithful Departed), announcing each classmate by name and singing Eternal Memory and Blessed Repose!

Special memories and stories were then shared about two women in particular from the class of 1955 who were both driving forces in the Alumni Association of Mount St. Macrina Academy in the past. Barbara Smolak Tackas (Smo) who years after the school closed was instrumental in resurrecting the alumni meetings with joy and wit and energy!

Also Evelyn Hovanec who created a fund that any of the alumni could contribute to for the purpose of benefiting the on-going care of the grounds and other operations of Mount St. Macrina.

It takes a village...

"Thank You" gifts from the alumni were presented to: Sister Carol Petrasovich (Class of '58), who arranged for the caterer, sleeping accommodations and for providing the wonderful help staff for the weekend and all the past years; Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, who took the group and candid pictures of the event; and Kim, the amazingly organized secretary for the House of Prayer who keeps all the alumni information on file and is initiating a plan for a permanent display of the Academy memorobilia; Rita Hornyak Blank (Class of'67), who tirelessly updates the alumni directory and created a beautiful album which includes all the obituaries of our deceased classmates — a record of all the amazing women who were taught here; Marcella Utlak Joswick (Class of '65), who compiled the directory, sent out letters for the reunions and moderated the meetings for years; Barbara Chemsak Kolodziej (Class of '68), who on short notice answered the call and moderated last year's meeting.

After driving over 1,200 miles from Fleming Island, Fla. with her husband, Marcella Utlak Joswick (Class of '65) won the gift given to the Alum that traveled the farthest!

The meeting then proceeded with information from Marge Kisha Pendzick (Class of '68) on Charitable Distribution, Marcella Utlak Joswick (Class of '65) on the Memory Book, Sister Carol's report on the Community of Sisters and the future of the next reunion.

The meeting was closed with the singing of "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You," which expressed the love and wishes and prayers these amazing women have for each other and the Academy. Until we meet again!

The shared life stories and reminiscinsie about their high school years continued after the meeting which many enjoyed sharing with Sister Melita Marie, who taught many of the women.

The same stories and laughter continued for the class of 1966 that evening as they celebrated their 60th reunion chaired by Margie Kriss Popp.

Post Script - A history

The Academy first began in 1938-39 with a total of five girls in the ninth grade. From 1938 through 1942, they grew to a four-grade school and had the first graduating class in 1942.

However, along came the war and the school closed leaving the 10 other classmates to enroll elsewhere. The Academy reopened in 1947-48, this time with a total of 12 girls in grades 8 through 12. Therefore, we have a graduating class in 1948, but as I understand it, they combined graduation with St. John's Roman Catholic High of Uniontown, as they did for the class of 1949.

Thus, the first class to graduate from the Academy was the Class of 1950. As "unluck" would have it, history repeated itself in 1968, forcing the school to again close — permanently; only this time the war was inflation, leaving the classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 to enroll elsewhere! ■











"Blessed are those whose hearts are set on pilgrimage"

Psalm 84:5

THE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY HOSTS PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

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inspiring talk on vocations and the journey of discernment, followed by small-group discussion.

Pilgrims also had the opportunity to visit and learn more about the Antonine Sisters and Antonine Village, where the sisters provide assisted living and day care services.

The pilgrimage concluded with the Moleben to the Theotokos at the Tower Chapel of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon.

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry extends its heartfelt thanks to Father Tony Massad and the staff of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson; the Antonine Sisters; all the participants and clergy; and Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla, who accompanied and supported the young people throughout this meaningful day of prayer, fellowship, and community. ■



















Pope Leo opens Vatican bishops' meeting calling attention to the 'fragility of families'

METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM C. SKURLA ATTENDS OCT. 7 TO 14 MEETING IN ROME

By Courtney Mares
OSV News

VATICAN CITY — Pope Leo XIV opened a Vatican meeting of the world's bishops' conference presidents and the heads of Eastern Catholic churches marking the 10th anniversary of "Amoris Laetitia" Oct. 7, saying "the beauty and fragility of families" today will be at the heart of the week's discussions.

"During these days dedicated to prayer and reflection, we intend to place the beauty and fragility of families at the heart of our journey," Pope Leo prayed as he opened the meeting in the Paul VI Audience Hall.

"Together, we seek to discern the direction in which the Holy Spirit is guiding us, so as to recognize, support, and promote the work He is already accomplishing within them and to value their precious contribution to the mission of the Church."

The Oct. 7-14 closed-door meeting of bishops, convened by Pope Leo, is focused on marriage and family and marks the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia," or "The Joy of Love."

Face questions raised by families' lived experience today

Speaking in English from one of the many round tables in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall around which more than 150 bishops were seated, the pope encouraged the bishops to face the questions raised by the lived experience of families today, paying special attention to fragile situations.

Pope Leo pointed to the growing distance in many contexts "between the ways in which sex and intimacy are lived and the Christian vision of marriage."

"Young people continue to long for love, fidelity and belonging, yet many find it difficult to embrace how such a vision of love can take shape in their own lives or to believe that a lifelong commitment is the condition for reaching what they desire," he added.

The pope said that faith can enlighten all families, including situations marked by difficulties, loneliness and at times even apparent failure, noting that the gap between the good we desire and what we are able to live is a reminder of the need for "grace, forgiveness and new beginnings to accomplish God's will."

"The experience of fragility raises the question of whether we are able to remain close to one another when life no longer corresponds to what had been hoped for, and whether we can recognize the work of grace even in situations marked by limits, wounds and apparent failure," the pope said

Pope Leo asked the bishops from across the world to reflect on what kind of Church people encounter precisely when they are most fragile.

'Holy Spirit speaks through very situations that challenge us'

"The Holy Spirit often speaks through the very situations that challenge us, and enlightens us that we may discover how God's mercy and the salvific grace of Christ can reach our families today, particularly in their weakness and resilience, in their hopes and disappointments, in their longing for communion and their search for meaning," the pope said.

"Our task, therefore, is not only to interpret these realities but to let them question us and motivate our pastoral responsibility, so that the Church may find renewed ways of proclaiming the Gospel, offering sacramental graces, accompanying families, and making visible the tenderness with which Christ continues to walk among his people."

The bishops' family summit is divided into five daily themes for discussion, ranging from discerning the vocation to marriage to accompanying and supporting the difficulties of life. Families from five continents will also share their testimonies with the bishops.

In his opening speech, Pope Leo reminded bishops not to speak to the press, asking them to "preserve the discretion and confidentiality that this time of listening and discernment requires."

Except for opening session, meeting taking place behind closed doors

While the meeting is taking place behind closed doors, the Oct. 7 opening session was broadcast via livestream by Vatican Media and the final day of the meeting on Oct. 14 will include a closing Mass in St. Peter's Square and the publication of a final synthesis document of the week's discussions.



Pope Leo XIV speaks Oct. 7 as he opens the weeklong Vatican meeting of presidents of bishops' conferences marking the 10th anniversary of "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love.") The pope spoke about the pastoral responsibility of the Church to find renewed ways of proclaiming the Gospel, offering sacramental graces and accompanying families today. (OSV News photo/Simone Risoluti, Vatican Media)

The afternoon opening session on Oct. 7 featured a meditation by Dominican Sister Helen Alford, the president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, who reflected on how the Gospel account of the Samaritan woman at the well is a biblical example of someone living in "a fragile and irregular family situation."

Alford said that this woman's encounter with Jesus, which never would have taken place if it were not for her irregular family situation, ends with the unnamed woman becoming "not only the first public evangelist, but also, despite her disrepute, and perhaps precisely because of it, a very effective evangelist."

"A story that is more connected with proclaiming the Gospel to and through a person in a fragile family situation, with all the beauty that this story holds, could hardly be imagined," she said.

The sister urged the bishops to search for ways to "encourage young people to take up the great challenge of marriage and family life, embracing it in the full knowledge that they will experience great fragility as part of the process of realizing its beauty, and that in that fragility, they will find new and unexpected sources of God's grace and experience a desire for holiness that is their very own."

"Proclaiming the Gospel to others'

"Let us join Jesus in calling them to rise to the challenge, like Jesus called the Samaritan woman, of proclaiming the Gospel to others, precisely in the recognition of their fragility, so as to call others to join them in trusting in God's grace and in experiencing the Christian desire for holiness," she said.

The bishops' meeting is jointly organized by the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life and the General Secretariat for the Synod. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the prefect of the family dicastery, and Cardinal Mario Grech, the secretary general of the Synod of Bishops, sat at Pope Leo's right and left respectively as the pope delivered his opening remarks.

Pope Leo encouraged all the bishops participating in the meeting to listen to one another, adding that "remaining attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit can awaken the pastoral creativity we need in the face of new questions."

"May the Lord give us the freedom to listen to one another, the wisdom to recognize his work among his people, and the courage to follow where he leads us, so that, each day, the Gospel may become ever more fully good news for families throughout the world," he said. ■

Courtney Mares is Vatican editor for OSV News. Follow her on X @ catholicourtney.

Pope Leo needs 'no further treatment' following lung cancer surgery



Pope Leo XIV smiles and waves from the popemobile while riding around St. Peter's Square at the Vatican before his weekly general audience Oct. 21, 2026. In a message later that day, the Holy See Press Office announced that Drs. Luigi Carbone and Stefano Margaritora confirmed Pope Leo needs "no further treatment" following his Oct. 13 surgery for lung cancer. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez)

By Gina Christian
OSV News

(OSV News) — Doctors have confirmed Pope Leo XIV needs "no further treatment" following his Oct. 13 surgery for lung cancer.

In an Oct. 21 message, the Holy See Press Office announced that Drs. Luigi Carbone and Stefano Margaritora said "the final histological examinations and molecular biology tests on the material removed" during the surgery confirmed the tumor was a "localized lung adenocarcinoma."

The doctors said that "subsequent oncological evaluation confirmed that no further treatment is necessary."

"This is really good news," Dr. Nirmal Veeramachaneni, professor of cardiothoracic surgery at St. Louis University School of Medicine, told OSV News moments after the Vatican released the papal health update.

Although not part of the pope's care team, Veeramachaneni — an oncology expert who also serves as medical director for lung cancer screening at SSM Health — said that based on his experience and the Holy See statement, Pope Leo's prognosis seemed to be "excellent."

Now, said Veeramachaneni, the pope will simply need "long-term radiographic follow-up to look for recurrence."

Follow-up usually entails regular CT scans

Typically, he said, that entails a regular CT (computed tomography) scan, which uses multiple X-ray images to create a 3D composite of bones, organs and tissue.

He estimated the scanning intervals to range from "every six months" to "once a year for several years."

Based on his own clinical and research experience, Veeramachaneni said the Vatican's news was "actually what I was expecting" and "the most likely scenario."

Veeramachaneni said that "the fact that they (Pope Leo's medical team) proceeded straight to surgery told me a lot."

"If they were concerned about the imaging, or if they thought this was a more advanced state of the disease, modern care would have meant chemotherapy up front," he said.

The Vatican has not disclosed whether Pope Leo received any presurgical, or "neoadjuvant," cancer treatment before entering Rome's Gemelli Hospital Oct. 13 and undergoing a 90-minute video-assisted surgery that same day.

Pope underwent several diagnostic procedures prior to surgery

Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said Oct. 14 that prior to surgery, Pope Leo had undergone several diagnostic procedures — a robotic bronchoscopy with biopsy, a chest CT scan with contrast and a PET scan — which indicated the need for the operation.

The pope announced after leading the Oct. 11 Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square that doctors had found a "small, localized nodule" in his lung and had recommended intervention.

Following the video-assisted surgery — which saw the removal of the lower lobe of the pope's right lung — Carbone, the pope's personal physician, and Margaritora, chief thoracic surgeon at Gemelli, "confirmed the diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma, as suspected by the preoperative tests."

Veeramachaneni noted that cancer was at an "early stage."

Chemotherapy would normally be advised "if this tumor was greater than four centimeters in size or the lymph nodes were involved," he said.

"As part of a standard oncological examination, the surgeon would have either sampled or dissected out the lymph nodes that hug the central airway, as well as taking out the lymph nodes in the lobe itself," he said.

Adenocarcinomas begin in glands lining body's organs

Adenocarcinomas are cancers that begin in the glands lining the body's organs, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

Lung adenocarcinoma is "the most common subtype of lung cancer," and "falls under the non-small cell category," said Dr. Stephen Liu, associate professor of medicine, director of thoracic oncology and director of developmental therapeutics at Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Almost 9 out of 10 lung cancers are of the non-small cell type, growing more slowly than its small cell counterpart, which typically attacks the airways and spreads rapidly, according to the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Liu added that lung adenocarcinoma is also "the most common" type of lung cancer "in people without a strong smoking history." ■

Gina Christian is a multimedia reporter for OSV News. Follow her on X @GinaJesseReina.

ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

“Sadness…no match for the love”

ST. GREGORY FAITHFUL SAY FAREWELL TO FATHER VALERIAN MICHLIK



By The Parishioners of St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

For over 14 years we have been blessed to have Father Valerian Michlik as our spiritual leader and friend. Today (Oct. 11) we had to say goodbye.

During his tenure, Father Valerian was our "rock," always there for our parish family in good times and bad.

When he arrived there were significant challenges. He led us through the difficult times and ultimately to an unprecedented period of growth and transformation.

All of the sadness was no match for the love, appreciation, and thanks that our Community of Faithful shared with Father Valerian today! ■









HOLY PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Celebrating our Patronal Feast

By Patricia Johnson
Holy Protection of the Mother of God, Morgantown, W. Va.

On Sept. 30, Father Kyprian Wojciechowski and the parishioners of St. Mary's Holy Protection in Morgantown, W. Va. were blessed to welcome Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla as celebrant for a Vigil Divine Liturgy celebrating our parish Patronal Feast of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God.

Metropolitan William thanked parishioners for their ongoing prayers, sharing that at the same time tomorrow, he would be in Budapest.

Father Kyprian gave a wonderful homily on the Protection of the Theotokos and how the Mother of God holds us within the maternal and protective embrace of her mantle.

Metropolitan William said St. Mary's was one of the most spirited parishes in the Archeparchy and related that he appreciated the participation and singing of parishioners during the Divine Liturgy.

Afterward, faithful gathered in the parish hall for coffee and donuts, where the Archbishop was able to meet and greet both longtime parishioners, as well as young families, young adults, and college students who attend St. Mary. ■

In 1915 approximately 100 people began to organize under the leadership of Reverend Theophile Zatkovich to form what would become the parish often simply referred to as "St. Mary's."

In 1918 this dedicated group of pioneers undertook the project of building a permanent church structure – the same edifice that continues to serve the faithful of the parish to this very day.

The young parish would face many trying times but always emerged strengthened in their dedication to the church.

Their founding pastor would remain with them until 1923; he later would become the first chancellor of the newly-created Exarchate of Pittsburgh.

To date, 26 pastors have served the parish. Despite the numerous transitions and uncertainties, the parish continued to grow and flourish.









INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE IN BOARDMAN, OHIO
ST. NICHOLAS IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Corn roast cook-out

By Paula Slemons
Infant Jesus of Prague, Boardman, Ohio
St. Nicholas, Youngstown, Ohio

On Sept. 13, Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Nicholas parishioners and families enjoyed an afternoon with a cookout and corn roast.

The children enjoyed the bounce house (donated by Zachary Bean and Emily Brown), children's game of water balloon catch and pumpkin toss, made by Ken Litwin. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food. Our grill masters — Paul Kasper, Bob Sheely and Greg Slemons — did an amazing job.

The event was sponsored by the Byzantine Social Club of Infant Jesus of Prague. It was a wonderful way to end the summer! ■







HOLY SPIRIT IN OAKLAND (PITTSBURGH), PA.

Welcome to the Church

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

Father Michael Kunitz and the Holy Spirit congregation in Oakland (Pittburgh), Pa. welcomed Luca William Stokes into the Church on Sunday, Sept. 27. Luca received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation and is the infant son of Lucas Stokes and Adrianna Loub. He is shown here with his Godparents, Aunt Sabrina Stokes and Daniel Estep.

Congratulations to Luca and his family, and we pray for God's continued blessings on them! ■



SS. PETER AND PAUL IN TARENTUM, PA.

Following Christ's Call

By Very Rev. Vasyl Polyak
SS. Peter and Paul, Tarentum, Pa.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, the faithful of SS. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Tarentum welcomed special guests from SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary: Deacon Joseph Hnat, Subdeacon Chad Durante, and seminarian Patrick Kilroy.

Their presence enriched the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and gave our parish community a wonderful opportunity to pray with and welcome men who have responded to Christ's call to serve His Church.

Deacon Joseph proclaimed the Holy Gospel and offered an inspiring homily while Subdeacon Chad and Patrick assisted during the Divine Liturgy and with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Following the Divine Liturgy, the celebration continued downstairs with coffee, donuts, and fellowship. Parishioners had an opportunity to speak with our guests, learn more about their formation, and simply enjoy time together as one Church family.

Their visit was more than a pleasant Sunday gathering. It was a reminder of the special place SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary holds in the life of our Church.

The Seminary is truly a heart of our Archeparchy — a spiritual home where prayer, study, discernment, and formation come together in preparation for service to the People of God.

Its mission reaches well beyond the boundaries of our own Byzantine Catholic Church. The Seminary welcomes and serves students from other Eastern Catholic traditions as well, including Melkite, Syro-Malabar, Ukrainian, and other Eastern Catholic Churches. Through its programs of priestly formation, diaconal formation, theological education, and pastoral preparation, the Seminary serves the present and helps build the future of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America.

Every vocation begins with an invitation from Christ: "Follow Me." Responding to that invitation requires faith, courage, sacrifice, and the willingness to place one's life into the hands of God.

The presence of Deacon Joseph, Subdeacon Chad, and Patrick among us made that reality visible. These are men preparing today so that they may serve Christ and His people tomorrow.

Their vocation, however, is not theirs alone. Vocations grow within the life of the whole Church. Our seminarians need our prayers, encouragement, friendship, and support. Our Seminary likewise depends upon the faithful who recognize the importance of its mission and sustain it spiritually, materially, and financially.

There are many ways in which each of us can help: by praying for vocations, encouraging young men to listen attentively for Christ's call, supporting our seminarians during their years of formation, contributing to the needs of the Seminary, and keeping a close relationship between our parishes and those preparing for ministry.

SS. Peter and Paul Parish is grateful to Deacon Joseph Hnat, Subdeacon Chad Durante, and Patrick Kilroy for sharing this Sunday with us. May the Lord strengthen them as they continue to follow His call, bless all those discerning a vocation to serve His Church, and continue to make SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary a place where future generations may hear Christ's invitation and have the courage to answer: "Here I am, Lord." ■



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

A "win-win" afternoon!

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

Many thanks to everyone who helped ensure a successful Steelers Tailgate event at St. John Chrysostom Church in Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. on Oct. 18.

Fans thought it was over in the 4th quarter, but our Steelers erased a 13-point deficit to tie the score with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers by the end of regulation time.

Then Greenfield boy Mike McCarthy coached his hometown team to a nailbiter finish and a 26-19 overtime win. Hooray for the Steelers!

Many thanks to John Niskach, who heads-up this annual event; and to special teams leaders Barb Hill and Joyce Cortapassi, who work tirelessly for months



securing basket raffle donations; and Matt Rodrigues and Eric Schultz, our chefs extraordinaire.

We are grateful to the many volunteer workers; the donors; the bakers; and those who joined us to cheer on our Steelers and raise some money for parish projects! ■







ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

"Iconorama" tells stories

By Pani Mary Wells
St. John Chrysostom, Houston, Texas

Part of the Cloud of Witnesses Series. Go to www.stjohnchrysostom.com YouTube channel for videos in the series.

In September, Leslie Bohannon of St. John Chrysostom in Houston, Texas gave an enlightening discussion on nine saints using dioramas.

Each diorama, or "Iconorama," tells the story of a saint using iconographical symbolism.

In addition to a presentation for the parish, it initiated this year's ECF classes.

Brightly colored with attention to detail, these "Saints in miniature" were a creative way to teach about the saints' lives.

The "Iconramas" included St Andrew, The First Called, depicted with an "X" shaped cross on which he was martyred, and a fishing motif as a "fisher of men."

St. Patrick was displayed with his snakes pointing in four directions to symbolize evil leaving the island.

St. Sharbel is depicted in front of his hermitage in Lebanon.

Blessed Theodore Romzha is with his cart that was eventually overturned during an attempt on his life ending in his martyrdom in a hospital in Uzhorod.

St. Catherine of Alexandria,



Great Martyr, is with her wheel of torture and symbols of her martyrdom.

St. Ignatius of Antioch is depicted at his martyrdom by wild beasts in the Colosseum in Rome. (*"I am the wheat of God…ground by the teeth of the wild beasts."*)

Finally, there is the Dormition of the Theotokos, surrounded by flowers, St. Luke writing his icon of the Mother of God and St. Seraphim of Sarov feeding a wild bear outside his hermitage in Russia.

Leslie ended the presentation with an additional diorama — a replica of our church, from our onion dome to the mosaic tiles on the front doors.

The parish enjoyed the "Iconoramas" for four weeks. Leslie plans to add to the collection. We can't wait to see the new ones! ■





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

Festal Icons written

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

St. Mary's Holy Protection in Morgantown, W. Va., has acquired several new Festal Icons for use on the tetrapod during the Divine Liturgy thanks to the generosity, skill, and devotion of longtime parishioners, Bob and Sharon Toth.

A few years ago, Bob began making wooden cutting boards and Byzantine crosses as a hobby. Some of his beautiful woodworks can be found for sale at the Religious Gift Shop at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pa.

This soon turned into wood burning and painting icons of various, favorite Saints to be gifted to fellow parishioners. Before long, Bob and his wife Sharon began an undertaking of making a series of new Festal Icons for the parish, and the results have been beautiful!



St. Mary's pastor, Father Kyprian Wojciechowski, blesses each of the icons as it is completed.

St. Mary's is grateful to Bob and Sharon for these wonderful additions to our parish!

Additionally, Bob commissioned small onion domes with Byzantine crosses to be added to our parish sign. ■





ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

ECF blessings

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

On Sunday, Sept. 20, Father Tyler Wisniewski of St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh, Pa. commissioned three new teachers who were added to our ECF staff and blessed the children who will participate in ECF classes this school year. ■



ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

Blessing of Animals

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

On Friday evening, Oct. 2, the Blessing of Animals took place in anticipation of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' Feast Day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures.

This year at St. Gregory's we had dogs, cats, and a cute turtle.

Together we offered our prayerful supplications and God's blessing on these animals, and we thank God for letting us share the earth with all creatures. ■













ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN SCOTTDALE, PA.

Anniversary blessings

St. John the Baptist in Scottdale, Pa. celebrated Father Oleh Seremchuk's 16th anniversary to the priesthood.

A social was held following each liturgy. ■





Father Oleh Seremchuk and his son, Mark





ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

Preparing the pirohi

St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. pirohi workers were busy after liturgy pinching these delicious dumplings! Many hands make many pirohi needed for upcoming events! ■







ST. MICHAEL IN CAMPBELL, OHIO

"Pack the Valley"

On Thursday, Oct. 15, our Very Rev. Kevin Marks and a group of our St. Michael parishioners participated in "Pack the Valley."

They joined other organizations in packing food for the hungry and less fortunate. More than 79,000 meals were packed this afternoon!

Great job, St. Michael's! ■



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION IN MONROEVILLE, PA.

HOLY TRINITY IN WALL, PA.

Also preparing the pirohi!

By Father Mark Le Roy
Church of the Resurrection, Monroeville, Pa.
Holy Trinity, Wall, Pa.

Parishioners of the Church of the Resurrection in Monroeville, Pa. and Holy Trinity in Wall, Pa. gathered together on Oct. 15 and 16 to prepare and begin their annual pirohi sales.

They also had volunteers from local Roman Catholic parishes such as St. Bernadette's. ■







ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Classic Car Show

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

The 20th annual Classic Car Show was held at St. John the Baptist Church in Uniontown, Pa. on the afternoon of Sept. 27.

Nearly 100 vehicles were registered and many spectators also attended and partook of the delicious food and festivities.

There was much excitement by the winners of the 68 raffle prizes awarded.

Father Kyprian Wojciechowski strolled the event, selling tickets for a $100 Lottery apron, while Pani Emily sold a tip board for a large cookie tray. ■











37th annual Rosary Walk

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

The Catholic Churches of Uniontown, Pa. held the 37th annual Rosary Walk on Sunday, Sept. 20.

During the afternoon, participants processed from church to church in the community and at each stop a decade of the rosary was prayed.

The Second Glorious Mystery stopped at St. John the Baptist where Father Kyprian Wojciechowski welcomed the participants and gave a short message on the importance of prayer.

ECF teachers and parishioners led the singing of Marian Hymns and the second decade. ■





Catechetical Sunday

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

During the weekend Divine Liturgies for Sept. 26 to 27, Father Kyprian Wojciechowski included the commissioning of catechists and a blessing of students and teachers.

After the Saturday evening Liturgy, a pizza and snack party was held for the students, parents, and teachers. After the Sunday Liturgy, a light breakfast meal was offered. ■







Christmas
Craft/Bake Sale
December 5th – 6th, 2026
St. John Byzantine Catholic Church
201 E. Main St., Uniontown, PA
Sat. Dec 5th: 12 Noon - 4 PM
Sun. Dec 6th: 10AM - 1 PM
Upstairs School Hall
Crafts
Candy
Decorations
Raffles
Cookbooks
Baked Goods
Nativity Display
Sponsored by: St. John Ethnic Craft Club & St. John Social Ministry
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE FREE ADMISSION
For information call:724-438-1382 (M-F 9AM-3PM Leave message)
Check parish website for any updates: www.stjohnbaptist-byzcath-uniontown.org
www.facebook.com/StJohnByzUniontown



THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

By Archpriest David M. Petras

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED



When someone we love dies, we commit them to God's memory and provide for a proper burial. We continue to remember them in prayer. The Church especially calls for prayer on the first, the third, the ninth, the fortieth days and the anniversary of their repose. In the course of the year, the Church also prays for the departed on Saturday. This is for a reason of faith - our Lord died on the eve of the Sabbath (Saturday), reposed in the tomb on Saturday, and rose early on the third day (Sunday). We, therefore, especially pray for those who are departed on Saturday, because they are now resting before the resurrection of all. Just before the Great Lent, on Meatfare Saturday, we pray for the departed, for the Gospel of that Sunday is about the Last Judgment, and we pray that they may be saved. This is true of the other All Souls Saturdays. When someone dies, we pray on the first day and on the anniversary of their repose, because this is natural in our remembrance. We then pray on the third day, because our Lord rose on the third day. We pray on the ninth day, because there are nine choirs of angels, and our Lord taught, "At the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like the angels in heaven" (Matthew 22:30). We pray on the fortieth day because our Lord ascended into glory on the fortieth day. These are all theological reasons. The reality, however, is that we pray for them whenever we remember them.

The question is: why do we pray for the dead? Some might say, "Their life is completed. They have been judged, and their eternal reward has been determined. Our prayers cannot change anything." The Church teaches, however, that we can pray for the dead and that our prayers help them. St. John Damascene, the author of, On the Orthodox Faith, wrote, "But who can number all of the testimonies found in the biographies of holy men, in the accounts of the lives of the holy martyrs and the divine revelations, which clearly indicate that even after death tremendous benefit is rendered to the departed by prayers, Liturgies and the distribution of alms for them. For nothing given to God perishes in return, but is rewarded by him with the greatest interest" (Quoted by Orthodoxninfo). All the liturgical prayers of the Church plead to God that the departed, whom we love, be freed from all bonds of sin and come to everlasting joy in God's presence. Each person is judged by God individually, as the Gospel of John tells us, "those who have done good deeds [rise] to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation. I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me" (John 5:29-30). However, the Hymns of Farewell of the liturgy puts words in the mouth of the departed, "I go to the Lord God, my judge, to stand before the judgment-seat and to answer for my deeds. But, I implore you, pray for me that the Savior be merciful to me on the Day of Judgment." The pastoral epistles witness to the prayers of Christians for one another, even after death. "May the Lord grant him (Onesiphorus) to find mercy from the Lord on that day" (2 Timothy 1:18).

One of the ways we pray for the departed is by offering the Divine Liturgy.

The Christian reality is that we all must be cleansed of any trace of sin or evil to be in the presence of God. Both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches believe this. The Catholic Church expresses this belief in its definition of purgatory, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (Catholic Catechism 1030-1031). The Orthodox Church rejects the concept of purgatory, while holding that there is an intermediate state in which the departed soul is brought to full perfection and divinization. In human solidarity we pray for this and God hears our prayers, "all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours" (Mark 11:24). However, though it is a common Catholic concept, it is not dogma that purgatory is a fire as we see in Dante's writings. Pope St. John Paul II said, "[Purgatory] does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence. Those who, after death, exist in a state of purification, are already in the love of Christ who removes from them the remnants of imperfection."

One of the ways we pray for the departed is by offering the Divine Liturgy. The truth is that every Divine Liturgy is a mystical sacrifice in which the reality of God's salvation through the Cross and Resurrection is present, and all humanity participates in this reality. Every Liturgy is for all people. When we request a Liturgy to be celebrated for a person, we do not "buy a Mass," but we make a free will offering for the welfare of the priest, that he remember our intention explicitly. This was done in the East by offering a loaf of bread (prosphora) in the name of the departed. This is possible because we are all one in Christ. Our union with one another in the bonds of love and prayer is in God, in whom we all together receive his life, his forgiveness and his love. We are all perfectly saved only in God, and God does not need our help, yet St. Paul observed, "in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church" (Colossians 1:24). By our sacrifice for one another, by our prayer and love for one another, we together are more deified and are united and increased in God's eternal love. Glory to God, who is all-merciful and compassionate! ■

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
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.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.
www.youtube.com/@StMichaelbyzhermitage

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"

AROUND THE ARCHEPARCHY

ANNUAL MOLEBEN FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSES — The yearly prayer service for the advancement of the Causes of Advancement and Canonization of our four holy Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops will take place at the Holy Ghost Church, 225 Olivia St., McKees Rocks, Pa. on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. For the past 34 years faithful through the Pittsburgh Archeparchy have gathered in various Archeparchial parishes, monasteries and the seminary to pray for the Canonization of Bishop-Martyr Theodore G. Romzha, Uzhorod (+1947); Bishop-Martyr Paul P. Gojdich, O.S.B.M., Presov (+1960); Bishop-Martyr Basil Hopko, Presov (+1976); and the advancement of Bishop Alexander Chira, Uzhorod (+1985). A Marian Moleben is offered seeking the aid of the Holy Mother of God in helping us achieve this end. Please mark your calendar and attend this important prayer for their advancement.

PBCAC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Join the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir on Sunday Dec. 20 as they present beloved hymns and carols of the Nativity season. The 2 p.m. presentation will be followed by the group's popular "Cookie Reception" at St. Elias Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road in Munhall, Pa.

STORIES & SONGS FROM THE MOUNTAINS II — 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, Holy Spirit Church Auditorium, 4815 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. Save the date and bring your friends to our second Fall event of music and stories performed by the Rusyn Folk Group "Sokyra" for your listening and dancing pleasure followed by a buffet dinner of ethnic foods! Advance tickets available until Nov. 1 for $25, students $15, which can be purchased online through the website QR Code, http://www.HolySpiritByzCath.com, or call the rectory 412-687-1220 to make a reservation. Mail a check payable to Holy Spirit Church by Nov. 1. Tickets at the door: $30. Tickets include admission, entertainment, dancing, and dinner. Basket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle tickets sold during the event. All proceeds benefit building improvement projects.

ST. MARY'S SUPER BINGO. —2 -6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, St. Mary's Center, State Route 981 , Trauger, Pa. Doors open at noon. Games start at 2 p.m. Tickets cost $35 for 24 games and include first set of Regular cards (Specials are included), one Jackpot and lunch. Extra cards and a WTA Quickie may be purchased at admission. Tickets must be reserved or paid for in advance. None sold at the door. Seating is limited. For tickets, call or text Marlene at 412-526-0285 or Marge at 724-787-5631. 16 Regular games: $100, 4 Specials: $200. $1,500 Jackpot Series. Regular: $200, Letter X: $300, Full Card: $1,000. There will be opportunities for a 50/50, Chinese Auction, Instant Tickets, and a Lottery Tree. Proceeds benefit the Church's Building and Maintenance Fund. Pre-orders only taken for Halupki and Halushki. Halushki cost: $10 per quart; 6 Halupki for $18, 12 for $30. Pre-packaged and available for pick-up on the day of the Super Bingo.

SS. PETER AND PAUL ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER — 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, SS. Peter and Paul, 701 Foster Ave., Duquesne, Pa. Sponsored by the SS. Peter and Paul Parish Club. Cost is $13 for adults, $6 for children 6 to 10 years old. No charge for children under 5 years old accompanied by an adult. There will also be raffles and auctions.

ST. PIUS X SUPER BINGO — Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church, 2336 Brownsville Road, Carrick, Pa. $40 Entry Ticket includes: 20 Regular Games (180 cards) and 4 Specials Games (36 cards). Jackpot Tickets are sold separately at the event. All winners will receive cash payouts. Persons under 18 years are permitted to purchase and play, only if accompanied by an adult. Doors open 10 a.m. There will be Basket Raffles and yummy food. Only 200 tickets will be sold. To make reservations and for any questions, call church at 412-881-8344.

ST. PIUS X ADVENT PIEROGI SALE – Sale dates: Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 11, 18, St. Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Road, Carrick, Pa. Pierogis will be on sale (frozen only). Varieties available: Potato and Cheese, $11 per dozen and $6 per half-dozen; Cottage Cheese, $15 per dozen ad $8 per half-dozen; and Sauerkraut, $12 per dozen and $6 per half-dozen.

HOLIDAY BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA — Noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, St. John the Baptist Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Doors open at noon. Donation of $25 includes: Sit Down Dinner served at 1 p.m.. Beef Tips over noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Roll and Butter and Dessert and Door Prizes. Basket Auction drawing beginning at 3:45 p.m. 50/50 and other raffles will be available. Variety of vendors to begin your Christmas shopping early. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Diane Pochron at 412-303-6534.

ST. MARY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE - St. Mary, 40 Church St., New Salem, Pa. Betka's Long Kolachi Rolls: $15 each (Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot, Cottage Cheese and Pineapple Mix, Nut and Apricot Mix). Cookies: $8 per dozen. Chocolate Chip, Buckeye Brownie Cookies, small Nut Rolls, Iced Apricot-filled Cookies, and Peanut Butter Blossoms. Quantities are limited. To order, call: 412-491-9705. Last day to place orders is Sunday, Nov. 15. Orders to be picked up at St. Mary Social Hall (address above) between 1-3 p.m.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PIROHI SALE — St. John the Baptist, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown,Pa. are making pirohi (pierogi) for take-out only. Available are Potato/Cheese or Sauerkraut, and Prune (frozen only); and can be ordered cooked or frozen at $12 per dozen. Orders may be placed by calling 724-434-5355 (this number only) 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 Friday 9 a.m.-noon in back of school building in upper parking lot. These sales run through May, with exception of the week of a major holiday and a pause in sales after Christmas through January.

TASTE OF HEAVEN COOKIE SALE – Come and experience a "Taste of Heaven" at 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 5, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, 2005 Mohawk Road (Brookside Farms), Upper St. Clair, Pa. The annual "Cookie Walk" will be brimming with traditional holiday and everyday favorites. Fill a container as you stroll along the tables with your choice of individual cookies or purchase pre-packaged delicacies and specialty sweet treats. Also featured will be live holiday music! Cash and credit/debit cards will be accepted. Proceeds benefit parish projects and our ByzanTeens. Call or text 412-720-3542 with questions. We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHRISTMAS CRAFT/BAKE SALE — Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, St. John the Baptist, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. Sponsored by the Ethnic Craft Club. The sale in the upstairs Social Room 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 to be awarded. 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. and leave message.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV. 1
Standard Time ("fall back") resumes at 2 a.m.

Annual Marian Moleben for the Causes of Beatification and Canonization of our Four Saintly Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Bishops
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, Holy Ghost, 225 Olivia St., McKees Rocks, Pa.
See "Around the Archeparchy" (above) for more information

NOV. 11
Veterans Day
National observance

NOV. 16 to 19
Archbishop William attends the annual meeting of the Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore, Md.

NOV. 21
Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

NOV. 26
Thanksgiving Day
Chancery closed Nov. 26 to 27

DEC. 6
St. Nicholas Celebration
St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, Pa.

See more upcoming events at www.archpitt.org

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