

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

July 24, 2022

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Cantor
Joseph Luzanski

Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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A celebration of marriage will be held by our diocese on September 11, 2022 at St. Elias Church in Pittsburgh for all parishioners who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 35,40,45,50 or additional years that are a multiple of 5 years during 2022.

There is a signup sheet in the back of the church. Father needs this form by July 29, 2022 so that your names can be submitted to the diocese.

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory
to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctury Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6

Menologion

SS. Boris and Gleb, Martyrs, in their baptism had taken the names of Romanus and David, were Princes, sons of St. Vladimir, the first Christian Grand Duke of "Rus." They died A.D. 1010.

St. Christina, Martyr, was tortured and put to death at Lucas Vulsinus in Tuscany, Italy. A.D. 200 during the reign of Septimius Severus, Emperor.

Propers

Tone 6 Troparion - 152 v. Glory...
Kontakion - 152 v. Now & Ever...
Theotokion - 406
Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 153
Our Father- 71

Fasts & Feasts

August

1-14 Dormition Fast
6 Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ
15 The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary
29 The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

Friday, September 2 Otpust begins.

2022 Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park will be Thursday July 28, 2022. It a 100th anniversary. There are discounted park tickets. Ticket options are: \$25 Ride All Day ticket; \$22 Senior (65+) Ride All Day; Lunch \$10 kids (3-10) and \$17 (11+) Contact the GCU @ 724-495-3400

The Journey's End is Knowledge of God
The holy prophet Elias is remarkable among the prophets and fathers for many reasons. Our Church has reflected often on the life of this great prophet, marveling at his power over nature and his boldness before God and men. The texts for this feast call him the 'second fore-runner', and 'pure one'. He is a fore-runner of the coming of Christ, a figure of John the Fore-runner, and of the Savior himself. He stands between God and man, calling all to faith and fidelity. Against idolatry and injustice, he is an uncompromising prophet of singular dedication. Reflecting upon Elias' ascension in the chariot of fire, we see that Elias is not yet dead, but has ascended bodily into heaven. But all men must die, so his earthly mission must not yet be complete. So, we answer that Elias will return before the second coming of Christ, acting as a 'second fore-runner'. Elias will call us to prepare for the great day of the Lord's return. Then, it is said, he will suffer martyrdom, and die, giving his life in witness to the presence of the Lord.

The Word of Truth - So they threw Jesus out of their city, pronouncing by their action their own condemnation. So they confirmed what the Savior had said. They themselves were banished from the city that is above, for not having received Christ. That He might not convict them only of impiety in words; He permitted them their disrespect of him to proceed to deeds. Their violence was irrational and their envy untamed. Leading him to the brow of the hill, they sought to throw him from the cliff. But He went through the midst of them without taking any notice, so to say, of their attempt. He did not refuse to suffer - He had come to do that very thing - but to wait for a suitable time. Now at the beginning of his preaching it would have been the wrong time to have suffered, because He had not yet proclaimed the word of truth. (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

Saint Anna, Mother of the Virgin Mary
July 25 is the feast of the Dormition of Saint Anne. We commemorate her holy death on this day. Tradition refers to St. Anne as being the mother of Virgin Mary. Although not written of in the Bible, the name Anne (grace) is given credence in the non-biblical gospel of James: this is a mix of Scripture and some rather fantastic legends. Saint Ann was said to have been born in Bethlehem and married Joachim from Nazareth in Galilee. Joachim was a shepherd given the task of supplying the temple of Jerusalem with sheep for sacrifices. After twenty years of marriage Anne and Joachim had no children. This is a tragedy in Judaism: it meant that there would be no children to pray for their souls to be remembered, and they did not have a son who could have been the Messiah. Once, when Joachim overheard ridicule because of their childless state, he is said to have gone into the desert to plead with God to give them a child while Ann prayed at home. After a time of fasting, angels appeared to both of them, saying they would be given a child they were to name Mary, who would be the mother of the Messiah. Icons show them embracing each other with the joyful news. The icon of Saint Ann usually shows her holding the Virgin Mary in her arms. Mary holds flowers, a sign of her purity and sinlessness.

Prayer alone is good. But the power of God is invoked by prayer and sacrifice. Many of us have been praying a lot, but we haven't been sacrificing. We haven't been offering up our sufferings to Jesus Christ, with patience, resignation, and joy, for the salvation of souls, the conversion of sinners, and the upbuilding and well-being of the Church. Prayer is essential, but Jesus didn't save the world with prayer. He saved the world by suffering and sacrifice.