

July 26, 2020



SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
231 Pacific Avenue
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JULY 19, 2020 COLLECTIONS

Sunday.....\$960.00	Donations.....\$780.00	Candles.....\$476.00
Monthly.....\$80.00	Fuel/ AC.....\$75.00	Total.....\$2,371.00

Parish contact information

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Confessions: 10.00-10.30
on Sundays or by appointment
Sunday Liturgy: 10.30AM
Sick Calls: As scheduled,
or anytime in case of an emergency
Readings and Music on July 26:
1 Corinth 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22
Tone 7, p. 156

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dormition Fast (Spasovka).** Beginning August 1 and continuing until August 15, the Eastern Churches (both Catholic and Orthodox) observe the Dormition Fast as established of old, keeping it according to an unwritten tradition. It is a fast in honor of the Holy Theotokos, in preparation for the celebration of her holy Dormition (falling asleep). Our fast ends on August 14th the day we celebrate the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. For St Mary's such a fast is also a spiritual preparation for the patronal feast that will fall this year on Sunday August 16.
- **300 club.** 3rd week winner is Kathy Fragola.
- **Pilgrimages to the Carpathian village and Uniontown.** The summer is a usual time for the pilgrimages. Yet, due to the current situation with the pandemic, both the usual pilgrimages have been cancelled. God willing these pilgrimages will resume the next year.
- **The visit with the Eucharist** to our sick parishioners is scheduled this coming week. Please, remember in your prayers the sick, the homebound, and their caregivers.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We welcome all new members to our parish family and hope you will become an active part of our parish community by participating fully in our spiritual and social life. We are delighted to welcome you! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together,

Fr. Gregory and parish family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE JULY 26-AUGUST 2

Sunday July 26 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am - Divine Liturgy, for parish families of St John's and St Mary's (pro populo) (St John's)
10.30am - Divine Liturgy, +Anna Bendick, w Panachida, by Mary and Betty Bendick (St Mary's)

Tuesday July 28 - Prochorus and Other Apostles

6.00pm - Divine Liturgy, special intention (St John's)

Friday July 31 - Eudocimus Venerable

12.00pm - Divine Liturgy, parishioners' intentions (St Mary's)

Saturday August 1 - Procession of the Cross

4.00pm - Divine Liturgy, special intention (St John's)

Sunday August 2 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am - Divine Liturgy, parish families of St John's and St Mary's (pro populo) (St John's)
10.30am - Divine Liturgy, +James and Anne Kaulker, w Panachida, by Mary and Betty Bendick (St Mary's)

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

The miracle story assures Jesus' followers and the readers of the Gospel that God will hear them when they pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." There is thus a parallel with the story of God's provision of manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16; Numbers 11), a parallel that is explicitly developed in John 6:31, 49. Under the main theme of the Messiah's caring for his people are several subthemes. First, the story parallels in part a miracle credited to Elisha in II Kings 4:42-44, where loaves of barley bread are shared with a hundred men, who eat and have some to spare, in fulfillment of the word of the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left." Second, as Elisha performed this miracle through the agency of his servant, so Jesus involves his disciples in the multiplication of bread and fish. The prayer "Give us this day our daily bread" requires active participation from those who wish to see it answered. Third, and in the same vein, the story reminds early and modern readers that God uses what we bring, even if all we have to offer consists of five small loaves and two dried fish. Jesus does not here fall prey to the temptation that he had earlier resisted of turning stones into bread (4:3-4); he uses what his disciples bring to him. Many poor Christians have been encouraged by this story to offer their little for the work of God's kingdom, knowing that no offering is too small for God to use. Finally, the motif of twelve baskets of leftovers warns against waste. It is natural to think of this detail as pointing to the superabundance of God's supply, but in fact a mere twelve basketfuls after many thousands have eaten suggests a very narrow margin