

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to Him Forever!

Welcome to Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral. We are delighted you have come to pray with us. Our Church follows the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel and passed on to us through the teachings of the Holy Apostles and Holy Tradition.

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8:45 am

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Saturday 4:00 PM

Weekday Services

Sunday 9:00 AM

See Bulletin

Confessions: Sat. 3:00- 3:45 pm & Sun. 8:00 -

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Vigil Vesper/Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Begins on Pg. 104 in Green Book

Psalm 140	Tone 6	Pg 149
Vesper Hymns (Stichera)	Tone 6	Pp 149-151
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Alleluia	Tone 6	Pg 153

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Begins on Pg. 11 in Green Book

Troparion	Tone 6	Pg 152
Kontakion (Glory to the Father...)	Tone 6	Pg 152
Prokimenon	Tone 6	Pg 153
Alleluia	Tone 6	Pg 153

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ST. STEPHEN'S MEN'S GROUP- The group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Each session will begin at 7:30 PM with Vespers followed by a group discussion on an assigned spiritual reading. The group will meet next on July 17.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR PARISH 50TH JUBILEE- We are working with Life Touch, a company which produces pictorial directories for parishes around the country. Photos will be taken in the parish hall. There is a list at the back of church to sign up. The final photo shoot will be Saturday, July 21. You can also sign up online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddg567s/> If you are unable to come to photo shoot you can send a digital photo to huts1009@gmail.com but try to get photographed since after 10 digitals we are charged \$10.00 for each digital photo we send in. **We also need volunteers to be hosts when people come for the photo shoot. Fr. Joe will be having surgery on July 11, so he won't be able to sign people in as in the previous photo shoot. Please contact the rectory office (602-943-5372) if you can volunteer to sign people in for the photo shoot on Saturday, July 21 at the parish hall.**

PLEASE REMEMBER FR. JOE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK- Fr. Joe will be having a revision surgery on his left knee on Wednesday, July 11. After a few days in the hospital he will go to a rehabilitation center for about a week and then hopefully come back home and do outpatient therapy at a facility just down the street from St. Stephen's. Please remember him in your prayers on Wednesday and during his time of therapy.

ST. STEPHEN'S 50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018- The celebration will begin with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 1:00 PM at our Cathedral of St. Stephen with our bishop Most Rev. John S. Pazak CSsR as the main celebrant. Our Bishop Emeritus and Protosyncellus Most Rev. Gerald N. Dino and the clergy of our parish and eparchy will assist. Following the Divine Liturgy at 3:00 PM there will be a no-host social hour in the parish hall and the dinner will begin at 4:00 PM. The Jubilee Dinner will be catered. We are working on the invitations and all parishioners will receive an invitation through the mail. You are highly encouraged to set aside this day to celebrate this important event in the history of our cathedral parish. **There will be a Saturday, Vigil**

This Week's Liturgical Schedule

Sun 7/8 Sat 4:00 pm Sun 8:45 am Sun 9:00 am	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost +Abeer Gerbrah by Karen Ratliff 3 rd Hour Holy Chrismations Intention of Parishioners of St. Stephen's Cathedral	Tone 6	Fr. Joe Fr. Diodoro
Mon 7/9 8:00 am 12:00 pm	The Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina P. 383 Personal Intention 6 th Hour		Fr. Joe
Tues 7/10 8:00 am 12:00 pm	The Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia P. 381 Personal Intention 6 th Hour		Fr. Joe
Wed 7/11 8:00 am 12:00 pm	The Holy Martyr the Illustrious Euphemia P. 391 Personal Intention 6 th Hour		Fr. Diodoro
Thurs 7/12	The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion <i>No Morning Divine Liturgy</i>		
Fri 7/13 8:00 am 12:00 pm	Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel P. 361 Personal Intention 6 th Hour		Msgr. Kevin
Sat. 7/14	The Holy Apostle Aquila <i>No Morning Divine Liturgy</i>		
Sun. 7/15 Sat 4:00 pm Sun 8:45 am Sun 9:00 am	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost P. 156 Memory of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils Intention of Parishioners of St. Stephen's Cathedral 3 rd Hour +Kathryn Kloc by George Klotz	Tone 7	Fr. David Fr. David

Special Intentions: Erwin Armada, Barbara Dugan, Joanie Mahar, Helen Furka, Vincent Rice, McCarthy Family, Marti Lopez, Kathleen Linkowsky, Betty Geletey, Richard Gable, Robert King, Ann Ryan, Chris Faix, Robyn Foy, Elaine Browne, Mark Chapa, Mike Chapa and Iliana Villegas.

May the Lord rest His healing hand on His servants and hear their requests:

Mary Rabayda, Jane Walsh, Steve Durkit, Dorothy Dumnich, Richard Reese, Chris Balsz, Sr. Christopher OSBM, Dorothy Bezeredi, Carlene Eneroth, Fred Way, Sharon White, Nancy Sandrock, Marlene Rolling, Bob Dugan, Cathy Milko, Michael Dougherty, Widad Butty, Clementina Mendoza,

Vesper/Liturgy on Saturday, September 29 at 4:00 PM but there will not be a 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 30!!

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARISHIONERS TO PLACE GREETING IN THE PARISH 50TH JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK- Whenever parishes celebrate a special jubilee year in their parish, they produce a booklet which contains photos of events of the church and a history of events which have taken place in the parish. It is also common to have pages in the booklet on which fellow parishes, organizations and local businesses offer their greetings and send a donation for their greeting to be placed. We are also offering that opportunity to our parishioners to remember their deceased relatives or to honor their living relatives. Along with mentioning the name of your relatives you can add a greeting to the cathedral on the occasion of our jubilee. The donation for placing a greeting is \$250.00 for a full page, \$125.00 for a half page and \$50.00 for a quarter page. A page would be a regular 8 ½ by 11 inches. If you wish to place an ad you can place it in the Sunday collection, bring it to the parish office or e-mail it to Fr. Joe- huts1009@gmail.com

We ask that you get your greeting or ad into the parish by August 6, 2018 so we can have plenty of time to finish printing the booklet. Thank you!!

PARISHIONERS JULY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES POT LUCK AND BIRTHDAY CAKE SOCIAL: SUNDAY, JULY 29 IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY-

Please join our parish community in celebrating the June birthdays and anniversaries of our parishioners. The pot luck begins after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Please bring one of your favorite dishes to share. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in July and do not see it listed in the bulletin, please let Fr. Joe know so we can update our book.

ADDITIONS TO PARISHIONERS JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 20- Deacon James Danovich

July 27- Kristina Danovich

ST. STEPHEN'S RELIGIOUS BOOKS & ICON SHOP- We encourage our parishioners and visitors to check out our religious books & icon shop in the parish hall. The shop is open on Sundays after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

This Week's Candle Intention

Eternal Lamp- +Ryan Winn by Loretta & Bert Winn **Resurrection:** Fr. Joe

Sat. 4 PM-14 / Sun. 9 AM-92

Our Weekly Gifts to the Lord—*May the Lord bless your kindness and generosity!*
June 30 / July 1

Tithes: \$1,429.35 - Candles: \$36.50 - Coffee Social: \$37.00— Peter's Pence: \$25.00
Gift Shop: \$3.00 - Seminary Expense Fund-: \$100.00 – Building Fund: \$85.00
Total: \$1,715.85

21 of 135 registered families donated tithes this weekend

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, July 29- Parishioners July Birthday & Anniversaries Pot Luck & Cake Social
Following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 6- Deadline for parishioners to submit their greetings for the Parish 50th Jubilee Booklet (Donation amount listed in bulletin)

Sunday, August 26- Parishioners August Birthday & Anniversaries Pot Luck & Cake Social

Sunday, September 30- Cathedral Parish 50th Jubilee Celebration
1:00 PM Divine Liturgy - 3:00 PM Social Hour – 4:00 PM Dinner

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE READING: ROMANS 15:1-7

Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 9:27-35

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows *about this!*" But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him. After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, *and were* saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

LITURGY (CONTINUED)

Liturgy in heaven and on earth

The liturgy takes place, first of all, in heaven, where Jesus Christ, Son of God and Lamb of God, stands before the throne of God the Father, interceding on our behalf. In this heavenly liturgy the souls of the Just, and the angels of God in all their orders, take part:

I looked again and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped. (Revelation 5:11-14)

The Church "in pilgrimage" - that is, the community of Christian believers on earth - takes part as well, through the services established by Christ and his Apostles, and by their successors the bishops. This earthly liturgy, around the world and throughout time, is one way in which we are brought in contact with heaven.

The Church sets aside special places - church buildings - for liturgical services, and adorns them according to the requirements of each liturgical rite. (To find out more about the layout of the church building in the Byzantine tradition, see Liturgical architecture.) And liturgy in this world always involves the body as well as the soul. In the Byzantine Rite, this means that the liturgical arts (architecture, hymnography, iconography) are crucial to the experience of worship. (To find out more, see Liturgical actions: the body in worship.)

Liturgy involves the entire community

Because it is modelled after the pattern of the Trinity, and because it brings us into communion with God, with the angels, and with each other, liturgy is essentially an act of the entire Christian community, even if all cannot be present. It is Christ who is present in every liturgical action, and He emphasized this by saying, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). The apostle Peter compared the members of the Christian community to stones that together form a building:

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)

Within such a spiritual temple, each member of the community has a part; there are no spectators in Christian liturgy. See Roles in the Liturgical Assembly.

This also means that even services we sometimes think of as "private", such as baptisms and weddings, are truly actions of the whole church community, and are aimed at a deeper communion between God and man.

Liturgy takes place in time

Just as the church building sets apart a space for worship, and in doing so serves to sanctify the entire world, the Church's liturgy sets aside certain times and events, devoting them to God. In the liturgy of the Byzantine Rite, we experience liturgical time as a set of repeating cycles, by which all times are consecrated:

- The daily cycle of services, from sunset to sunset;
- The weekly cycle of commemorations, in which each day of the week is dedicated to a particular mystery, event or personage in salvation history;
- The 8-week cycle of tones, a set of hymns and prayers repeating every eight weeks through the year ;
- The liturgical year, the annual cycle of feasts and fasts, in which the Church commemorates the great events of salvation history, and honors the saints and martyrs of each. The liturgical year consists of
 - a cycle of moveable feasts, based on the feast of Pascha (Easter), and
 - a cycle of fixed feasts, with a different commemoration for each day from September 1 to August 31.

The church's liturgy also marks and accompanies pivotal events in the life of each individual Christian, when he or she is made an adopted child of God, obtains forgiveness of sins, receives blessings for lifetime vocations, intercedes for the living and the dead, and finally, dies and is accompanied to the grave by the prayers of the Church. These are the Holy Mysteries and the other services for the living and for the departed.

Our most important liturgical service, the Divine Liturgy, is the fulfillment of all the other services. In the Eucharist (Greek for "thanksgiving"), the Church presents itself and all creation to God, after the example of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our great high priest. It is in this act of thanksgiving that the Church becomes what God intends for it to be; in a certain sense, it is the Eucharist that makes the Church.

Liturgy has a goal

The purpose of liturgy is union with God; we repent of our sins, glorify God, give Him thanks, and ask for his assistance in order to draw closer to Him and inherit the new life He offers us. The liturgy provides us with a pattern for this new life.

The liturgy also expresses our faith: the words and actions we use show forth what we believe. That is why the words we use in liturgical prayer are important.

Finally, the liturgy is Christ's means for renewing the world. As the theologian Aidan Kavanaugh put, "Liturgy is the Church "doing the world" the way God meant for the world to be done." If the Church is Christ's visible presence in the world, the liturgy is the Church's visible witness to God's plan of salvation.

(Taken from the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of Pittsburgh)