

**ST. MARY'S  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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July 16, 2023

**SUNDAY OF FATHERS OF SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS** Page 152, 341

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Rev. James A. Ragan  
25th Anniversary of Christ's Priesthood )and all Living  
& Deceased of Ragan & Sopkovich Families

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. 99th Birthday Blessings of Kay Sheppa  
by Joni Edgar & Family

WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. ELIAJH GREAT PROPHET Page 343  
10:30 a.m. +Harold Turjanica by Daughter, MaryAnn

FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy



**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 23, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Anthony & Margaret Hanigosky  
by Daughter, Susan & Rick Teter

*Sacraments of Initiation... of Luke Anthony Bird*

*O Christ our God, You are above all praise. You have established our  
Fathers as beacons on the earth. Leading us all to the true faith through  
them. O most merciful Lord, glory to You!*

*CHURCH DONATIONS July 9, 2023  
Will be in next weeks bulletin*

**CONGRATULATIONS FATHER JAMES RAGAN**  
*May God bless you abundantly for the good you have done for  
the Archeparchy! And may He bless you with good health for  
the next 25 years!!*

**SOCIAL GAMES**

Games are played every Sunday...Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games begin  
at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on our Great Prizes and a FUN NITE out  
with Family & Friends.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Will be held Sept. 10, 2023 at St. Elias Church, Pittsburgh, PA.  
Couples celebrating significant anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35,  
40, 45, 50, or additional will be honored. Please call our office to let  
us know by July 21st so they can send out the invitations.

**GCU BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY**

Will be held at Kennywood Park July 27th 11:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.  
....RIDE ALL DAY. \$28.00 age 4 and up.

Contact GCU 1 800 722-4428 for tickets

**CHURCH PICNIC**

Mark your calendars...Feast of Dormition is Aug. 15th. Liturgy will  
be held Monday., Aug. 14th at 4:30 p.m. and dinner to follow. More  
info to be announced.



*O Prophet who foretold the coming of Christ, you are forever in the presence of God's glory, and you intercede for those who are suffering. Since you serve the majesty on High, you bless the whole world and are glorified everywhere. Now obtain for us the forgiveness of our sins.*

### THE TRAGEDY OF GOSSIP

My name is gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it. People are indignant if they are denied the right of freedom of speech, but sometimes they overlook the duty to use this right responsibly. We need to be on our guard and practice restraint in our speech. May it be used for praise and not destruction.

### FOR SAFETY'S SAKE...GO TO CHURCH

Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents. Do not stay at home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve some form of transportation.

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and, these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! Adult Enrichment Class is safe too. The percentage of deaths during these classes is even less.

*For safety's sake...attend church! It could save your life!*

### HAPPINESS

Happiness is something we create in our minds...it's not something we search for and so seldom find...it's just waking up and beginning the day...by counting our blessings and kneeling to pray...it's giving up wishing for things we have not, and making the best of whatever we've got...for it's by completing what God gives us to do...that we find real contentment and happiness, too.

### HOLY PLEDGE

*This is what I pledge:*

To live a life of prayer and help along life's road to all those who stumble there;  
To see the good in folks, to laugh with them and sing; to find a bit of beauty within each trivial thing; To let my heart overflow with tenderness and love; to keep my thoughts in tune with those of His above.

### AGE

*It is said by many:*

Age is a quality of mind. If you have left your dreams behind. If hope is cold. If you no longer look ahead. If your ambitions' fires are dead. **THEN YOU ARE OLD.**

But if from life you take the best. And in life you see the jest. And if love for mankind you hold: Then, no matter how birthdays fly. No matter how the years roll by,  
**YOU ARE NOT OLD.**