

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

26 JULY 2020 ♦ TONE 07 ♦ EOTHINON 08 † EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / FEEDING OF 5 THOUSAND

GREAT DOXOLOGY:

Liturgy Book p. 1

ANTIPHONS:

FIRST:

Liturgy Book p. 11

SECOND:

Liturgy Book p. 11

THIRD: *Beatitudes*

Liturgy Book end

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Liturgy Book p. 14

APOLYTIKIA:

Resurrection (Tone 7)

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Holy Hieromartyr Hermolaos and His Companions

(Tone 4)

Your martyrs, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from You, O our God, on account of their struggle. Armed with Your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

Holy Venerable Martyr Parasceva

(Tone 1)

Having justified your name by your diligent life, you inherited as a permanent possession an ever-ready faith, O blessed Parasceva, victorious in battle. As a result, you dispensed acts of healing and you make intercession for our souls.

Patron

Liturgy Book p. 20

KONDAKION: *Transfiguration*

Liturgy Book p. 149

TRISAGION:

Liturgy Book p. 23

PROKIMENON: *Ps.28: 11, 1*

(Tone 7)

The Lord will give strength to his people. *Stichon:* Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

EPISTLE:

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I beseech you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all say the same thing, and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be perfectly united in one mind and one purpose. For I have been informed about you, my brethren, by those of the house of Chloe, that there are quarrels among you. Now this is what I mean: each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name? I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Caius, lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. I baptized also the household of Stephanas. I am not aware of having baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News, not with the skill of eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be made useless.

ALLELUIA: *Psalm 91:1,2*

(Tone 7)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord. † To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your truth by night..

GOSPEL:

St. Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, when Jesus saw a large crowd, out of compassion for them he cured their sick. Now when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, "This is a desert place and the hour is already late; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them. "They do not need to go away; you yourselves give them some food." They answered him, "We have here only five loaves and two fishes." He said to them, "Bring them here to me." And when he had ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied; and they gathered up what was left over, twelve baskets full of fragments. Now the number of those who had eaten was five thousand men, not counting women and children. And immediately afterwards he made his disciples get into the boat and cross ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd.
of heaven."

HIRMOS:

Liturgy Book p. 40

KINONIKON:

Liturgy Book p. 47

POST-COMMUNION HYMN:

Liturgy Book p. 52

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS IN JULY

Saturday, July 26, 2020

Great Vespers 3:15 p.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 27, 2020

Resurrectional Orthros 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

2020 WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 19

Weekly Offering	\$ 585.00
Monthly	\$ 75.00
Diocesan Collections:	\$ 15.00
Liturgy Intentions	\$ 100.00
<u>Candles</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total:	\$ 785.00

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

25 July†Michael Barron
from Anthony and Kathie Barrett
26 July†Frank Milewski
from Anthony and Kathie Barrett

01 August†Frank Milewski
from Deborah and Connie Parente
02 August†Michael Barron
from James and Karen Kane
08 August†Frank Milewski
from James and Karen Kane
09 August†Anthony Joseph Bolus
from Bonnie Bolus
15 August†Anthony Joseph Bolus
from Barbara Albert

2020 FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS

DATES:

Friday, August 7: 4 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Saturday, August 8: 4 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Sunday, August 9: 1 P.M. - 7 P.M.

FOOD PREPARATION: AUGUST

Grape leaves: 4th/5th : 4pm Until done.
Kibbie: 5th : 10 am
Tabouli: 5th : 1pm while kibbie cooling
Hummus: 6th : 10am
Toum: 6th : after hummus about 11:30
Hashweh: 6th : after Toum about 3pm
Lebanese rice: 7th : 9am
Shish Kabob making 7th: 9 am

DRIVE THRU- TAKE OUT PIGGIE DINNER

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church,
205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. 18640

Thursday, August 6, 2020: 4pm to 6pm
or until all Dinners are sold.

Piggies, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable,
Bread and a Dessert.

The Cost is \$12.00 per dinner

Payable at the Drive-Thru.

*2020 Third Quarter
Financial Report
in the back of the church*

SAINT ANNA, MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS

The holy and righteous Joachim and Anna are the parents of the Theotokos, the grandparents of Jesus Christ. Their feast day is celebrated on September 9, following the Nativity of the Theotokos; the dormition of St. Anna is commemorated on July 25.

St. Joachim was of the tribe of Judah, and a descendant of King David. St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, of the tribe of Levi as was Aaron the High Priest. Matthan had three daughters: Mary, Zoia, and Anna. Mary was married in Bethlehem and bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem and bore Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Forerunner; and Anna was married in Nazareth to Joachim, and in old age gave birth to the Theotokos.

Sts. Joachim and Anna had been married for fifty years, and were barren. They lived devoutly and quietly, using only a third of their income for themselves and giving a third to the poor and a third to the Temple. Joachim had done this since he was 15-years-old, and God multiplied his flocks, so the couple was well provided for. They longed for a child but remained childless into their old age. When they were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim, "You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Others who had children jostled Joachim, thrusting him back as unworthy. In despair, he consulted the genealogical records of the tribes of Israel and discovered every righteous man in the nation had been blessed with children, except him. This caused the aged saint great grief, and he and his wife left with heavy hearts. Then the two of them gave themselves to prayer to God that He would work in them the wonder that He had worked in Abraham and Sarah, and give them a child to comfort their old age.

St. Joachim took his flocks and went to a high mountain, refusing to return home in shame. Meanwhile, St. Anna prayed in her garden. God sent the Archangel Gabriel to each of them, who gave them tidings of the birth of "a daughter most blessed, by whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed, and through whom will come the salvation of the world." Each promised to have their child raised in the Temple as a holy vessel of God. The archangel told St. Joachim to return home, where he would find his wife waiting for him in the city gate. St. Anna he told to wait at the gate. When they saw one another, they embraced, and this image is the traditional icon of their feast. The Archangel also reminded Joachim that, "according to your vow, she (Mary) shall be devoted to the Lord from her infancy, and she shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from her mother's womb. Mary shall not eat or drink anything unclean, nor shall her conversation or life be among the crowds of the people, but in the temple of the Lord, that it may not be possible to say, or so much as to suspect, any evil concerning her". Again, St. Romanos chants, "Joachim on the mountain prayed to receive fruit from the womb of Anna; and the prayer of the holy man was received".

Anna, meanwhile, went home to her garden weeping bitterly. She sat under a laurel tree and prayed, "O God of our fathers, bless me and hear my prayer, as You opened the womb of