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George N. Juba
President
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Enjoy the Sunshine

I do hope that you are enjoying your summer thus far, it is my favorite season! The hotter the better for me! I truly believe that sunshine and the beautiful summer landscape that God has created places you in a “better frame of mind.” Why is it that the summer just flies by and the dark, gloomy cold days of winter just seem to last forever? I do enjoy the first major snowstorm of the winter season and the cold and snow for the Christmas Holiday Season, but beyond that forget it! I guess I’m showing my age as I remember as a child, snow and cold temperatures were not an issue! My friends and I would explore the wooded areas close to my home; admire the massive icicles formed over the caverns and ice skate on open mine pits. The mine pits were prevalent from the once vibrant coal mining industry in North-eastern Pennsylvania. Again, so many fond memories that I attribute to the wonderful parents I was blessed to have!

I invite you to once again check out the various summer activities scheduled in several of our Constellations. Please visit the GCU’s website – www.GCUusa.com – and “click on events” to view all the volunteer, fundraising and social events planned for 2023. We continue to experience great turnouts and see several new faces participating in various events. The GCU supports a substantial budget for our volunteer, fundraising and social events in addition to our financial support of our Byzantine Catholic Parishes, the

Saints Cyril and Methodious Byzantine Catholic Seminary, various other Christian organizations and our communities. Through the Grace of God and Divine Intervention by the GCU’s Patron, St. Nicholas of Myra, the financial strength of the GCU allows for the continued support of our Founders’ “Mission”, “Vision” and “Purpose” in organizing the GCU over one hundred and thirty-one years ago.

We are in the process of finalizing our financial statements for the first six months of 2023. The GCU’s assets continue to increase and stand at \$2.7 billion reflecting a \$52.6 million or 2% increase over year end 2022. A net gain of \$3.1 million from operations before realized capital gains/losses was recorded for the first six months of 2023. Surplus declined by \$1.8 million and stands at \$217.7 million. This reduction is primarily due to a \$4.5 million Asset Valuation Reserve (AVR) adjustment required by statutory accounting rules. The AVR is a reserve for possible future credit losses within the GCU’s overall investment portfolio. The increase is partially due to the \$50 million increase in our bond portfolio. Notwithstanding, GCU’s total adjusted capital, a regulatory financial strength measure, increased \$2.7 million at June 30, 2023. A detailed report on GCU’s financial statements through June 30th, 2023 will be presented by our CFO Tim Demetres in the October issue of the *GCU Magazine*.

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Reverend Valerian Michlik as the GCU’s Spiritual Advisor. Father Valerian replaces our former Spiritual Advisor Rt. Reverend Mitred Archpriest John S. Kachuba, who unexpectedly passed away in February of this year. Our sincere thank you to Very Reverend Richard I. Lambert, a former Spiritual Advisor, who graciously accepted to serve on an interim basis. Father Michlik was sworn in as the GCU’s Spiritual Advisor at the third quarter Board Meeting. The bio of Father Michlik is presented for your review on page 2.

In closing, my best wishes to you and your family for a safe, fun and relaxing summer! Enjoy the summer landscape that God has provided!

Goodness Is Great!



GCU President/CEO George Juba with GCU Compliance Director John Harbist and his wife Beaver, PA Constellation Coordinator Elizabeth Harbist, at Kennywood Park.



Very Rev. Richard I.
Lambert

GCU Interim Spiritual Advisor

Thank You

Iwould like to take this opportunity to thank the GCU Board and Membership for their confidence in me as their past and recently interim Spiritual Director. I welcome Fr. Valerian Michlik as he

becomes the new GCU Spiritual Director. I will continue to remember Fr. Val, the GCU Board and all of you in my prayers.



Fr. Valerian M. Michlik

GCU Spiritual Advisor

Welcome Father Val

Fr. Val's Family Information. My parents and sister arrived in the United States following the Prague Spring Revolution of 1968. Why the U.S.? Well, we had family here. My great grandfather lived and worked for many years in Pennsylvania. After working in the coal mines and steel mills, our great grandfather Janko (John) returned to Czechoslovakia

to be with his family, but his sister Helen remained here in the U.S. Following the invasion of Czechoslovakia in August of 1968, many decided to leave the Eastern Bloc, including my father who was a young priest at the time. He used this opportunity to leave his native country in search of a better life in this beautiful country where I was born.



Caesar and I.

Childhood, Education and Coming Back to the US. I was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, but I grew up on two different continents. The first half of my childhood was spent in the coal region of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Small towns, friendly people, and block parties fill the memories from this part of my life. I spent my childhood like many of you, playing outside with my friends, riding my bike, and going to the swimming pool. But I also grew up in the church. When I was 3 years old, I became an altar server. Afterwards, my family returned to Slovakia. There I learned the language, which was no easy task, attended school, and answered my calling to the priesthood. After one year at the Greek Catholic Seminary in Prešov (Пряшів), I continued with my studies in the eternal city of Rome. I was truly blessed to complete my philosophical-theological studies at the Pontificia Università San Tommaso D'Aquino. Afterwards, I continued with my postgraduate studies in Eastern Canon Law at the Pontificio Istituto Orientale.

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It was in Rome that I first met Metropolitan Archbishop Judson M. Procyk of blessed memory. He invited me to come to Pittsburgh and the rest is history.

Pastoral Assignment. Following my ordination to the diaconate I was assigned to St. John Cathedral in Munhall, PA. It was there that our three daughters were baptized. Afterwards I continued my priestly ministry within the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Parma: first, as a parochial vicar (assistant) at St. Josaphat Cathedral in Parma and then as pastor of St. George in the Northside of Pittsburgh. In 2012 I returned to serve with the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Since then, I have been the pastor of St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair.

Additional Archeparchial Responsibilities. Since I was blessed to receive my formation and complete my studies in Rome, I have always felt a calling to teach. I simply wanted to pass on the knowledge and pastoral experience that I received to future generations. So yes, one of my first assignments was to become an instructor at our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Over the years I have taught Eastern Canon Law, Pastoral Leadership, History and Liturgics. I have really enjoyed my time at the Seminary and am grateful for the opportunities I've had to be with our future priests, deacons, men and women accepting leadership roles in our church.

Over the years I've also been called to serve at our Chancery, which serves as an administrative center for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. In the beginning I was the assistant chancellor, then assistant judicial vicar, and now I serve as the judicial vicar. It is a place of service to the clergy and faithful of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

GCU. Twenty-five years ago, Archpriest Fr. John G. Petro of blessed memory brought me for the first time to St. Nicholas Chapel. When I saw the Chapel, I was overwhelmed! Such a gem in our very own Southwestern Pennsylvania! Seeing the architecture, I felt like I was somewhere in the

Carpathian Mountains. Afterwards my wife and I saw the museum and enjoyed a wonderful luncheon with Fred & Mary Ellen Petro.

For many years our daughters Anja, Nika and Katya were also members of the Slavjane Folk Ensemble, which has always been supported graciously by the GCU. Over the years, I've witnessed the impact of the GCU not only on a parochial level, but also as they have supported our Seminary and the entire Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh.

As I embrace this new calling to serve as National Spiritual Advisor and National Director of the GCU, I hope to continue the legacy of our clergy who have always been a part of the GCU. I especially would like to honor the legacy of Rev. Fathers Cornelius Laurisin, Theodore Demjanovich and Stephen Varzaly, who faithfully served God, His Holy Church and our God-loving people in the early days of the GCU and throughout the, sometimes turbulent, years that followed.

I ask for your prayers as I begin this new ministry.



Spiderman and I.



Jeff Long
Sales Director

Irrevocable Burial Trust

Back in the 1980's my grandma spent the last few years of her life in a nursing home. It wasn't an ideal situation, but she had several medical issues that made it difficult for her children to provide for her care themselves. Grandma's limited assets were soon gone and then she qualified for Medicaid. The state paid for her nursing home stay and after a few years, she passed away.

I remember vividly at her grave side service, watching my uncle walking up to the people paying their respects with a hat turned upside down in his hands. He was "passing the hat" to help pay for Grandma's funeral. Enough money was collected to pay for the funeral, but I know my grandma would have been upset with the situation. Nobody had planned for the day we all knew was coming.

I shared this story with you because there is a better way to make sure that your final expenses are taken care of, without putting a financial burden on your family.

Let's talk about the GCU Irrevocable Burial Trust.

The GCU Irrevocable Burial Trust (IBT) is the best way to make sure your final expenses are taken care of, no matter what may happen to your financial situation during your final years. Here are some reasons that people choose to use GCU whole life insurance policies together with the Irrevocable Burial Trust.

- Assets in an IBT are not considered "countable" assets by Medicaid.
- You can pre-pay for a funeral and associated costs without choosing a specific funeral home or even visiting one.
- The IBT, funded with whole life insurance, has immediate tax-free growth and the death benefits avoid the probate process.
- An IBT cannot be surrendered, dissolved or reversed by anyone, even the State, ensuring that your wishes are carried out.

Because there is a better way to make sure that your final expenses are taken care of, without putting a financial burden on your family.

Of course, there are rules and regulations that must be followed, and each state has slightly different rules. Most states will allow up to \$15,000.⁰⁰ to be placed in a burial trust while others allow less.

Here is an example on how using the GCU Single Premium Whole Life insurance would work using an IBT.

Betty, age 70, wants to make sure that she provides the funds needed for her final expenses. She applies for a GCU Single Premium Whole Life insurance policy and pays a one time premium of \$9,189.⁰⁰. Her death benefit is \$15,000.⁰⁰ and the policy is designated as an Irrevocable Burial Trust. Going forward, even if Betty goes to a nursing home and ends up on Medicaid, her IBT is a protected asset—she knows that her funeral expense will be paid for, and her family will not have to "pass the hat."

Now that is the right way to plan.

Give GCU a call if you have questions or want more information.



GCU Irrevocable Burial Trust

The GCU Irrevocable Burial Trust (IBT) is a way to get the insurance you need now and protection from unforeseen expenses later.

Features

- Avoid Medicaid spend down
- Completely portable
- Tax-free and bypasses probate
- Irrevocable

Why it's a good idea

- Assets in an IBT are not considered "countable" assets by Medicaid.
- You can pre-pay for a funeral and all associated costs without choosing a specific funeral home or visiting one.
- Funded with Whole Life insurance, an IBT has immediate tax-free growth and its death benefits avoid probate.
- An IBT cannot be surrendered, dissolved or reversed by anyone (not a lawyer, the government or family), ensuring your wishes are carried out.





Sisters of St. Basil to Celebrate 89th Annual Pilgrimage



In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 1

6:30 PM Compline & Blessing of Water at Lourdes Grotto

Saturday, September 2

7:30 AM-12 NOON Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)
House of Prayer Patio

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

9:30 AM Third Hour at Shrine Altar

9:45 AM Procession with Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10 AM Divine Liturgy—Welcome Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM

1-5 PM Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)
House of Prayer Patio

1 PM Moleben at Shrine Altar

2 PM Children's Pilgrimage at Children's Tent, **Orientation for Teens** at Prayer Garden, **Mystery of Anointing** at Shrine Altar, **Young Adult Pilgrimage** (location TBD)

3 PM Teen Pilgrimage at Prayer Garden

4 PM Vespers with **Divine Liturgy** at Shrine Altar

7 PM Procession from House of Prayer to Mount Macrina Cemetery, Parastas/Procession to Shrine Altar/Akathist, Teen Social

Sunday, September 3

7 AM Divine Liturgy House of Prayer Chapel

7:30 AM Matins at Shrine Altar

7:30 AM-12 NOON Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)
House of Prayer Patio

9 AM Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) at Shrine Altar

11 AM Divine Liturgy for Vocations Shrine Altar

12:20-5 PM Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)
House of Prayer Patio

1 PM Children's Procession with Special Blessing for Youth & Young Adults—from House of Prayer to the Shrine Altar

2 PM Enrichment Session at Trinity Center, **Bereavement Session** at Mausoleum, **Children's Pilgrimage** at Children's Tent, **Teen Pilgrimage** at Prayer Garden, **Young Adult Pilgrimage** (location TBD)

2 PM Mystery of Anointing at Shrine Altar

3:45 PM Procession from House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

4 PM Divine Liturgy at Shrine Altar—Words of Gratitude: Sister Susan Sisko, O.S.B.M.

7 PM Candlelight Procession (beginning and ending at the Shrine Altar)

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Following the Candlelight Procession: **Teen Social** at Prayer Garden Area, **Young Adult Social** at Trinity Center, **Input Session**-Seminarians (Followed by a social)

Monday, September 4

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy at Shrine Altar

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Atty. John J. Urban

Lessons in the Law

When Your Will Does Not Work

A GCU member recently sent me an email stating that she was a beneficiary under a Will and when it was all said and done she received nothing. She was wondering how this could happen?

Quite frankly this happens more frequently than you can imagine.

For a Will to be effective, the Will must be probated at probate court and there must be what we call probate assets. Everyone has heard of or read "How to Avoid Probate." If an asset has a named beneficiary on it, that asset is not a probate asset and goes by contract to the named beneficiary. This is a contract with the bank or insurance company and the Will does not control who receives the money.

This could be a good thing or bad thing and you must be aware of what you are trying to do with your assets when you die.

I have a case now when mom died leaving two (2) children. Her Will states everything is to be divided 50/50 between her two (2) children. Mom's only asset is a bank ac-

count with \$900,000.⁰⁰ in it. Mom set up the bank account with one (1) child as joint tenant with right of survivorship. So, when mom died, one child received everything and the other child received nothing. The child who received nothing wanted to sue on the basis that the Will said everything was to be 50/50. As stated, this was a contract with the bank to pay the beneficiary and not a probate asset. Therefore one (1) child gets it all.

The moral of the story here is to make sure you have your assets titled properly as to who are the beneficiaries and to make sure your wishes are followed. In this case, the child receiving all of the money, refuses to share anything with the other sibling even though the Will states everything should be split 50/50. Legally she does not have to share the money.

This is why it is important to review your estate plan with a competent estate planning attorney.

Questions, comments or ideas about future articles contact me at jurban.gcu@gcuusa.com.

GCU Home Office Hours of Operation

The GCU Home Office (800.722.4428) is open Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM EST.

The Call Center (855.306.0607) accepts calls Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 7 PM EST and Fridays 8:30 AM to 5 PM EST.

The Home Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009



Holy Annunciation Monastery Sugarloaf, PA



Check presentation to Mother Marija from Corporate Community Events Coordinator Melissa Cohen.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Helping Hands Day at Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, PA in June. Volunteers did an excellent job helping out with both light-duty indoor chores as well as some outdoor yard work. There was work that enabled everyone to contribute and all worked together as a team. Thank you to Mother Marija and everyone at Holy Annunciation for the delicious refreshments and generous pizza lunch afterwards.

We appreciate all of the donations that went toward the GCU Matching Funds

program. A \$500.00 check was presented to Mother Marija in front of the Agnes Rohrbach memorial bench.

Mark your calendars for October 7, 2023 for another Helping Hands Day at Holy Annunciation Monastery. There will be an 8:30 AM Liturgy for whoever would like to attend; Helping Hands Day to follow until 12 NOON with refreshments served after. Contact Melissa for more information mcohen@GCUusa.com 878.207.2327.



Remembering Agnes.



Everyone found a job to do!



Members helped with inside work as well, folding boxes and unwrapping kisses for cookies.



Outside work.



Group photo.

Mt. Saint Macrina Uniontown, PA



Dedicated volunteers who shared their time and talents at Mt. Saint Macrina on June 3, 2023.

On Saturday, June 3, 2023 GCU members and in the Southwestern Pennsylvania area, along with parishioners from local Byzantine Catholic churches joined together to assist the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown, PA. The 40+ volunteers came together for Helping Hands Day at Mt. St. Macrina to beautify the grounds of the monastery.

The day was under the direction of Sr. Joanne Lickvar. There was plenty to accomplish, with volunteers sticking to mostly outdoor chores this year. Many helped clean up

debris that had accumulated over the winter. Volunteers also planted flowers in numerous flower beds spread across the sprawling property. There were trees to prune and additional areas to prepare for the pilgrims returning this year to attend the annual Pilgrimage over Labor Day weekend.

If you missed the chance to help on June 3, there will be an additional day of preparation for the Pilgrimage on Saturday, August 19, with a rain date of August 26. If you have questions or would like additional information, please email GCU Fraternal-Communications Director Basil Wahal at bwahal@GCUusa.com.





Michaela Mancak & William Muchal.

Community Matching Funds

JESSUP, PA

Jessup Hose Co. #2 Donation

A check presentation of \$2,000.00 was presented to the president of Jessup Hose Co. #2 William Muchal by GCU member Michaela Mancak. The GCU Match was made in conjunction with the concession booth run by Michaela and her family at the fire company’s annual carnival held May 25-29, 2023.

Michaela Mancak | Coordinator

Community Matching Funds

BEAVER, PA

Folds of Honor Flag Tournament

On Monday, May 29, 2023 Seven Oaks Country Club Golf Professional Jason Hammel conducted

a fundraising tournament for the Folds of Honor organization. The Flag Tournament is an individual net game and everyone that participates receives an American Flag with their name and shot total from the event. This year’s entry fee was \$20.00 with \$15.00 of the entry fee going directly to Folds of Honor. The remaining \$5.00 purchased Golf Shop Credit for the winners. The Folds of Honor Foundation awards scholarships to families of fallen or disabled veterans. Thanks to the GCU Community Matching Funds program the organization received an additional \$2,000.00 with a total of \$5,000.00 being donated to Folds of Honor.



Seven Oaks Golf Professional Jason Hammel with GCU Matching Funds check.



Attendees showing off their hats!

Community Matching Funds

PHOENIX, AZ

Mother’s Day Tea

On Saturday, May 13 a Mother’s Day Tea event for mothers and families who dressed for the occasion. Attendees enjoyed a great lunch, played games and won prizes. The event benefited the Catholic Daughters Scholarship Fund.

Joanie Mahar | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Community Matching Funds

YOUNGSTOWN, OH

Donations Made

Karen & David Muransky presented two checks each to both the Salvation Army and Veterans Outreach. One check was for \$1,250.00 from St. Mary's Bingo event and the other was a check for \$1,000.00 from GCU Matching Funds.

Karen Muransky | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Above is the donation to Veterans Outreach and at left is the donation to the Salvation Army.

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2023-2024 GCU Scholarship Programs

Applications for scholarships will be available on the GCU web site beginning October 1, 2023. All applications must be completed online.

[GCUusa.com](https://www.gcu.edu)

John and Mary Ellen Oslick Celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary



Mary Ellen and John Oslick.

A hearty congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee Wedding Anniversary of GCU National Director John W. Oslick and his wife, Mary Ellen. John and Mary Ellen are parishioners at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in McKees Rocks, PA, but have lived in Denver, CO for the past 18 years surrounded by their three children and three grandchildren. Blessed wishes to many more!



Anthony DeProspero, Dr. John Kutzfara and Jackie Kutzfara.

On The Run Again

Once again, GCU members Jackie Kutzfara, Anthony DeProspero residents of the South Hills of Pittsburgh and Dr. John Kutzfara of Buffalo, NY ran in the Pittsburgh Marathon on May 7, 2023. Congratulations go out to them for completing the half marathon as family members cheered them on.



Chris with Terri McCaskey.

60th Birthday Donation

Chris Chamberlain, a member of the Fraternal/ Communications Department at the GCU Home Office recently celebrated her 60th birthday. She requested that party goers bring a dog or cat toy/treat to be donated to a local animal shelter, rather than bringing a gift. On June 19, Chris gave the collected items to the Columbiana County Ohio Humane Society. Staff member Terri McCaskey was happy to accept the many items. Please remember your local animal shelters or dog pound when making a donation or when making your year-end contributions.

GCU Employee Contributes to Beaver Heritage Museum's National and Statewide Awards



PA Museums executive director Rusty Baker and board director Leslie Przybylek (left) present the statewide special achievement award in Hershey, PA in April to Beaver Area Heritage Museum officials, (L-R) Edwards McLaughlin, Beth Spence, Tom Dowlin and Mark Miner.

Photo Provided By Mark Miner

Beaver, PA – June 26, 2023 - The American Association for State and Local History is bestowing a 2023 Award of Excellence to the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation and Museum for its provocative 2022-2023 museum exhibit and video documentary, “Saint or Sinner? The Complicated Legacy of Senator Matthew Stanley Quay.” The award will be presented on September 8 at the AASLH annual conference in Boise, ID.

It is the second major award the Heritage Museum has received this year for its visually rich examination of the life and practices of Quay, the 19th and early 20th century Pennsylvania State Treasurer, United States Senator and Republican National Committee Chairman from Beaver. In April, in a ceremony in Hershey, the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations bestowed a 2023 Special Achievement Award.

The free Saint/Sinner display is open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM through the end of November.

GCU Graphic Artist Tom Dowlin was the chief designer of the multiple panels used in the display. His talents are truly showcased in this exhibit.

“The Award of Excellence is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation of state and local history,” said Bethany Hawkins, AASLH chief of operations. “This year, AASLH is proud to confer 51 national awards honoring people, projects, and exhibits which represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history.”

Added Rusty Baker, executive director of the Pennsylvania Federation, “The annual awards are meant to inspire the mu-

seum field and impress visitors to museums. The Beaver Museum is one of Pennsylvania’s star performers, and we are proud to recognize its great work along with other museums and historical organizations throughout the Commonwealth.”

More than 1,500 guests viewed the Saint/Sinner display in 2022 and overwhelmingly cast their votes that Quay was more of a sinner than saint in his life’s work. The documentary, produced in association with Pacer Studios, captures the highlights of Quay’s personality and practices through the perspective of his biographer, 100-year-old Dr. James A. Kehl, who unfortunately died midway through the project. The 35-minute, highly entertaining video is posted on the Heritage Foundation’s new YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/SjenXmcjdcY>

All-new in the museum this year is an interactive video touch-screen presentation featuring 17 expanded clips of Kehl’s best sound bites, including some not shown in the documentary.

“We are grateful that our small community museum has been recognized not only throughout Pennsylvania but also the nation,” said Edwards McLaughlin, chair of the museum’s board of trustees. “It’s exciting to be recognized for our team’s work and thrilling to be counted among all of the great organizations that will receive awards this year.”

Mark Miner Communications, LLC

Dress A Girl Around the World

GCU's GoGive! program continues to support the charity called Dress a Girl Around the World (DAG). This organization was founded by Rachel Eggum Cinader in October 2009. Women from all over the United States and around the world have made over one million dresses for poor and underprivileged girls in over 81 countries. Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, as well as Indian reservations and poverty-stricken areas like Appalachia, all receive shipments from DAG. Girls in these areas are very often regarded as having no value... simply because they are girls.

Volunteers create dresses from size 0 to 14. They must be made of sturdy material because they will be washed in rivers and streams. The dresses must also be constructed so that they will fit a variety of body types. Little girls like bright colors and pretty prints and one popular style is a T-shirt dress (pictured at right). Additionally, a label is sewn to the front of each dress and it tells possible sex traffickers and

others that the girl is protected by an organization and may help save her from a terrible fate.

Ambassadors throughout the world accept these dresses from individuals and sewing groups and make sure that they are shipped to the proper destination. Missionaries then "hand-carry" the dresses and slip them over the tattered clothing of the girls. They just "beam" when they receive their new garments.



DAG in Kenya.

was delighted to receive acceptance into the GoGive! program and will continue to fashion garments for the **Dress a Girl Around the World** program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this project was interrupted for three years. Now the missionaries are back to traveling and taking their dresses to delighted young girls around the world.

A GCU member became aware of this charity and has already made 215 dresses to date. She

Thank you, GCU, for your continued interest in serving those in need. For further information, visit DAG's website at dressagirlaroundtheworld.com



DAG in Honduras.

Corporate Community Events Coordinators



Molly Kullen
Corporate Community
Events Coordinator
Western PA

Pittsburgh Pirates Game. The first GCU Pittsburgh Pirates outing of the summer was on Sunday, June 11, 2023! Over 60 members attended. Before the game, kids were able to go on the field to meet and take photos with the players and the pierogies. After the game, kids were able to run the bases. It was a fun afternoon for the whole family! The next GCU Pirates outing is for the fireworks extravaganza night on Saturday, August 26.



Sienna & Logan Valvano.



Members enjoyed the day at the ballpark.



Wine Bus Trip to Madison, OH. A wine bus trip was held on Saturday, June 24! The GCU group visited three different wineries in Madison, OH—Grand River Cellars, Debonne Vineyards and Laurello Vineyards. At each location, attendees enjoyed a wine tasting and learned about the wine and history of each winery. It was a terrific day!



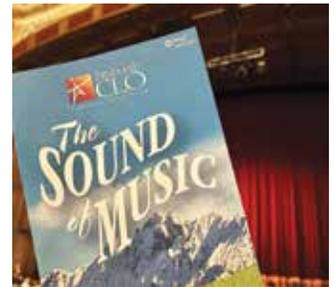
Debonne Vineyards.



Laurello Vineyards.



Grand River Cellars.



The Sound of Music. GCU Members attended a production of the Musical the Sound of Music on Saturday, July 15 at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh, PA. It was amazing to see the production live on stage. The audience enjoyed hearing and singing along to the classic songs.



Upcoming Events

Pittsburgh Pirate Game Firework Extravaganza Night

Saturday, August 26, 2023 7:15 PM
PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA

Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, September 25, 2023
Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver, PA

Flight 93 Memorial and Luncheon Bus Trip

Saturday, October 14, 2023
Shanksville, PA

More information to come

Miracle of Christmas Sight & Sound Theatre Bus Trip

Saturday, November 4, 2023
(Lancaster) Ronks, PA

Bus pick up in Beaver & Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Steelers Game

Sunday, November 12, 2023 1 PM
Steelers vs. Green Bay Packers
Acrisure Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA

Dates and times are subject to change.

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Melissa Cohen
 Corporate Community
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 Eastern PA,
 NY, NJ, MD, MA, CT, DE, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL



The group at the Sight & Sound Theater.

Sight & Sound Theater.

GCU Members enjoyed a trip to the Sight & Sound Theater on Saturday, June 3 to see the very popular show, Moses. Participants enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch at Bird-In-Hand Restaurant after the show. GCU is very excited to be returning to Sight & Sound for The Miracle of Christmas show on November 4, 2023. Our GCU friends from the Home Office/Pittsburgh area will be attending the show that day as well!



Bird-In-Hand Restaurant.

Byzantine Family Day at Knoebels. We had a wonderful Byzantine Family Day at Knoebels Amusement Park on Sunday, June 11. The food was delicious, and the weather was HOT. Thank you, Fr. Paul Varchola West (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Levittown, PA), for celebrating the Divine Liturgy right at the Park before lunch. Assisting with Divine Liturgy was Prof. Joseph Ferenechick - Director of Music, and Pan'i Alissa West – Cantor. Congratulations to our raffle winners and our grand prize winner, Mike Boyle, for winning our 50/50 raffle! A prize of \$143.⁰⁰ went to our lucky winner, and \$143.⁰⁰ went to The Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf, PA.



The group at Knoebels Park.

Holupki Open.

The 2023 Holupki Open was very competitive, with several teams coming within a couple of strokes of each other. Congratulations to our winners!



Volunteers ready for a busy day.

A special thank you to Judy Kringer, the former Hazleton lodge officers for coming together and volunteering, and all of our volunteers! Mark your calendars for the 2024 Holupki Open at White Birch Golf Course on Saturday, July 13, 2024. Shotgun will be at 10 AM.

Champion Flight First Place: Michael Handzelek, Chris Godlewski and Jacob Handzelek. Champion Flight Second Place Ed Keil, Scott Schukraft, Andrew Schukraft and Gary Norconk. Second Flight Winning Team: Thomas Betterly, Howie Betterly, Stephen Betterly and Mark Buchinsky. Second Flight Runner Up Team: Joseph Oravec Jr., Mike Malozzi, Brian Smith and Tony Glovas. Ed Keil-longest drive (male); Ann Arbogast-longest drive (female) and Mike Sabol was closest to the pin on Hole 13.



Golfers ready to start.

More photos from the Holupki Open appear on page 37.



Melissa with Sherri Homanko (left) and Fr. Paul Varchola West and his family (right).

More photos from Knoebels appear on page 35.



At left is Ed Keil's foursome and above is Mary Boyle's group.

RailRider Baseball Game. The RailRiders featured GCU as their Community Organization of the Game on Friday, July 21, 2023. CCEC Melissa Cohen had the opportunity to talk about GCU during an on the field interview. There was a featured GCU table with festive Hawaiian leis. Melissa interacted with fans, and one lucky GCU member threw out the first pitch! Great job Caden!



John Evans, Laure Marcin, Crystal Vladika, Chairman of the Board Greg Vladika and Melissa Cohen.



At left is Caden Kasarda throwing the first pitch and above is Caden and his family.



Upcoming Events

Philadelphia Phillies vs St. Louis Cardinals Ball Game

Saturday, August 26, 2023 7:15 PM
Section 136

Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia, PA

Mahoney City Community Day/Train Ride & Festival

Saturday, September 9

Roba Family Farm Day & GCU Picnic

Saturday, September 9

North Abington Township, PA

Reading to Pottsville, PA Train Ride/Youngling Tours

Saturday, September 16 10 AM
Reading Outer Station, NY

Fall Helping Hands Day

Saturday, October 7 8:30 AM

Holy Annunciation Monastery-Sugarloaf, PA

Pittston to Jim Thorpe Fall Foliage Excursion Train Ride in Crown Class Coach

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Pittston Station, Pittston, PA

Delaware River Railroad Excursions The Great Pumpkin Train

Saturday, October 21, 2023 12 NOON
Phillipsburg, NJ

Sight & Sound Miracle of Christmas Show Bus Trip

Saturday, November 4

Sight & Sound Theatre, Ronks, PA

Kalahari Indoor Waterpark Overnight Stay

Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18
GCU Discounted Rooms

Pittston to Jim Thorpe Train Ride

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Pittston Station, Pittston, PA

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Constellations



Arizona Constellation

Father's Day Bowling

On Father's Day June 18, the Arizona Constellation held a bowling event. Fathers bowled for free and snacks were served during the event. All in attendance enjoyed the camaraderie and the event was a fun afternoon.

Joanie Mahar | Constellation Coordinator

UPCOMING ARIZONA CONSTELLATION EVENT

Harvest Fest

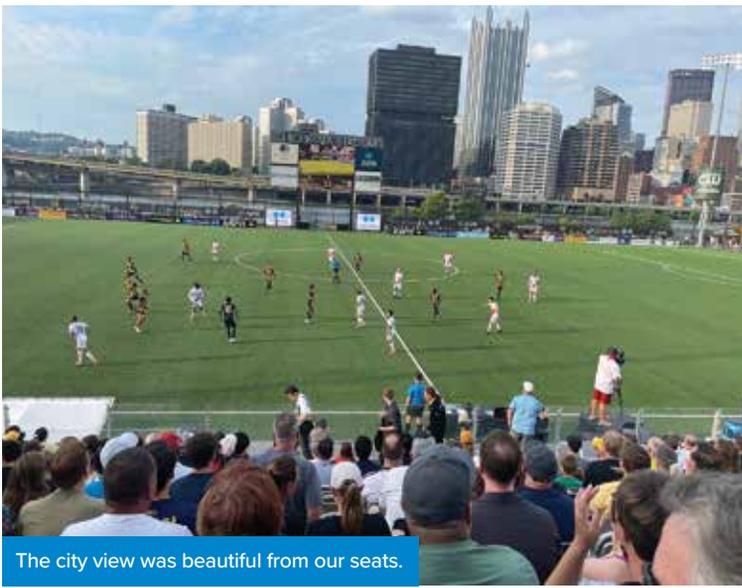
Saturday, October 28, 2023

Villa De Maria Academy
8524 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Contact: Joanie Mahar at 602-920-0607 or joaniesellshomes@aol.com for more information or questions.



Members and their guests enjoyed Father's Day bowling and socializing.



The city view was beautiful from our seats.

Beaver Constellation

Riverhounds Soccer Match & Tailgate

The Constellation Coordinators of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Constellations joined together to plan a memorable outing on July 8, 2023. Members and guests gathered on Pittsburgh's South Side for a pre-game tailgate complete with sandwiches, fruit, chips, cookies and cold drinks. Long-time friends had a chance to catch-up and share memories of past GCU events. Then everyone headed into Highmark Stadium for the soccer match between the Pittsburgh Riverhounds and Sacramento Republic. It was a spirited game ending in a tie score. The group's seats were mid-field, allowing for a great view of the game and the city backdrop. The youngest attendees in the group marveled at the trains and boats passing the stadium on the beautiful summer evening.

Elizabeth J. Harbist | Beaver Constellation Coordinator



UPCOMING BEAVER CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Annual Golf Outing

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Shotgun Start 12:30 PM

4 Person Scramble Format

\$60 Members

\$80 Non-Members

Buffet Dinner Only \$35

Seven Oaks Country Club
132 Lisbon road, Beaver, PA 15009

Contact: Elizabeth Harbist at 412-913-1446 or eharbist@gmail.com for more information.

Rock and Roll Doo Wop V.23 Concert

Saturday, October 21, 2023

7 PM

\$45 Members

\$56 Non-Members

Capitol Theatre
1015 Mail Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact: Elizabeth Harbist at 412-913-1446 or eharbist@gmail.com for more information.



Beaver Constellation Coordinator Elizabeth Harbist and Pittsburgh Constellation Coordinator Michelle Tanney at the tailgate table.

Binghamton Constellation

United Way Day of Action 2023

United Way organizations across the United States keep busy working on local projects every day of the year. Friday, June 23, 2023, was a great day to spread kindness and give back to the community. Members, family, and friends of the Binghamton Constellation dressed in comfy clothes to give the Johnson City Senior Center some much-needed curb appeal as they prepare to celebrate their 40th Anniversary!



The Johnson City Senior Center is a non-profit community organization that provides education, recreational, nutritional and other programs. Their activities include arts & crafts, computers, dance parties and trips. Executive Director Kim Robinson was very welcoming, excited to have us and greatly appreciative of the help.

While tasks like weeding, mulching and trimming bushes may seem simple, they cannot be done without volunteers. United Way's Day of Action, Day of Caring, or any day there's an opportunity to give back, can be a great experience for the volunteers and the people in need. Every senior who walked into or out of the Center on June 23rd was complimentary, happily shared a smile and expressed their words of thanks. We are eager to continue our commitment to service and are already planning our next opportunity to help.



Volunteers at the Senior Citizens Center.



Members enjoying golf at Sandstone Hollow.

Destination Turning Stone

The Binghamton Constellation was excited to organize a bus trip to Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY on July 19. Participants were invited to receive their choice of either Free Play or BINGO Bucks plus a Food Voucher upon arrival on their Rewards Card.

It was a beautiful, sunny, and warm day that offered something for everyone. Bingo, food, free play, gaming, shopping, and people watching were some of the highlights enjoyed by the travelers. A group brought their clubs and golfed at Sandstone Hollow, others walked around the property and some sat outside working on their tans.

Thank you to all our passengers who enjoyed snacks, drawings and fun to and from Turning Stone on a fantastic day that began and ended with sunshine, laughter, smiles and more.

Many thanks to GCU for supporting this Constellation event. We weren't even off the bus and several folks were asking when we would be going on our next trip. Stayed tuned for more information as we'll start working on that very soon!

Daria Shierly | Binghamton Constellation Coordinator

UPCOMING HAZLETON CONSTELLATION EVENT

A Day in New York City Bus Trip

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Contact: Melissa Cohen at 878-207-2327 or
mcohen@GCUusa.com.

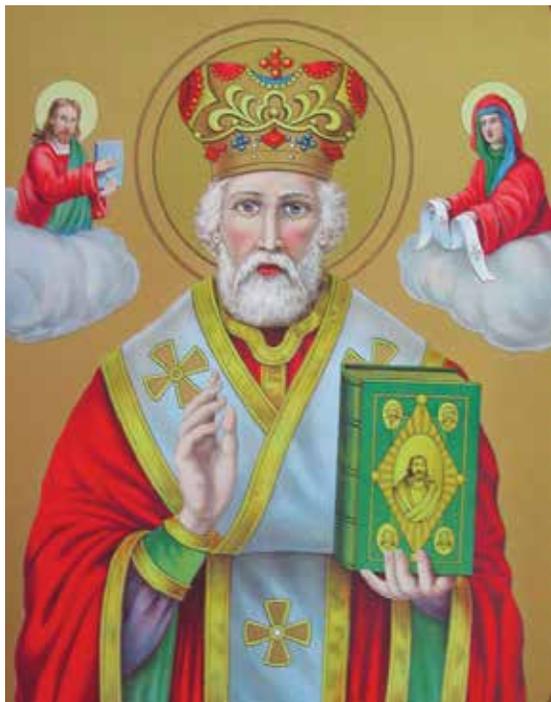
Illinois Constellation

Crisis Center Volunteer Event + Hot Dog Truck

A social/lunch was provided on Sunday, July 9 for the clients and children of the Crisis Center, shelter staff and GCU attendees via a fun Hot Dog Truck. Lunch included hot dogs, hamburgers, chips or fries and soft drinks. Over 40 people turned out for the event. The outpouring of appreciation from the residents was overwhelming. Volunteers stayed after lunch to assist in cleaning up the grounds after the children's festivities. The Skittles candy brought a smile to each of the very excited children. The afternoon was a refreshing break for all from their everyday concerns and worries. Everyone ate well and had an enjoyable time in the sun on what turned out to be a beautiful day for all!

Larry Lattuca | Illinois Constellation Coordinator

66th Annual St. Nicholas Charity Dinner



Sunday, December 3

St. John the Baptist Cathedral Center
Munhall, PA

Benefits the Byzantine Catholic Seminary



UPCOMING ILLINOIS CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Volunteer Activity for Toy Box Connection & Dinner Outing

Saturday, September 9, 2023

3 PM

Orland Park, IL

Contact: Larry Lattuca at 708-949-6649 or LL3554@gmail.com

Christmas Dinner Celebration

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:30 PM

\$7 Members / \$3 Youth Members

\$10 Non-Members / \$4 Youth Non-Members

Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant

14459 S. La Grange Road, Orland Park, IL 60467

Contact: Larry Lattuca at 708-949-6649 or LL3554@gmail.com

Indiana Constellation

Bowling and Pizza Party

On Friday, June 16, members living in the Indiana State Constellation came out with their kids and grandkids to enjoy a bowling event at Inman's Bowling Alley. Participants enjoyed pizza and had an amazing time together.



Bowling fun for all ages.



Volunteer Activity for Lakeshore PAWs Dog Shelter

GCU members had the opportunity to volunteer at the Lakeshore Paws dog shelter on Saturday, July 15.

Volunteers worked on some cleaning projects and spent time walking and interacting with the dogs. The shelter was very appreciative of the help and donations.

Michelle Earp | Constellation Coordinator



Volunteers at the shelter.



A few of the friendly faces at the shelter.



Rita, Georgia & Kathy at the game.

Laurel Highlands Constellation

Altoona Curve Game and Picnic Outing

Members and guests enjoyed a night of fun, fellowship and baseball at the Altoona Curve game on June 2, 2023. Members and guests shared a 2-hour picnic at the third base Stuckey Pavilion. Thanks to the Home Office, members were given a bag of GCU items as well.

Georgia Lehman | Constellation Coordinator



Chris & Dylan Lehman.

UPCOMING LAUREL HIGHLANDS CONSTELLATION EVENT

Ornament - The Music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Saturday, November 18, 2023

7:30 PM

Arcadia Theater
1418 Graham Avenue, Windber, PA 15963

Register & pay with a credit or debit card on
GCUusa.com/Events/November

Contact: Georgia Lehman at 814-242-2083 or
gjlhman56@gmail.com for additional information.



Members at the game enjoying food and fellowship



UPCOMING SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE CONSTELLATION EVENTS

Meet-n-Greet Social-Scranton Trolley Museum & Trolley Ride to a RailRiders Baseball Game

Sunday, August 27, 2023

RailRiders vs Lehigh Valley

Game Time 1:05 PM

\$15 GCU Members 9

Meet-n-Greet, Trolley Ride & Game Ticket

\$25 Non-Members

Meet-n-Greet, Trolley Ride & Game Ticket

If you have a game ticket already

\$5 Members

\$15 Non-Members

PNC Field

235 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA 18507

Contact: Laure Marcin at 570-466-5941 or laure64@live.com.

End of Summer Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 17, 2023

\$65 per person / \$240 foursome-GCU Member

\$85 per person / \$340 foursome-Non-Member

SAVE \$10 pp-if you participated in the Holupki Open

Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club

260 Country Club Drive, Mountain Top, PA 18707

Donation will be made to Gary Sinese Foundation

Register online at GCUusa.com or contact Laure Marcin at 570-466-5941 or laure64@live.com.

Parish Matching Funds

Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

BEAVER MEADOWS, PA

Frozen Pirohi and Haluski Sale

On Friday, June 16, parish pirohi workers had a frozen pirohi and haluski sale. The sale also received GCU Parish Matching Funds to increase the church's income from the event.

Michael Komishock | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Mary Rayno, Elaine Woodring, Julie Yankoski and Jackie Lohenitz.



St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church

BRUNSWICK, OH

16th Annual Fr. John Keblesh Golf Outing

The weather was picture perfect for the 16th Annual Father John Keblesh Memorial Golf Outing on June 10. Golfers and non-golfers had the opportunity to participate in a raffle, games of chance, and everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner provided by the golf course. The event received GCU Parish Matching Funds benefiting St. Emilian Church.

Natalie Washlock | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church SCRANTON, PA

Rib BBQ & Bake Sale

On June 4, a Rib BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser was held to benefit the St. Mary BCC in Scranton. Rev. Leonard Martin and the parishioners thank the GCU for the \$3,000.00 Matching Funds check as well as the \$2,000.00 check that was sent previous. The parish truly appreciates the additional funding. Thank you!

Barbara Shimkus | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Check presentation: St. Mary Pastor Rev. Leonard Martin, GCU Parish Coordinator Barbara Shimkus, Trustees David Evanko & Brian McGoff, with parishioners Maryann Evanko, David & Denise Fueshko & Mary Lou Kukulya.

Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church DU BOIS, PA

Benefit Golf Outing

On July 16, an 18 hole golf scramble fundraiser for Holy Trinity Church was held. There were many ways to donate for the church kitchen remodel project and youth fund—hole sponsorships, 50/50, Vegas lottery, putting contests and basket raffle donations. Prizes were given to the 3 top place finishers plus skill prizes. The event received GCU Parish Matching Funds.

Teresa Kennis



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church HERMINIE, PA



Beautiful Mother's Day cookies.

Mother's Day Cookie Sale

Parishioners at St. Mary made baked goods and sold them on Friday, May 12 at lunch time with a Mother's Day theme.



Melissa & Maryna at the street fair.



St. Mary's table at the Irwin Craft Show.

Irwin Craft Show & Ethnic Food Festival

On June 10, St. Mary parishioners had a tent on the street at this year's craft show and ethnic food festival selling food and candles. All three events were eligible for GCU Parish Matching Funds.

Michael J. Pochan | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Summer Kickoff on Main Street in Herminie

St. Mary BCC had a food tent at the community street fair that offered haluski, baked goods and other items for sale.

Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

ENDICOTT, NY

Another Successful Bottle Drive

Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church isn't taking the summer off. Parishioners, family, and friends worked in overdrive on Saturday, July 15 to gather used, gently worn, and new shoes, while mountains of cans

and bottles were formed as part of two separate fundraisers. What began as a Can & Bottle Drive turned into a two-event drive-up.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to those who helped prepare for this event and to all the wonderful volunteers who spent the day assisting.

An extra special thank you and shout out to Dr. John and Jody Zevan. Their willingness to repeatedly provide

their trailer, set it up in the church parking lot, and then pick it up with cans and bottles overflowing, and transport it to the Redemption Center, was a key ingredient to the event's success.

As always, we extend a huge thanks for the GCU Parish Matching Funds!

Daria Shierly | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



A successful collection.



Mark Isayskyy.



Suzanne Chudachek & Anne Marie Zevan.

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church

ALIQUIPPA, PA

Annual Flea Market

On Friday & Saturday, June 23-24, St. George Church held their annual Flea Market, Bake Sale and Haluski Sale to benefit the parish. Many friends and neighbors from the surrounding communities came to purchase treasures at the flea market, plus the many delicious donated baked goods. The kitchen was busy making and selling over 70 quarts of homemade haluski (cabbage and potato dumplings). This was a GCU Parish Matching Funds event.

Kathy Kapaldo | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



The many flea market items.

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

CLYMER, PA



Members looking for treasures.

Community Yard Sale Days

St. Anne's participated in Clymer community yard sale days on July 13-15. Gently used items, food, baked goods and baskets were featured. Many people claimed new treasures for themselves. This was a GCU Parish Matching Funds event.



Janet Petro | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church
UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA



Donation Made—The recent Lasagna Dinner to benefit the ECF Program was a double success thanks to the generosity of the GCU. Pastor Fr. Valerian Michlik received the GCU Matching Funds check from Parish Coordinator Dorothy Mayernik and GCU members Michael Pillar and John Tomko. Sincere thanks to the GCU!

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church
CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Nicholas Parish held Friday Fish Fries throughout the Lenten season. Proceeds including GCU Matching Funds, will be used at St. Nicholas to support future events and/or projects.

John P. Minarish | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
FLUSHING, NY

115th Jubilee Celebration

On May 21, Transfiguration of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Cathedral celebrated the 115th Jubilee of the parish with a Hierarchical Liturgy with Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey, His Grace, Warsonofiusz, Bishop of Poland and invited clergy and a celebratory banquet at Princess Manor. There was a photo montage of the history of the parish, its parishioners and the life of the parish. The event received GCU Non-Byzantine Parish Matching Funds.

Ann Kandratinio

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church
FRESH MEADOWS, NY

Sviachenne

Not just one day, but weeks of preparation. Tables decorated with Easter egg table cloths, a Ladies Guild meeting to prepare the menu for our Sviachenne, and asking who will prepare the hard boiled eggs for Father, as head of the church family, to bless and serve? Horseradish and babka on the table. Kielbasy boiling in huge pots. Following the Divine Liturgy with Very Reverend Zbigniew Brzezicki, parishioners gathered as a church family and the constant Christos Voskrese and Voistina Voskrese could be joyfully heard all through the church hall.

On Sviachenne Sunday, the parish ate and prayed as a fraternal family and then... off to attack the pastry table and raffle tickets! Thanks to the GCU for the Non-Byzantine Parish Matching Funds.

Christine Hulak

GCU Supported Parish Events

St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church BRUNSWICK, OH

Mother's Day Breakfast

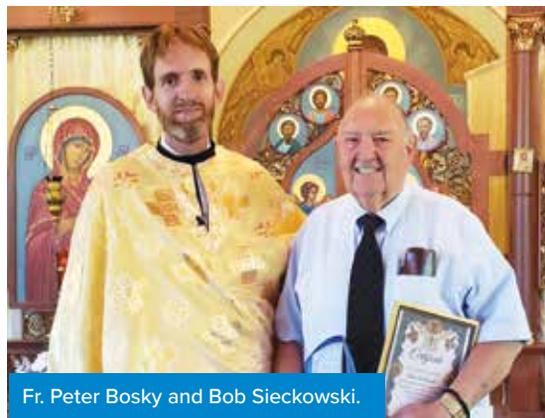
St. Emilian Church held a delicious breakfast honoring all moms on Mother's Day, May 14. Parishioners were invited to join in the celebration. Fr. Peter Bosky's son Benedek entertained the guests with his musical talent.



Benedek Bosky.

Father's Day Brunch

St. Emilian parish honored fathers with a delicious brunch on their special day. Parishioners were invited to attend the brunch on June 18. In addition, GCU member and dedicated cantor



Fr. Peter Bosky and Bob Sieckowski.

Bob Sieckowski was honored for his 46 years of eloquent, spiritual singing as he entered his retirement from this honorable devotion to the church. Bob began cantoring for St. Emilian in 1977. Thanks to the GCU for supporting both of these events through the Parish Social Program.

Natalie Washlock | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Mary Assumption Byzantine Catholic Church

NEW SALEM, PA

Celebrating Pentecost

A special treat was given to the parishioners of St. Mary Assumption Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. Each person was given a large cookie with green icing at the end of the Liturgy in celebration of the "Birthday of the Catholic Church." Thank you to the GCU for providing this treat.

Bernadette Karoffa | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Bill Dufala, George Skovran, Fr. Christopher Burke, Elaine Milan and Patricia Krulock.

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church

NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA



St. John the Baptist Feast Day

On June 24, St. John the Baptist Church celebrated the parish Feast Day with a Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, cake and many other desserts together in the church hall thanks to the GCU Parish Social Program.

Sandra Ferrance | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church HILLSBOROUGH, NJ

Scholarship Recipients

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough presented \$500.00 scholarship awards at the June 25 Liturgy. A reception in the fellowship hall followed.

Pastor Fr. Jim Badeaux presented the awards to:

Emily Gardner graduated from Franklin High School and plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine, majoring in pre-dentistry. Her goal is to be an oral surgeon. Emily is a member of the church choir, volunteers for the Tricky Tray fundraiser and is a member of the ByzanTeens. She also assisted with ECF classes.

Giavanna Opilla graduated from Bridgewater-Raritan High School and plans to attend Rutgers University, majoring in nursing. Her goal is to be a nurse practitioner.

Daniel Smith graduated

Immaculata High School and plans to attend Raritan Valley Community College, majoring in Automotive Technology. He has been

a faithful altar server for over 10 years and is a member of the ByzanTeens. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter in his community.

Sarah Smith graduated Immaculata High School and plans to attend the University of Scranton, majoring in kinesiology. Her goal is to be a physical therapist. Sarah is an active member of the church, volunteering for the Tricky Tray fundraiser and assisting in the kitchen for the parish bingo. She is a member of the church choir and the ByzanTeens.



Fr. Jim Badeaux, Viktoria Stefanik, Sarah Smith, Daniel Smith, Emily Gardner and Giavanna Opilla.

Viktoria Stefanik graduated from Hunterdon Central Regional High School and plans to attend The College of New Jersey to major in history and secondary education. Her goal is to be a high school history teacher and eventually be a school administrator. She is a member of the church choir and assisted with the ECF program as an aide.

The GCU Parish Matching Funds program helped provide the funding for the scholarships.

Elizabeth Pentz



St. John the Baptist Church LYNDORA, PA

Flag Day

Flag Day was celebrated by St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, June 11. A ceremony was held after the Liturgy at the nearby Lyndora Post Office. A luncheon followed in the church hall courtesy of the GCU Social Program and parishioners.

John Pocchiari | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church SMITHTOWN, NY

Father's Day Breakfast & Year End Religious Classes

A combined Father's Day breakfast & end of year religious class celebration was held on Sunday, June 18. All enjoyed the fellowship and great food thanks to the GCU Parish Social Program.

Joanne Marcus | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Father's and religious class students enjoy breakfast.

St. Jude Byzantine Catholic Church

ERNEST, PA



10th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, June 11, members of St. Jude Byzantine Catholic Church held a luncheon after Divine Liturgy to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Father Vasyl Kadar's ordination.

Helping Hands Day

Helping Hands Days for St. Jude Byzantine Catholic Church were held during the month of June. Theresa Frederick and Patty Yamrick planted the flowers around the church and the parish grounds throughout the month. Funds for both of these activities were provided by the GCU Parish Social program.

Patty Yamrick | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

SCRANTON, PA

Fr. Leonard's 50th Anniversary Brunch

A brunch was held to honor Fr. Leonard Martin's 50th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, June 11. Parishioners from St. Mary, St. John and Ss. Peter & Paul Churches where Father serves as pastor & administrator, were in attendance. Thanks to the GCU Parish Social Program for supporting this great way to honor Fr. Leonard.

Barbara Shimkus | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

ROEBLING, NJ

Parish Father's Day Social

Parish fellowship took place celebrating all the fathers following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 18, 2023. The event was sponsored by the GCU Parish Social Program.

Carol Reichmann | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Parishioners at the Flag Day program.

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church

UNIONTOWN, PA

Flag Day Program

St. John the Baptist Church sponsored a Flag Day Program on Sunday, June 11 after the 9 AM Divine Liturgy. The program was held outside and was followed by an apple pie and ice cream social.

Stephen Petruska Jr. | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. Andrew Byzantine Catholic Church WESTBURY, NY

Flag Day & Independence Day Celebrations

Members of St. Andrew Church spent Flag Day at Saint Raphael in Long Island, NY spreading patriotic cheer. On the Fourth of July the church celebrated with the help of Parish Coordinator Marge Russell and Debbie Rifkin. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, patriotic songs were sung and July 4th trivia was played. A special thank you to Stan and Ed for the great patriotic music.



Stan and Ed.



Flag Day at Saint Raphael on Long Island.



St. Andrew members celebrate the Fourth of July.

Marge Russell | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church ENDICOTT, NY



Steve & Elwin Dean, Fr. Roman and Pani Marianna Isayskyy.

Dean Surprise Celebration

On June 18, a surprise appreciation celebration for Cantor Steve Dean and Mr. Elwin Dean was held thanks to the GCU Parish Social program. Mr. Elwin Dean was a member of the Holy Name Society, helped clean the church and counted the weekly donations for many years.

Steve has served as a cantor since the 1990's as well as cleaning and taking care of the maintenance at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. In addition, he has added outdoor responsibilities as others are no longer able to do it. The parish is happy and thankful for this wonderful father and son team.

Daria Shierly | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church MUNHALL, PA

Parish Picnic

St. Elias held its annual parish picnic on Sunday, July 16 in its social hall and surrounding grounds. Good food and good weather led to a good time for all in attendance. Thank you GCU for helping to support this parish event.

Barbara M. Wahal | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Church of The Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church

MONROEVILLE, PA

Vatra-Bonfire & Picnic

On June 17, a celebration was held for members of Resurrection and Holy Trinity Churches for the time and effort they put into the parish projects to make them successful events.



Father's Day Treats

The Father's of Resurrection Church celebrated their day with a sweet treat from Sarris Candies provided by the GCU. Both events were supported by the GCU Parish Social program.

Thomas E. Oslick Sr. | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

HOMER CITY, PA

Mother's & Father's Day Social

The members of Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer City enjoyed brunch after Liturgy on Sunday, June 4 in the church social hall. The event honored the mothers and fathers of the parish and was provided through the GCU Parish Social program.

Larry DeChurch | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

BRADDOCK, PA

Annual Feast Day Picnic

The parish's annual picnic was held immediately after Sunday Liturgy on June 25. A delicious luncheon was prepared by parishioner/altar server Gerry Petica and served by a team of wonderful volunteers. The children, plus a few adults, had fun playing corn hole and ladder toss. It was a special day welcoming new parishioners and visitors that joined in feast day celebration. Thank you to all that participated in the 50/50. A special thank you to GCU for their support, Ss. Peter & Paul parish appreciates all that you do.

Arleen Jama | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Volunteers who served food.



Volunteers who prepared food.



**St. Gregory
Byzantine Catholic Church**
UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA

Flag Day Ceremony and Ice Cream Social

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 11, Fr. Valerian led the faithful in prayerful supplications for our nation under God as we celebrated Flag Day. Afterwards, all gathered in the church hall for an ice cream social thanks to the GCU Parish Social Program. The children



Flag Day celebration.

especially enjoyed the sundae bar with 10 different toppings plus whipped cream!



All enjoyed the ice cream social.



Dorothy Mayernik | Byzantine Parish Coordinator

**St. Michael
Byzantine Catholic Church**
FLUSHING, MI

Family Day Breakfast/Honoring Graduates

A family day parish breakfast honoring recent graduates was held on June 11. The event included a hot breakfast and a brief congratulatory speech from Father Jim Batcha to the graduates. The breakfast was supported by the GCU Parish Social program.

Patricia Chartier | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



The beautiful cake honoring our graduates.

**Ss. Peter and Paul
Byzantine Catholic Church**
TARENTUM, PA

Parish Weekly Donut Social

A donut social for parish members was held every Sunday after Divine Liturgy from January through May thanks to the GCU Parish Social Program. Donuts and sandwiches were provided by the church and homemade side dishes were donated. The socials averaged 30-40 members a week.

Elaine Ruminski | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Parish members pictured at one of the donut and sandwich socials.

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

HERMITAGE, PA

GCU Founders' Day Celebration

Parishioners and GCU members celebrated GCU Founders' Day by enjoying individually wrapped, iced, heart shaped cookies; GCU giveaways and informational brochures after the 4 PM and 9 AM Divine Liturgies on February 11th & 12th. An informational paragraph was included in the church bulletin.

Annual Rummage Sale

On May 4-6, St. Michael Parish hosted their Annual Rummage Sale in the Social Center. Organizer Sheree Semchee along with her family and friends, parishioners, GCU members and members of "SMART" (St. Michael Activities and Recreation Team) all combined efforts for a successful event. Hundreds of Shenango Valley residents attended the 3-day event. Remaining books were donated to the Austintown (OH) Library and remaining clothing was donated to the area Planet Aid boxes. Congratulations Sheree and St. Michael Church for another super sale that helped both, the Shenango Valley residents and the Church!



Sign-A-Card Program

Parishioners and GCU members participated in the Sign-A-Card program. People stopped by and signed cards before and after weekend Divine Liturgies. The signed cards were then sent to parish shut-ins who are residing in nursing homes, hospitals or at home. Usually, three cards are sent out each week; however, during Easter and Christmas, every shut-in receives a card.

Bill Dzuricko | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Flag Day Celebration

On Sunday, June 11, St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church celebrated Flag Day. New US and Papal flags were purchased and donated to the church by GCU Parish Coordinator Bill Dzuricko. Fr. Kevin Marks blessed the new flags after the 9 AM Divine Liturgy and a ceremony was held at the Social Center. Bill Dzuricko welcomed everyone and distributed lapel pins, program booklets and musical lyrics. After a moment of silence in remembrance of the deceased of the parish, Veteran Norbert Vasil and his niece Alyssa Vasil, helped raise the new flags. Randy Tomko, Julie Rauth Shaw and Dawnya & Kathy Gibbons helped lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem and "This Is My Country." All in attendance followed the GCU program booklet by reading; I Am Your Flag; History of the Flag; Iwo Jima details; and Fireman Raising the Flag at Ground Zero. The Ceremony concluded with the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "God Bless America." Special "Thank You" to the Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department who graciously replaced the flagpole hardware and rope which were damaged in a storm in early spring. Thank you also to Michael J. Vasil, and his daughter Alyssa, who not only serve as our parish photographers and provided these Flag Day photos but, they also met with the Hermitage Volunteer Fire Department and coordinated all of the flagpole repairs.

St. Pius Byzantine Catholic Church PITTSBURGH, PA

Summer Kick-Off Social

To start off the summer Liturgy schedule (Saturday evenings only), a social was held Saturday, June 3. A financial report and fundraiser brainstorming meeting was also held. Thanks to the GCU for their financial support.

Kim Kolesar | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Summer Social.

Church members and volunteers present matching funds check from the vendor/craft show that was held in May.

Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church BINGHAMTON, NY

Helping Hands Beautify Church Grounds

On Saturday, July 8, a dedicated crew of parishioners, family, and friends continued their tradition of cleaning up the grounds of Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church in Binghamton, NY. For some, it was a new experience, for others this was a continuation of a parish service day that goes back many seasons.

Volunteers worked tirelessly on a hot and humid day tackling weeds, trimming, edging, picking up garbage, raking and many other tasks. By the end of the day, multiple loads of debris were shuttled to an overflowing dumpster in heavy wheelbarrows.

Thank you to Fr. Roman, his family, and all the volunteers who were able to join us. The clean-up day was a huge success. Thanks to Mark Isayskyy who played his violin as a surprise end to the day with a lovely serenade!

We very much appreciate the support of the GCU Parish Social Event Program that provided the refreshments, fruit, snacks, and other goodies.

Daria Shierly | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Volunteers at Helping Hands Day at Holy Spirit.

Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA

Pizza Party for Father Vasyl

The parish family decided to hold a surprise pizza party to celebrate Father Vasyl's 10 year anniversary in the priesthood on June 3. It was a fun night of laughs and fellowship. A wonderful time was had by all thanks to the GCU Parish Social Program.

Julie Brocius | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Fr. Vasyl holding his beautiful celebration cake.

St. Mary Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church

MORGANTOWN, WV

Parish Picnic

St. Mary BCC tries to hold a monthly picnic during the summer months. On July 2, a parish picnic was held where the meat, drinks, chips and picnic supplies were provided by the GCU Parish Social program and the parishioners provided side dishes. The rain stopped and it turned out to be a very nice day.

Robert Johnson | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church

TRUMBULL, CT

Recent Parish Events

The parish is very thankful for the debit card that the GCU has provided to help with parish social events. The church recently hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2, a Basket Bingo on Saturday, June 10 and a Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 11. Fr. Gregory Lozinsky is the pastor at St. John. All the events were well attended and members enjoyed themselves.

Lillian Baron | Byzantine Parish Coordinator



Easter Egg Hunt.



At left are Basket Bingo participants and above are kids at the Parish Picnic.

Byzantine Family Day at Knoebels - Sunday, June 11, 2023

Complete story appears on page 16.



Fr. Paul Varchola West at the prayer service.



Fr. Paul Varchola and his family at the lunch.



Fr. Hossler with park goers + Ozzy the dog.



Sherri Homanko and her family.



Members and guests enjoyed lunch and the day at the park.



Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood - Thursday, July 27, 2023



Holupki Open Photo Recap 2023

Complete story appears on page 16.



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Monday, September 25, 2023

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For Your Information

Events

89th Annual Pilgrimage at Mt. St. Macrina

**Friday, September 1, 2023
through Monday, September 4, 2023**

Mt. St. Macrina
500 West Main Street,
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-438-8644

More info & schedule of events appear on page 6.

Fall Helping Hands Day at Holy Annunciation Monastery, Sugarloaf, PA

**Saturday, October 7, 2023
8:30 AM Liturgy
9 AM Work Begins**

Contact Melissa Cohen at
878-207-2327 or mcohen@GCUusa.com

66th Annual St. Nicholas Charity Dinner

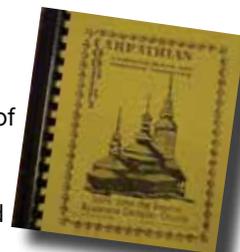
Sunday, December 3, 2023
St. John the Baptist Cathedral Center
Munhall, PA

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Available

Carpathian Cookery Cookbook

Having sold nearly 20,000 copies, the cookbook has entered its 20th printing and was requested by the Library of Congress to be in their ethnic cooking collection. The 330-page cookbook has a new look and features a protective plastic cover. The book includes sections on Christmas and Easter customs and recipes, traditional Rusyn and Slavic foods, other ethnic dishes, and many other tried-and-true recipes of St. John's parishioners. There is a variety of paska bread and kolachi (filled roll) recipes, as well as meatless dishes and Lenten recipes, suitable for the Great Fast, as well as the Pre-Christmas Fast. The cost of the cookbook is \$14.⁰⁰ plus \$5.⁰⁰ postage and handling (\$19.⁰⁰). If ordering from Canada, please send a \$36.⁰⁰ U.S. Postal money order payable in U.S. dollars to reflect the difference in the exchange rate and postage cost. To order please send a check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401, call 724-438-1382 (M–F 9 AM–3 PM please leave a message) or email carpathiancookery@gmail.com.



Discount Amusement Park Tickets for 2023

Discounted Amusement Park tickets for the 2023 season are available to GCU members for online purchase. Parks include: Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA; Knoebels Park, Elysburg, PA; Hershey Park, Hershey, PA. Visit the GCU website at www.GCUusa.com.



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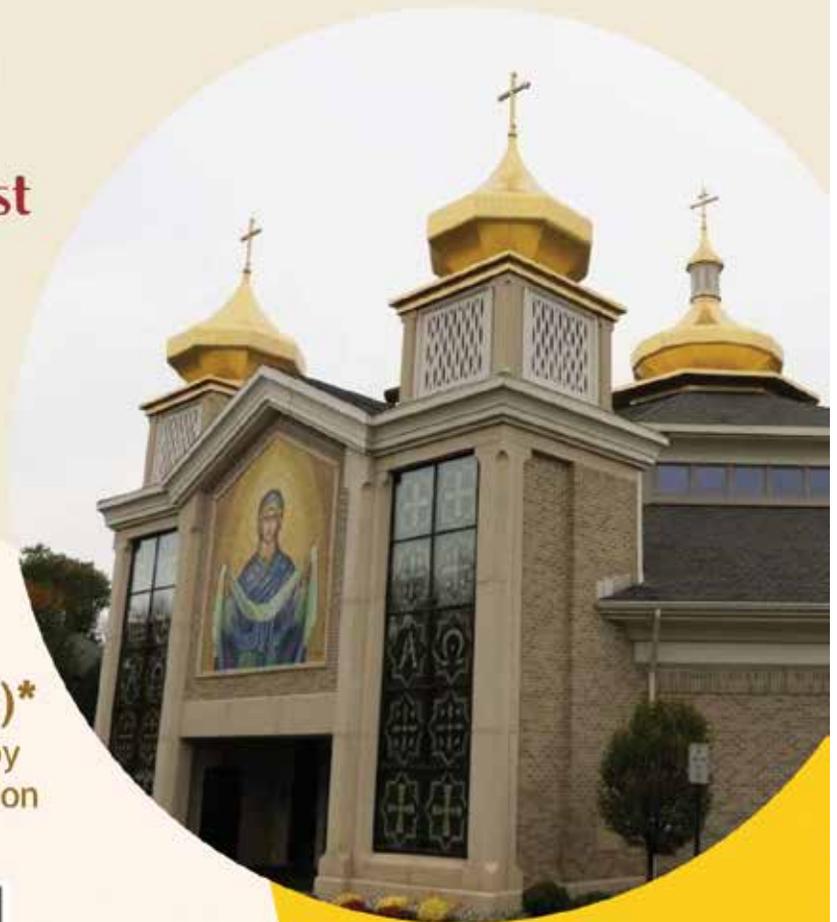
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