





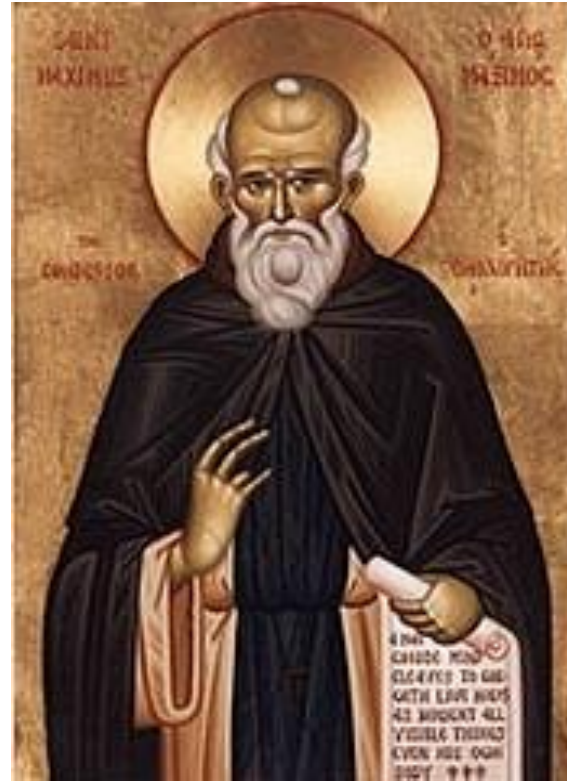
### *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Today we heard the Gospel reading about the healing of the demon-possessed man. His father implored the Lord to have pity on his son, he appealed in despair for performing miracle and healing the son. The Lord reproaches him in the face of everybody saying, “Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you?” Then He asks to bring the son to Him and heals him. This clearly shows that the Savior doesn’t place responsibility on the son for faithless of his father, He is merciful towards the son and heals him.

Not only the life of this adolescent’s father can be an example of faithless, but the life of each of us. He tried to lay the blame for his sinful faithless on the disciples, saying that they were unable to help his son. The Lord correctly reproaches the father. He says that His disciples were unable to heal his son not because of their faithless, but because of his lack of faith. But nowadays we so often reproach the Church, when people, and sometimes you and I lay the blame on it for our own lack of faith and faint-heartedness. We say, “I prayed in Church but my mother is still sick. I went on a pilgrimage but I haven’t got a job yet. Why doesn’t God answer my prayers? Why doesn’t it happen what I want?”

The problem is that very often we don’t have enough faith so that our prayers can be heard. We pray without sincerity doing it more for self-calming, but in reality, we don’t believe that God can perform miracles in the modern world, in our life. We read about miracles of the past, we know about great elders of the past, but we so free ourselves from church influence that we already don’t realize the words of the Apostle Paul who teaches that “Christ is the same today, yesterday and unto ages of ages”. That’s why we must, first of all, pray, so that the Lord can give us faith, even it is the size of a mustard seed. Our prayer must be the prayer of the one who called upon in the Holy Gospel, “I believe, Lord, help my disbelief!” It is this prayer that will be the most sincere call upon the most Merciful God.

We know that the Church always offers us new hope, offers to start from the very beginning. Let’s follow the example of today’s Gospel reading to be filled with faith and understanding what God wants from us, His children. Amen.



## **August 13, 2017**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost;  
Octoechos Tone 1;  
Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration;  
Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor (662)

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## **Announcements:**

### **Feast of the Dormition**

This coming Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. To prayerfully commemorate this Major Feast we will have on Monday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Vespers Divine Liturgy celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s parish of McKees Rocks. On the Feast itself, Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Flowers will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. Following the Divine Liturgy we will have the Blessing of Flowers and Herbs which is prescribed for this festal commemoration.

### **Children’s Outing-Sign-up sheet!**

On Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have this year’s children’s outing to the Kniess’ Miniature Golf (3005 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 1523) and ice cream after for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at the Park at 11:00 a.m. We have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. If you are planning to go, put your name on that sheet along with the number attending. We are accepting donations for this trip. Thank you all for your generosity and support of our St. George’s and St. John’s children.

**Stuffed Cabbage Rolls (Holubtsi) \$8 / tray of 4 are available every week.** Please shop by stopping by the church hall during pyrohi hours or calling the rectory 412-766-8801. **Pick up** will be on Thursday's. (during pyrohy hours, from 9:00am-6:00am) or Friday's., (9:00am-6:00am) or on Sunday's, after Divine Liturgy.

**Holy Trinity Ukrainian Festival – August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 730 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA is holding their annual Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon – 8 PM and on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon – 6:00PM. They will be holding a bake sale and be selling ethnic foods such as pyrohy, stuffed cabbage and kolbasa. Music on Saturday will be provided by the group Unnecessary Polka and the Manfield Five will perform on Sunday. For more information: 412-279-4652 or [www.htucc.com](http://www.htucc.com)

**St. George Prayer List:**

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Alice Hooge, Eva Hlovchiec, Barbara Fedora, Thomas Orr, Patricia Della-Regione, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, George Sywecky, Arlene Grzybowski.**

**Pyrohy**

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$830.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this summer. **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity as preparation for our Pyrohy Festival!** Thank you.

**Collection- May God bless you...**

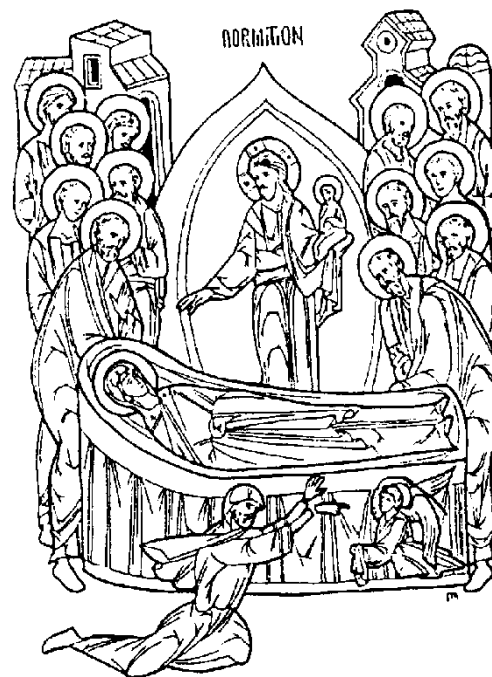
The grand total for Sunday of July 23, 2017 was **\$1,577.00**  
(Collection: \$661.00, loose & candles: \$29.00, Pyrohy: \$830.00, Kid's outing: \$25.00, Stuffed Cabbage sale: \$32.00)

***Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!***



**Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.**

***The Dormtion of our Most Holy Lad the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary***



Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven

and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulcher, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

