



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Nov. 25

Sts. Plato and Roman, Martyrs
Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 12:16-21
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Nov. 26

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 13:10-17
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon Oleh & Motria Hodowanets on their 25th wedding anniversary.
God's blessing upon Gregory H. Waslo III on his birthday, **by wife Dorothy.**

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Ss. Paramon and Philemon, Martyrs
Readings: 1 Tim. 1:18-20 & 2:8-15; Lk. 20:1-8
9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)
Rest of Ihor Medvedev (By Tamara)

Sheptytsky Arms
Social Hall

Thursday, Nov. 30

St. Andrew, Apostle
Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Jn. 1:35-51
7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emanuel

Saturday, Dec. 2

The Holy Prophet Zephaniah
Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 18:18-27
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Dec. 3

26th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 18:18-27
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+**Stella Shedno, given by Rose Shedno.**
Supplications will be offered for+**Lidia & Ilarij Mazepa, given by Irene Kurylas.**

There was a woman in the synagogue who had been crippled for 18 years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.



Write the letter that follows the one given.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Jesus called her forward and said,

" V N L a M X N T a Q D R D S

E Q D D E Q N L X N T Q

H M E H Q L H S X G D O T S

G H R a G M C R N M G D Q

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O Q H R D C F N C!



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

He laid His hand on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began thanking God...

Luke 13:13

In today's Gospel reading we see the love of Christ towards all people and especially to those afflicted with various infirmities. We also see the hearts of the Pharisees and teachers of the law that are suffering a heart that is bent by sin. Yes, bent by sin...

As we continue our journey to Bethlehem, today's Gospel lesson contains a clear message to all of us. It is no secret that we all have sins. We sin everyday and many times a day. These sins of ours are nothing but spiritual bondages of the devil. Our soul becomes bent over under the heavy pressure of our sins, but while we're bent, a most horrible thing happens to each of us. We become used to this bent position and accept this spiritual infirmity of ours as being comfortable. Because of this we can lose our feeling of being free from the bondage of sin and start to sink down to even lower depths. This "infirmity" we place on ourselves, prevents us from constantly seeking improvements in our habits and lives to achieve a higher level of spiritual life. This is called spiritual death!

Spiritual death is even more serious than material death. If we have experienced spiritual death, then there is no hope for us after material death. As soon as we feel no need for Jesus Christ, or God in our lives we are spiritually dead. But, as soon as we put our eternal life as our chief priority, we begin to come to our senses and realize that we need to receive the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. We need this power to grow spiritually and to inherit eternal life with the Holy Trinity. This must be our major priority in life!

You are here in Church today. But there might be someone you love and care for that is still experiencing that "BENT" position. Please, talk to your relatives about our Church and about Jesus Christ the Savior who frees you from being in a "BENT" position. Somehow we avoid this kind of conversation when we meet with our friends. But now, that the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ is coming, please; mark down in your calendar to talk to your friends and relatives about the importance of coming to Church.



Nov. 26, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost;

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost;
Octoechos Tone 8;

Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite (610-41); James the Hermit (457); The Blessing of the Church of the Holy Great-Martyr George which is in Kiev, before the Gates of Holy Wisdom Cathedral (1019-54)

Changeable Part: Pages 12-13

In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

This Sunday: Children's Liturgy

On the last Sunday of each month, we will have a Children's Liturgy. Children will read the Epistle and collect your offerings. The Homily will be directed to the children, but will contain a message for all. Thank you for bringing your children to this special liturgy.

Panakhya Service will take place on this **Sunday, November 26th** after the 9:30am Divine Liturgy in memory of the victims who perished during the Holodomor (famine) of Ukraine 1932-33 (Josef Stalin's genocide against the Ukrainian people). Immediately following the panakhya, there will be a showing of the new movie, "Bitter Harvest" in the church hall.

Parish Registration

In preparation for our 100th Anniversary we will begin this Sunday, November 26, with our new parish registration forms. It is necessary for our parish office to have an up to date record of our parish families. Also collected information will be inserted in to the anniversary book. Please take a registration form, complete it and return to the office.

Our Christmas Fast Project

St. Vincent de Paul Society

...the world's most distinguished "Friend of the Poor"

During this forty day penitential period before Christmas we are called to sanctify our lives in preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Christ. As part of this process we are also called to show kindness towards our neighbors especially those who are in need of our assistance.

This year, let us reach out to the members of Duquesne University chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society that has as its main ministry working with the homeless of downtown Pittsburgh. The members of this society are college students at Duquesne University that gather every Sunday evening to pack food, toiletries and clothes into backpacks and duffel bags for their mission which begins that evening after prayer with their campus priest. They pray for the people they will meet that evening, for the poor & homeless, and for their own safety as they go out into the streets of our city. One group of students minister to the poor and homeless in the Northside (Allegheny Commons, Sandusky, Federal Court, etc.) and the other group are in the downtown district (Market Square, Cultural District, Wood Street, etc.). As I was told: ***"Not only do we bring food, but also clothing, and our open hearts."***

This is a wonderful organization that spans across the world to bring hope and compassion to those with all types of need. The young people at Duquesne University who are part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society truly demonstrate the Christian way of life through acts of love and service. By ministering to spiritual and personal needs of the homeless and impoverished, they show solidarity with them. They confirm their dignity as human persons.

Let us reach out during this Christmas Fast to help the members of this wonderful organization to continue with their ministry. In the Church vestibule we will be collecting the following items: non-perishable food items, bottled water, travel size toiletries (tooth paste/brushes, shampoos, soap, lotion, deodorant, etc.), and winter items (not used) such as blankets, gloves, scarves, hats, winter socks and thermal underwear. These items will be collected during this Advent Season so that our parish family may bring some Christmas smiles to those who so desperately need it.

Decorating the Church: Saturday, December 9th

On Saturday, December 9th, at 10:00 a.m. we will begin with the decoration of our Holy Church in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ. Please plan to be here so that together we can make our Church look beautiful for Christmas.

St. Nicholas Visit

This year in preparation for the visit of St. Nicholas to our church on December 10, parents and/or grandparents are asked to purchase and wrap a gift for each of their children/grandchildren who will attend the party. Gifts should have a value between \$10 and \$15, be wrapped and labeled with the child's name. Gifts can be delivered to the church hall before Liturgy on December 10. Please follow the value suggestion so that children receive comparable gifts. Thank you for your cooperation. **On the same day, Christmas Cookie workshop**, our Sunday school children will be using their baking skills to bake beautifully decorated sugar cookies for Christmas.

Christmas Fast Project

As we continue our journey of the Christmas Fast we begin with the parish project during which we will reach out and help the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their ministry for the homeless and impoverished people of downtown Pittsburgh. I ask you to read carefully today's article in the bulletin that addresses the needs of this society that demonstrate the Christian way of life through acts of love and service.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1215.00** 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 Christmas!** Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of November 19, 2017 was **\$2,520.00**

(Collection: \$1280.00, loose & candles: \$25.00, Pyrohy: \$1215.00)

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

