



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

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.**

Tuesday, Dec. 5

**St. Sabbas, venerable**

Readings: Heb. 13:17-21; Lk. 6:17-23

**(North Side) 7:00 P.M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy**

God's blessing on Nicholas D. Hohosha on his patron feast day (By parents)

Wednesday, Dec. 6

**St. Nicholas of Myra**

Readings: Heb. 13:17-21; Lk. 6:17-23

Sheptytsky Arms

**9:30 A. M Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)**

Social Hall

Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., Katherine Fedyna

Saturday, Dec. 9

**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. 10

**27th Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-19

St. Nicholas Visit

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+**Martin Fedenko, given by Christine Fedenko & Sheryl Rubin .**

## 214. THE RICH YOUNG RULER

(LUKE 18:18-27)

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CAMEL  
COMMANDMENTS  
ETERNAL LIFE  
FOLLOW  
GOOD

HEAVEN  
INHERIT  
KEPT  
KINGDOM

NEEDLE'S EYE  
RULER  
TEACHER  
TREASURE



### ***Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra***

Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker lived during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, and reposed in 330. As a young man, he desired to espouse the solitary life. He made a pilgrimage to the holy city of Jerusalem, where he found a place to withdraw to devote time to prayer. It was made known to him, however, that this was not the will of God for him, but that he should return to his homeland to be a cause of salvation for many.

Saint Nicholas returned to Myra, and was ordained bishop. He became known for his abundant mercy, providing for the poor and needy, and delivering those who had been unjustly accused. No less was he known for his zeal for the truth. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of the 318 Fathers at Nicaea in 325; upon hearing the blasphemies that Arius brazenly uttered against the Son of God, Saint Nicholas struck him on the face. Since the canons of the Church forbid the clergy to strike any man at all, his fellow bishops were in perplexity what disciplinary action was to be taken against this hierarch whom all revered. In the night our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lady Theotokos appeared to certain of the bishops, informing them that no action was to be taken against him, since he had acted not out of passion, but extreme love and piety. Our Holy Father Nicholas is the patron of all travelers, and of sea-farers in particular; he is one of the best known and best loved Saints of all time.

***As we prepare to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas let us review the popular hymn in his honor that we love to sing in our Holy Church:***

*Those who love Nicholas the saintly, those who serve Nicholas the saintly. Them will Nicholas receive and give aid in time of need: Saint Nicholas, Saint Nicholas!*

*O khto, khto Nikolaya lyubit, O khto, khto Nikolaya sluzhit. Tomu svyatij Nikolay na vsyakij chas pomahay. Nikolay, Nikolay!*

## **Dec. 3, 2017**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost;

**Octoechos Tone 1;**

**The Holy Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (7th century BC)**

**Changeable Part: Pages 13-14**

*In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)*



## **Announcements:**

### **Feast of St. Nicholas**

On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker. To celebrate this feast day and to honor this great Saint we will have Tuesday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup>, a Vespers Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. On the feast itself, Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Latin Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. at Sheptytsky Arms. Please come to honor one of the greatest and famous Saints in our Holy Church whose life is for us a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance.

### **Decorating the Church: Saturday, December 9th**

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Coffee Social

Thank you to Dotty Spikula & Victoria Senko for sponsoring the second coffee social. Thank you to all who attended! Our next coffee social will be on January 28th following Divine Liturgy.

### Parish Registration

In preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will continue 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.

### 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

This month of December is one of our busiest months of the year. Therefore we ask that you please place your orders by **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work and dedication to this ongoing activity. In order to fulfill all orders we need to add a Wednesday evening as extra day for pyrohy production. **Please come down and give us a hand with this important fundraiser. Thank you!**

### 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, Rose Shedno, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, George Syweckyj, Arlene Grzybowski and Alexandra, Sophi Kozak.**

### Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of November 26, 2017 was **\$1,279.00**

(Collection: \$1107.00, Donation for St. Nicholas Day: \$50.00 by anonymous, loose & candles: \$71.00, Pyrohy: \$40.00)

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



### ***Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 17th***

On Sunday, December 18th, Father David Devitt, pastor of Risen Lord Roman Catholic parish and priest of Diocese of Pittsburgh will be with us to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation as part of our Christmas Lent journey. Since we will also celebrate the life of St. Nicholas on this Sunday I encourage especially children and parents to come and receive this Mystery-Sacrament of Repentance in preparation for Christmas.

*God forgives our sins and cleanses us from our trespasses, when we confess to God in the presence of the priest, with humility and contrite hearts. St. Athanasius the Great said, "As the Baptized is enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, by means of the priest, the repentant is granted forgiveness of his sins by the grace of Christ, also through the priest."*



### **Divine Services for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

***Sunday, December 24, 2017: Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Eve)***

***After consultation with PAC, it was decided to have Christmas Eve services at one place for both parishes. This year, it will be St. George's at Pittsburgh, PA.***

8:00 P.M. Paramon Vespereal Divine Liturgy, Anointing with Holy Oil  
(Mirovanya)

***Monday, December 25, 2017: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
(Christmas Day)***

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. George, North Side of Pittsburgh)  
11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. John, McKees Rocks Bottom)