



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 5

St. Eusignius, Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy/Blessing of fruits (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Aug.6

Ninth Sunday after Penetcost/Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of fruits

Supplications will be offered for+ **Wasył Pivrko, given bu Pyptyk family.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Bill Onyshko, given by Maria Perkun & Anna Merritt.**

Wednesday, Aug. 9

St. Matthias, Apostle

Readings: Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Lk. 9:1-6

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

Repose of Anthony, Antony, Kateryna Fedyna

Sheptytsky Arms

Thursday, Aug. 10

St. Lawrence, Archdeacon -Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 14:6-19; Mt. 20:17-28

7:00 P. M. Akathist to Mother of God

7:30 P.M. Pyrohy fest meeting

Saturday, Aug. 12

St. Eusignius, Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:14-23

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Aug.13

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:14-23

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Marty Fedenko, given by Pyptyk family.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Stella Shedno, given by Rose Shedno.**

When they were there, something happened to Jesus.
What was it?

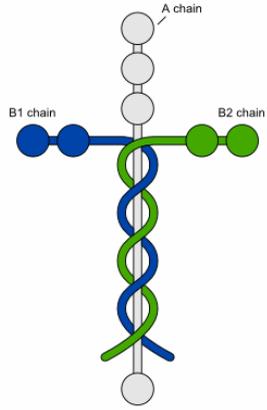
Cross out all of these letters: M P Q U V X Y Z .
Then write all the words that remain in order on the lines below.



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DID YOU KNOW?



Laminin is a protein in our body that literally holds our skin, organs, and every-thing else in our body, in place. It is described as the rebar or glue of the human body - it holds us all together. Without laminin we would fall apart.

The diagram on the left shows the molecular structure of laminin. This is not a Christian rendering of the protein – this is the diagram which is found in all scientific textbooks.

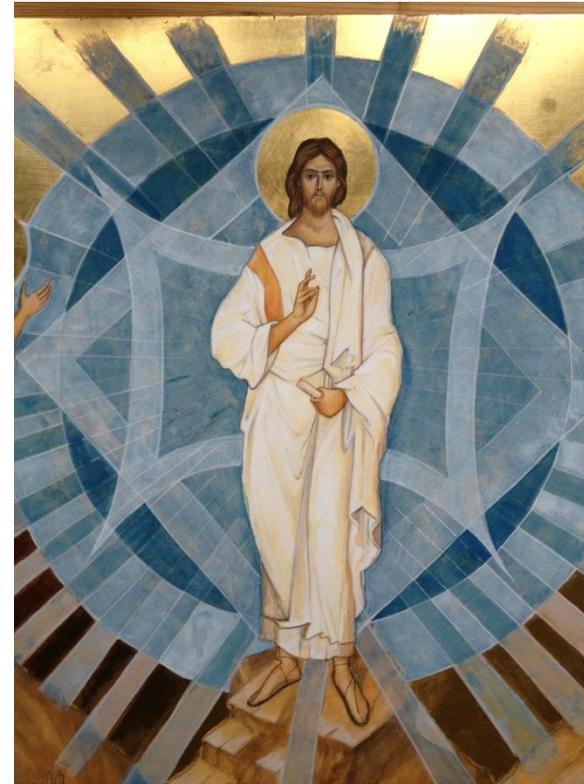
For more information on laminin, please see Google or the following inspirational video on YouTube: http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=_e4zgJXPpI4

FROM THE LIVES OF THE DESERT FATHERS

The following story is from the life of St. Macarius. The lives of the ancient Desert Fathers are filled with examples of great men and women who fasted, practiced feats of asceticism, and rejected all worldly things. The following story, though, demonstrates how these practices were manifested in even small ways and how they served to teach others then and now by their example.

At one time St. Macarius was sent some fresh grapes. He desired to eat them, but showing self-control, he sent them to a certain brother who was ill and who was himself fond of grapes. When the brother received them he was delighted, but wishing to conceal his self-mastery, he sent them to another brother, pretending that he had no appetite for any food. When the next brother received the grapes, he did the same in turn, although he too had a great desire to eat them.

When at length the grapes had been passed round a large number of the brethren without any of them deciding to eat them, the last one to receive them sent them again to Macarius, thinking that he was giving him a rich gift. Macarius recognized them and after inquiring closely into what had happened, marveled, giving thanks to the Lord for such self-control among the brethren. And in the end not even he partook of the grapes.



August 6, 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost;

Octoechos Tone 8;
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Changeable Part: Pages 10- 12
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: Feast of the Transfiguration

On this Sunday, August 6th, we will celebrate the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord. To celebrate this Major Feast Day we will have Saturday evening, August 5th, a Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Fruit at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's parish, McKees Rocks. On the Feast itself, Sunday, August 6th, Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Fruit will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. If you wish to have your fruit blessed (at any of the Divine Services this week), please place them in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod.

Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!

On Saturday, August 26th, 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 19th & 20th

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 730 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA is holding their annual Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, August 19th from 12 Noon – 8 PM and on Sunday, August 20th 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

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 Syweckyj, Arlene Grzybowski.**

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$570.00** 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...

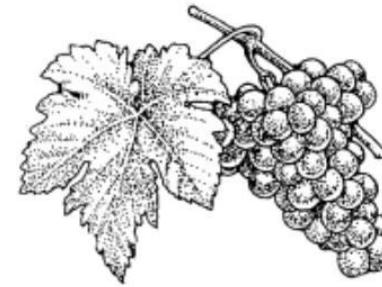
The grand total for Sunday of July 23, 2017 was **\$1,512.00**
(Collection: \$830.00, loose & candles: \$35.00, Pyrohy: \$570.00, Stuffed Cabbage sale: \$77.00)

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.

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Blessing of Fruit



In our Holy Church the offering of first fruits takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing. The produce is then consumed by the faithful and their loved ones, or it can also be given to the poor and infirmed. The Liturgical concept behind the blessing is the faithful offering back to God a token of that which He in His loving-kindness has provided, God blessing these first fruits and returning them to the faithful for their benefit and blessing.

The blessing of first fruits traditionally begins on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord with the blessing of grapes. In localities where grapes are not grown, other early-ripening fruits such as apples, plums, pears, etc. may be offered. At the end of the Divine Liturgy the priest blesses the first fruits, asking "...that the Lord may bless them, that they may be to us unto rejoicing, and that He may accept a gift of these fruits unto the cleansing of our sins..." The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

It has also been a venerable tradition (especially amongst farmers) that as the harvest season progresses, the first fruits of each species be brought to the Church to be blessed, using a similar format, but a different prayer: "...that the Lord may receive our gift unto His eternal treasury and grant us an abundance of earthly goods..."

Blessing of Grapes - Representation of transformation

Grapes are blessed because they show physical transformation and represent a religious transformation.

- The transformation of flowers into fruit
- The transformation of fruit into wine
- The mystical transformation of wine into the Blood of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Divine Liturgy.
- All fruits represent new life. Mature fruits are blessed in thanksgiving for a good harvest. New life and a good harvest are Holy God's gifts to us.