



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 9

**Twenty-Eight Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Col. 1:12-18; Lk. 17:12-19

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

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

Supplications will be offered for **+Mary Senko, given by Mike & Vicki Senko.**  
 Supplications will be offered for **+Andrew Kerelitch, given by Nancy Ricardo.**

Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Readings: Heb. 9:1-7; Lk. 1:39-56

**7:00A.M. Bethany Ministry Meeting**

Thursday, Dec. 13

**St. Eustratius and other martyrs**

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 21:12-19

**7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel**

Friday, Dec. 14

**St. Thrysus and other martyrs**

Readings: Heb. 7:18-25; MK. 9:33-41

**7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy**

Repose of **+Stefan+Maria+Stefan+Joseph Lorinc (By Michael Lorinc)**

Saturday, Dec. 15

**Holy prophet Haggai**

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-24

**5:00 P. M. Great Vespers**

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

Sunday, Dec. 16

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday of the Forefathers**

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-24

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

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

Supplications will be offered for **+Philip Perkun, given by Maria Perkun.**  
 Supplications will be offered for **+Larry Merritt, given by Oleh & Motria Hodowanec.**

The men called out in a loud voice.  
 What did they say?

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Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests. As they went

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## *The life of the Leper-Priest*

In today's Gospel reading Our Lord heals ten lepers, but only one leper fully understood the magnitude of what Christ Our Savior had done for him; he alone came back to thank him. Today I would like to focus on the life of one holy priest who alone began serving those afflicted by this terrible disease called leprosy...his name is Father Damien of Molokai. Father Damien of Molokai was the Molokai's beloved leper-priest. During his lifetime, however, not everyone thought of him as "beloved."

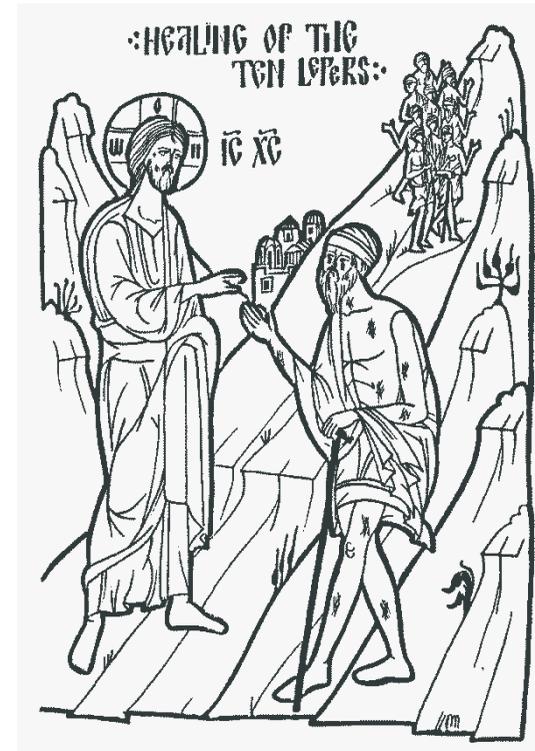


His biographers politely describe Damien as "headstrong." He had his farmer-father's no-nonsense attitude toward life, with little admiration for delicate language and snobbish manners. When he was still a 23-year-old seminarian in Belgium, he asked to go to Hawaii as a missionary. When his superior did not act quickly enough on his request, Damien went over his head to his superior's superior, who gave the go-ahead.

In the 1870's, the Hawaiian Islands were ravaged by Hansen's disease, which was brought to the island by Europeans. Not knowing what else to do, the government quarantined lepers on the remote island of Molokai, where lepers lived in squalor, debauchery and despair.

Father Damien wasted little time putting his brute strength and his bullishness to work. He built houses, clinics, schools, chapels and farms. The Hawaiian Board of Health grew to hate his insistent requests for money and materials – and Damien made no secret of his disdain for their bureaucratic bumbling. Newspaper accounts of his work, while resulting in donations from all over the world, earned Damien the animosity of his religious superior and his bishop who accused him of "showboating" for the press. Even the lepers themselves felt the sting of Damien's ire: the misdeeds of the moon-shiners, pimps, card sharks and thieves on the island were broken up by the fiery Belgian priest's big walking stick.

Father Damien died of leprosy in April 1889 – but not before he saw his beloved leper colony safely in the care of a new priest, two lay helpers and an order of nuns who work there to this day. On June 4, 1995, the Servant of God Pope John Paul II beatified Blessed Damien who is now the Patron of Hawaii.



**December 9, 2012**

*Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Our venerable father Patapius  
Conception of Saint Anna**

Octoechos Tone 3

**Changeable Parts** – Pages 32-33  
*in the Booklet of Changeable Parts  
(Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Today: St. Nicholas Visit**

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have our visit from St. Nicholas. I ask all the children (parents may accompany the smaller children), following the Dismissal, to please come up front to welcome St. Nicholas. As St. Nicholas processes into the Church, let us all sing together that beautiful hymn "O khto, khto Nikolaya lyubit-Those who love Nicholas the Saintly". Following the Divine Liturgy, let us all come together to enjoy Christian fellowship and refreshments in the Church hall and have a good time with St. Nick.

### **Ticket Sale: Christmas Dinner**

Today we will begin the ticket sale for our Parish Christmas Dinner, "Προσφορα", which will take place on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12:00 noon. Tickets for this parish event are \$8.00 per adult, children (12 and younger) \$4.00. Please mark your calendars for this happy event.

### **Next Sunday: Parish Christmas Renewal**

Father Michael Lenz, OFM, from the Holy Family Friary in Bellevue, will be here next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation to those who wish to receive it. We will begin with the prayers from the Order of Holy Confession at 9:45 a.m. I ask you all to come and approach Holy Confession as we prepare ourselves to worthily celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **After Liturgy, in church hall, subdeacon Joseph Matlak will present a lecture about Christmas.**

### **Thank You!**

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who came and decorated our Holy Church and Church hall for the upcoming Feast of the Nativity of Christ. May Our Lord reward you for your love and dedication to His Holy Church!

### **Nut Rolls**

In preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, we are offering delicious Nut Rolls that have been prepared by our dedicated parishioners. The price per Nut Roll is \$8.00. Following the Divine Liturgy you may come into the Church hall and pick up your Nut Rolls for Christmas. Sincere thanks to our parishioners who are dedicating their time and hard labor towards this parish fundraiser. Thank you!

### **Thursday: Moleben-Advent Prayer Service**

We continue during this Christmas Lent-Advent with the celebration of the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel-Advent Prayer Service. Plan to come on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for that service.

### **Bethany Ministry Meeting**

As I will conclude the visitations of our homebound parishioners, we will have a Bethany Ministry meeting on Wednesday, December 12. This meeting will take place at 7:00p.m. in the Church hall. I ask all members to please be present for this meeting. The ministry has been such a blessing to this parish family. Thank you.

**The Ukrainian Cultural Trust of Western Pennsylvania will begin practicing for its coming two Christmas concerts.** Practices are held each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 PM at Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall on Mansfield Boulevard in Carnegie. The first practice will be held on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. UCTC is ecumenical, welcoming all Christian to our choir, which is directed by Mrs. Dorothy Waslo. For more information please contact Dorothy Waslo at 412-487-0208.

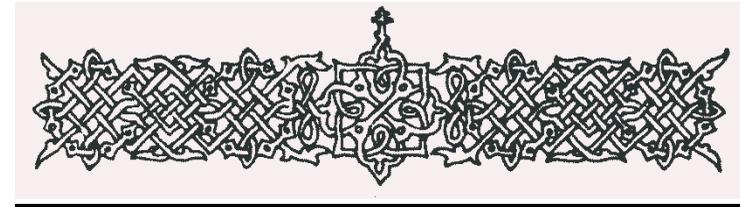
### **Pyrohy**

This week will be our busiest week for our pyrohy activity. We will really need your help on Wednesday morning with scooping. Thursday morning starting at 7:00 a.m. we will need your help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand with this important parish fundraiser. The more of us come together the easier it will be for all of us. Our total from last week's sale of "frozen pyrohy" was \$600.00. Thank you!

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

Total for Sunday, December 2, 2012 was **\$2031.00** (Collection - \$1161.00, Loose & candles - \$50.00, Christmas fundraiser (Raffle) - \$810.00, St. Nicholas helpers - \$10.00)

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



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

***Monday, December 24, 2012: Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Eve)***

9:00 A.M. Royal Hours

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

***Tuesday, December 25, 2012: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas Day)***

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Anointing with Holy Oil (Mirovanya)