

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, June 22

The Holy Martyr Agrippina
 Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1
5:00 P. M. Great Vespers
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Mary Senko, given by Michael & Vicky Senko.**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **John Michael Pyptyk, given by Pyptyk family.**

Monday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (at St. John's parish in McKees Rocks)
 Readings: Rom. 11:17-14:4; Lk. 1:5-25.57-68 & 76-80
9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Repose of + **Anthony Fedyna, given by Elsie Miloic.**

Saturday, June 29

SS. Peter and Paul, Prime Apostles
 Readings: 2 Cor. 11:21-12:9; Mt. 16:13-19
9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy
 Health and wellbeing of Ann Toth (By Stella & Rose Shedno)
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, June 30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: Rom. 12:6-14; Mt. 9:1-8
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

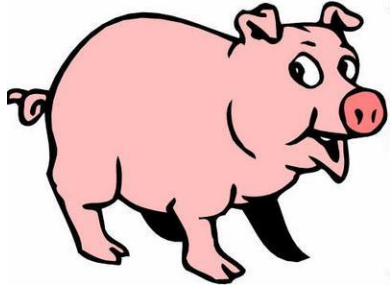
Supplications will be offered for+ **David Naberezny-2nd anniversary after his death, given by Mary Ann Naberezny & family.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Walter Siwecky, given by Mary Siwecky.**

The healed man was thankful. He begged to go along with Jesus. What did Jesus tell him?

Follow the path from the arrow to the house, crossing out every P for pig. Read Jesus' instructions to the man.

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Pigs in mythology and religion

In Judaism and Islam, pigs are the unclean and inedible animals par excellence, the animal that is central to the concepts of treif and haram. In “*De Specialibus Legibus*”, Philo of Alexandria, a first century Jewish writer, relates that pigs were lazy scavengers, the embodiment of vice. Philo also argued that since pigs will eat the flesh of human corpses that men should abstain from eating them so as not to be contaminated.

The prohibition against eating pigs in the Ancient Middle East grew from the fact that pigs were the only animals that competed with humans for the same food stuff (cows and sheep ate grass). It was a socio-political move directed into practicality through the ancient religious leaders of the two faiths in order to maintain the food supplies for the indigenous people of the region.

Pork-eating cultures have had a more benign view of pigs. The sign of the Pig is one of the Earthly Branches, or zodiac signs, in Chinese astrology. In Greek mythology, Demeter was the goddess of pigs. The ancient Romans practiced a sacrifice called the “*suovetaurilia*”, in which a pig, a ram, and a bull were sacrificed, as one of the most solemn acts of the Roman pagan religion.

-from Wikipedia

Are you planning to travel during the summer months?

Remember to contact the Parish Office for locations of Ukrainian Catholic Churches and any Eastern Catholic Churches across America or in the world.

Those who have access to the internet go to: www.parishesonline.org



June 23, 2013

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyr Agrippina

Changeable Parts: Pages 5-6
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

To honor the birth of St. John the Baptist, we will have on the Feast itself, Monday, June 24th, a Divine Liturgy celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Please come and celebrate the Forerunner of Our Lord who proclaimed to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

Next Sunday: Peter's Pence

Next Sunday, June 30th, we will have in our parish the annual Peter's Pence Collection, which is a special collection for the works of the Holy Father. This collection enables our Holy Father Francis to respond to requests for emergency funds from the most disadvantaged throughout the world. Special envelopes for this collection will be attached to the bulletin. Please be generous for this special collection. Thank you!

Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

On Saturday, June 29th, we honor the glorious and all-praised leaders of the Apostles Peter and Paul. To honor these holy Apostles we will have the Divine Liturgy which will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Please come and be part of this celebration as we honor the first in prominence among the Apostles, and teachers to the Universe.

UTS Scholarship

This year again, the Ukrainian Technological Society is pleased to offer scholarships to students of Ukrainian descent. Scholarships are based primarily on the academics and potential for benefiting the Ukrainian community after graduation. Completed applications and the required academic course transcripts must be received by Sunday, July 9th. For application forms and more information please contact the parish office.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church is having a **“CRAFT SHOW”** on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013**. They are looking for crafters to participate in the craft show. If you are interested or if you know of any crafters, please let them know. Referrals will receive \$5.00 off their own table. **DEADLINE for registering is June 30, 2013**. Any questions can be answered by Andrea Chinchilla Edgos at 412-481-1170 or via email chinny.al@gmail.com.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week’s sale was **\$483.50** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of June 16, 2013 was **\$1966.55**

(Collection: \$1399.00, Loose & other: \$84.00, Pyrohy: \$483.50)

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.**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday Our Lord heals the two demoniacs of Gergasenes. How familiar is this Gospel reading to us. Yet every time we read it we rediscover something in it which touches our heart, or gives a new light to our mind. This year I want us to focus on the inhabitants of this Gergasenes country.

From the Gospel reading we know that they had known of the desperate condition of these two men; they were told of what Christ did for them; they were told who their master was, who was their tormentor; should they not have come to give glory to God and thank Him for delivering the two men from the power of evil? NO! All they saw in the act of Christ was that they were deprived of their herd of swine. What mattered to them the wholeness and the life and the salvation of these two men? They were deprived of what was important to them, what mattered to them more than a human life, and they asked Christ to leave their borders, to go because they did not want to risk another miracle that would be costly to them. What a tragic - not monstrous, but just tragic contrast between the attitude of God and the attitude of these people.

Let us give thought and ask ourselves, where do we stand? Of course, the first movement we shall have is to say, “On God’s side” - it is not true. When there is a tragic need, and the cost of helping would be perhaps not a disaster but a pain or loss to us, what would we choose? Let us reflect on this: are we really on the side of Christ Who can forget the whole world because His Heart is pierced, transfixed with compassion, or - do we allow our heart to be moved one moment, and then recalculate the cost and turn away from the need?

Let us reflect - because every one of these stories, every parable, every image, and every act of God is challenging us: Where do you stand? Who are you? The person possessed, to whatever extent? Are we truly a disciple of Christ who is ready to forget everything for the sake of a desperate need? Or rather one of those who say to Christ: “Go, go away - You are disturbing our peace, the harmony of our life and our security?”

On this Sunday let us reflect deeply; but not only reflect, take a decision and act. Amen.

