



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

## Sunday, Sept. 2

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:40 A.M. Third Hour**

Readings: 2 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 22:31-14

**10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplication will be offered for the soul of +Helen Morozovich.  
(By Michael and Victoria Senko)

## Tuesday, Sept. 4

**The holy hieromartyr Babylas**

Readings: Gal. 2:21-3:7; Mk. 6:1-7

**9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

With prayers offered for +Julia Bushick (By Maria Wengryn)

## Friday, Sept. 7

**Prefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

Readings: Phil: 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

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

With prayers offered for +Robert Fisher (By Georgianna Weber)

## Saturday, Sept. 8

**Nativity of our Most Holy lady the Mother of God**

Readings: Phil: 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

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

## Sunday, Sept. 9

**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**9:40 A.M. Third Hour**

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

**10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplication will be offered for the soul of +David Naberezny.  
(By Mary Ann & Carez Fitzpatrick)

Here is the parable that Jesus taught.

First, fit the words into the puzzle.  
Next, transfer the words to the lines.  
Then, read the parable.

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## Nativity of the Mother of God

The birth of the Virgin Mary, which we commemorate on September 8/21, was prophesied by many Old Testament prophets. There is no account of her birth in the Bible, but information about her may be found in the Apocrypha. These are writings which are sometimes called The Lost Books of the Bible. The birth of the Virgin Mary as well as other information concerning her Presentation into the Temple, her parents Joachim and Anna, etc. may be found in the "Protoevangelion of James" which was written around the year 170. This book is often cited by early authors as St. Epiphanius, St. Andrew of Crete, St. Sophronius, St. John Damascene, and others.

Besides, these Apocryphal Books much may be learned about her life from the hymns for this day. St. John Damascene wrote: The day of the birth of the Holy Virgin is a day of universal happiness, because through her whole generations of mankind were renewed, and the grief of the mother of mankind, Eve, which was upon them was transformed into happiness.

This Holy Day is the first main feast day in the new Church Calendar which begins on September 1/14. This is appropriate for from this day the fulfillment of God's promise to Adam began.

On the iconostas, in the center of the fourth row of icons we find the icon of the Virgin Mary. On the right and left sides of the same row we find the icons of the Old Testament prophets who made the prophecies concerning her birth.

Upon checking the Saints Calendar Books for this day we found that many famous and some miraculous icons are also commemorated on this day. Among them are the Pochaev (16th century), a very ancient icon in the Kholm Cathedral, The Kursk icon (1295), The Yaroslav Nativity icon (1659), The Siamsk Nativity icon (1524), the Sophia-Premudrost icon in Kiev, the Domnita icon in Chernigov (1696).

Roses are often used as a symbol of the Virgin Mary. If we examine the seed pod below the petals of a blooming rose, we will find that it is full of the seeds of new life, as was the Virgin Mary, who bore the body of Jesus in her being. "Thy Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!"



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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew  
Saint Mammias, martyr  
Saint John of Fast*



*Glory to Jesus Christ! My dear Brothers and Sisters!*

*By appointment of our Bishop John Bura, I have begun to serve at two parishes (St. George's, Pittsburgh and St. John's, McKees Rocks). For this reason, I must to change the schedule for our Divine Liturgies in both parishes. It's a hard decision, so, let's work on that together. I would like to hear your opinions and your suggestions in this case.*

*There will be no change for next two Sundays, September 9 and 16. (Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on 10:00 A.M.)*

*I appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.*

*May the blessing of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with all of you!*

*With prayers, Fr. Ihor Hohosha, parish priest*

## Announcements:

### Nativity of the Theotokos

On Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Nativity of the Mother of God. To honor and celebrate the birth of our Lady we will have on Friday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup> a Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. As we enter the new Church year, please come to celebrate one of the most ancient Feasts from the 6<sup>th</sup> century in honor of our Lady.

### Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule

### St. George's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our St. George's Church School. The Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask that you provide side dishes and desserts. Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule. Thank you!

*Collection for August 25-26 will be published in the next bulletin.*

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



### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost.**

*The Lord told this parable: The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son...*

On this Sunday we read a passage from the Holy Gospel (Mt. 22: 1-14), which is very important for our salvation. The parable about the King's son's marriage is one of many reminders about the coming judgment of all. Our Lord told this parable not to scare us, but to prevent us from making unwise decisions during our lifetime. By "*unwise decisions*", I mean the decisions we make concerning our relationship to Almighty God.

Can we not recognize ourselves in this parable? Do we belong amongst those that ignore God's commandment to observe the seventh day of the week by not working but by praying, or when we do not answer Christ's invitation to come to Him in His Church. Remember that Almighty God in His loving kindness has allowed us to be the masters of our time! Please, notice that the King did not ask for help; everything was ready for the feast of his son, yet the guests failed to come. Do we fail to come?

There are many people in the world who do not care about the invitation. Christ made this clear in the parable as well. The most usual answer to the invitation is that we do not have time, because we are too busy!

As long as we are alive, we have lots of time to answer the King's invitation. God will not drag us to the feast. We are created in the image and likeness of God, therefore we have free will. It is up to us to make the right decisions. But Our Lord warns us what will happen to those who reject His invitation through the words of the parable: *At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city.*" (Matthew 22:7). Here Our Lord reveals to us that if we reject the invitation we will not be alive. The Holy Fathers of the church have a special word to describe the state of sinners after the Last Judgment: eternal death. This is because life without God is no life! Amen.

