



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 3

1st All Souls Saturday

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy /Panakhida

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

Sunday, Feb. 4

Sunday of the Meatfare

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15: 11-32

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **George Siweckyj – 40th day of the Birth to Eternal Life,**
by sister **Mary Siweckyj**

Monday, Feb.5

St. Agatha, Martyr

Readings: 3 Jn. 1:15; Lk. 19:29-40 & 22:7-39

Sheptytsky Arms

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

Social Hall

Repose of Anthony JR, Antony SR, Kateryna

Saturday, Feb. 10

The Holy Priest-Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebastea

Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6: 14-21

4:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)

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

Sunday, Feb. 11

Sunday of the Chese fare

Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6: 14-21

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Right of forgiveness

Supplications will be offered for+ **Justyna & Andrei Pyptyk, by Pyptyk family**

To the people on the right, He spoke these words ...



Add or subtract letters to find them.
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Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord

Many years before the coming of Christ there lived a very pious and saintly man called Simeon. He was one of the most intelligent Jewish scholars of his day. Simeon found himself praying for the day that the Savior would come and deliver all Israel (and the world) from sin. Simeon waited for many years, and finally one evening as he knelt in prayer, he heard the voice of God saying to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Simeon was filled with great joy and fervently prayed each day that the Messiah would come into the world. Holy Tradition tells us that Simeon was over 150 years old when the Promise of God

was fulfilled. Holy Scripture tells us that finally on February 2nd, forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary brought the Christ child to the Temple for Presentation. It was common Jewish practice to bring the first-born male child to the Temple and offer him to the service of the Lord. It was here that Simeon waited patiently that day as he had done for so many years. The Virgin Mary presented the Christ child to Simeon, who took the infant child in his trembling hands and recited the following beautiful prayer which is chanted in the Eastern Church every evening during the Vesper services: *“Lord now let Your Servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared in the presence of all people, a light to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”*

Candles in our Holy Church



For the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord it is a pious and venerable tradition in our Holy Church to bless candles. It is impossible to imagine an Eastern Church without burning candles. Candles made of beeswax are used in our Holy Church as a form of sacrifice and devotion to God or Saints. They are used in various Divine Services and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is “the Light of the World.” When we see so many candles everywhere, we know that Christ is everywhere in the whole church, our homes, and He is in us, too. According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body).



Feb. 4, 2018

Meatfare Sunday, Tone 2; Post-feast of the Encounter; Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (408-50)

Changeable Part: Pages 5-6

In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Soup Sale

This year we would like to sell a soup whole Lent. Every week we will have one kind of soup, next week another and so on. We need volunteers which will be able to cook soups. We will have soup sale on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. The start of Soup Sale will be on Sunday, February 11th. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley etc. The price for a 16 ounce container is \$3.00. All proceeds go towards the children of St. George’s Church School. Make sure to support our children who are the future of our parish family. A sign-up sheet who would like to make a soup for this fundraiser is available in the Church vestibule.

Next Sunday: Forgiveness Sunday

Next Sunday, February 19th, in our Liturgical calendar is the last Sunday before the Great Fast called Cheesefare Sunday. This Sunday is also called “Forgiveness Sunday” from the pious Eastern Christian custom of asking each other’s forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect before we begin together our journey through the Great Fast-Lent. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have the Rite of Forgiveness during which we will ask each other for forgiveness.

Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due February 25, 2018

Prayer in the Life of the Church Pastoral Letter of the synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 2017 to Clergy, Monastics, and Laity in English and Ukrainian can be found in the church vestibule, or by following the link: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/prayer-in-the-life-of-the-church-2017>

Mardi Gras Party

Here in our local community, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their 21st annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 11th from 12:00-4 p.m. Music will be by the Blue Orphans Band. Delicious food and coffee & desserts will be served. There is a Free Will offering to benefit various ministries. You can make your reservations by calling 412-761-8545.

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, Michael Pyptyk, Mary Senchesen, Jane Chulack, Helen Fedenko, Alexandra Kozak and Rose Shedno.**

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$296.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!** The upcoming Lenten season is our busiest time of the year and with this being the busiest time we also generate income for our parish. I ask that you PLEASE consider helping with this activity. Help is very much needed now on Wednesday when the potatoes and sauerkraut are being prepared. On Thursday we need more help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand with this fundraiser that helps with the expenses of the parish.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 21, 2017 was **\$1,583.00**

(Collection: \$1270.00, Loose & candles: \$17.00, Pyrohy: \$296.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

Sunday of the Last Judgment

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory" (Matt. 25:31).

Today, we celebrate in our Holy Church the Sunday of the Last Judgment. We are presented with the Gospel reading in which our merciful Lord has warned us, His followers about the day when He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

What is the reason for this warning? Why did Christ foretell all these things? Did He want to scare us, to draw our attention to Him? Of course not! The only reason for this warning is that He loves us so much that He does not want to loose us because as the Son of God He knows all the consequences of being out of His glorious Kingdom. If we lead our lives irresponsibly and make no progress in our perfection, then we will not be able to enter the Eternal Kingdom of God, because for this to happen we have to WANT to be with Him. However, wanting in it self is insufficient. Our entire life has to demonstrate good proof of this desire.

Today's Gospel reading emphasizes the necessity of life with Jesus Christ and that this life should be expressed not just externally, but foremost with our true feelings towards God and to our neighbor. Observe the parable of Jesus when He speaks to both sides on the Last Judgment Day, after dividing them into "sheep" (the good ones) and "goats" (the bad ones). For both sides He uses the same requirements. For life, which was followed by the saved ones (on the right hand of Christ), He said: you fed the hungry, gave drink to thirsty, took in a stranger who needed a place to stay overnight, gave clothes to the those who needed it, visited the sick in the hospitals, and visited those in prison. For the bad (on the left hand of Christ), He said you failed: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to take in a stranger who needed a place to stay overnight, to give clothes to the those who needed them, to visit the sick in the hospitals, or to visit those in prison.

Why do you think these definitions will be used on the Last Judgment Day? Simply, because each of us is capable of achieving the above named things, but in order to do so we must demonstrate true love and compassion for our neighbor and the needy. If there is no true love in our relationship for others, we simply cannot fulfill these obligations. So, dear friends, the parable is quite clear about who will be called righteous and who will not. And remember that Our Lord expects nothing more than our sincere best efforts! Amen.

