



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 10

4th All Souls Saturday

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11: 2-15

8:30 A.M. Panachyda/Sorokousty

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

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

Sunday, Mar. 11

4th Sunday of the Great Lent /St. John Climacus

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk. 9:17-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Paulina & Joseph Hamracey, by Pyptyk family**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko (birthday anniversary), by Debbie Label.**

Wednesday, Mar. 14

St. Benedict, Venerable

Readings: Gen. 17:1-9; Prov. 15:20-16:9

Sheptytsky Arms

Social Hall

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

Repose of Anthony JR, Antoni SR, Kateryna

Friday, Mar. 16

St. Sabinus & Pappas, Martyrs

Readings: Gen. 18:20-33; Prov. 16:17-33

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)

Saturday, Mar. 17

Akathistos Saturday

Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Southside)

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

Sunday, Mar. 18

5th Sunday of the Great Lent /St. Mary of Egypt

Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olech & Peter Baran, by David & Orysia Barshowski**

Cross out all these letters to find what Jesus said:
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-Luke 9:23



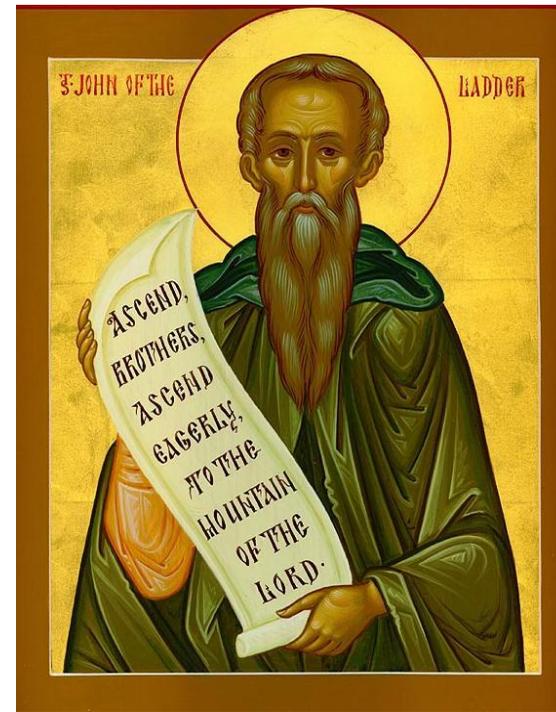
Our venerable father John of the Ladder

Our holy father John of the Ladder is a Saint whom we commemorate every year on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (also on March 30th.) He lived in the late 6th and early 7th centuries. He was tonsured a monk at the Monastery of Saint Catherine at Mt. Sinai. Most of his life was spent completely by himself in continuous prayer at the place where, according to tradition, God had spoken to Moses by the burning bush and

later had given to him the Law. During the last years of his life our venerable father John was the archimandrite-abbot of St. Catherine's Monastery, where he wrote his famous work "The Ladder of Divine Ascent", which caused him to be known as St. John "of the Ladder." In this book he teaches how we can become spiritually and morally perfect. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught in the Sermon on the Mount: "You must be perfect - just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). This is a command not only for the apostles or for monks, but also for all Christians. How can we become perfect? Put simply it is to "live just as Jesus did" (1 John 2:6). Christian perfection is growth in love, holiness, and goodness – through Jesus Christ Our Savior. May the life and the writings of Saint John Climacus, whom we commemorate on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent, both enlighten and inspire us in our own pilgrimage towards the Glorious third day Resurrection!!!

The Monastery at Mount Sinai

St. Catherine's Monastery is an Orthodox monastery on the Sinai Peninsula at the foot of Mount Sinai in Egypt. It is one of the oldest Christian monasteries in the world which incorporates the burning bush seen by Moses. Above the monastery is Mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God. The monastery's actual name is the Monastery of the Transfiguration, but it later became associated with St. Catherine of Alexandria, a 3rd century martyr whose head and hand were brought here for safe keeping in the 10th century. St. Catherine's Monastery became a major pilgrimage destination in the Byzantine Era and it still is today. The holiest part of the monastery is the large living shrub that is said to be a direct descendent of the very burning bush that was seen by Moses. The Chapel of the Burning Bush was built with its Altar situated above the roots of the bush and incorporates the 4th-century chapel built by Empress St. Helena. The chapel is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. In 2002, the area centering on St. Catherine's Monastery was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO because of Mt. Sinai's importance in three major world religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam), the natural environment of the area and St. Catherine's historic architecture and art.



Mar. 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus, Tone 7; Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638)

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Announcements:

Today: Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast we commemorate our venerable father John of the Ladder (Climacus), who is the author of the ascetical writing "The Ladder of Divine Ascent". St. John of the Ladder was the archimandrite (abbot) of St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai and he stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Heavenly Kingdom. Today, following the Divine Liturgy the children of our St. George's Church School will present the "LADDER". Please remain for this presentation to learn more about our venerable father John Climacus during this journey of the Great Fast in preparation for the Resurrection of Our Lord! Sincere thanks to all of our children and their instructors for preparing this program.

This Sunday Soup Sale And Halushki

We continue our fundraiser a Soup Sale & Halushki. On this Sunday, March 4th, following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall you will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Vegetable etc. The price for a quart container is \$6.00. Thank you for support of our parish.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, March 24th, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church hall. The price per a loaf is \$10.00. In the Church vestibule we have a sign-up sheet for placing your orders. I ask you to write down your name and amount of Paska Bread (plain or raisin) you wish to order. You may pick-up your order on Palm Sunday, March 25th, following the Divine Liturgy.

St George Easter Kielbasy Sale – This Year it will be famous Kielbasy from Parma, OH

We are asking that parishioners buy kiellbasy for their own use and also sell some of this fine product to friends, neighbors, and colleagues. The price is \$10.00 per ring (approx. 2 lb.) and order forms are available in the Church vestibule for placing orders. You must place your order in advance in order to purchase this kolbasa. Payment must accompany your order.

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all our parishioners for the continued support of this important parish fundraiser.

Save the Date! Sunday, March 25th, 2pm, at the Ukrainian American Citizen's Club of Carnegie. **Premiere Pittsburgh showing of the video, "Music of Survival"** the heroic and almost miraculous story fothe Bandurists' escape from Nazi and Soviet occupied Ukraine to freedom in the USA. It is being presented by the producer, Orest Sushko. Kobasa or hot sausage sandwiches, and pyrohi will be available for purchase. Food sales benefit the Carnegie Club's Building Fund. Free showing.

Heads up to students from Ukrainian Technological Society: **Scholarship Application online** forms are opened on the www.utspgh.org website

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$1094.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. As was announced last Sunday: **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!**

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of March 4, 2018 was **\$2,234.00**

(Collection: \$895.00, Loose & candles: \$26.00, Pyrohy: \$1094.00, Soup/Halushki sale: \$ 219.00)

Donation for flowers of the cross: \$20.00, from Maria Perkun in memory of Philip Perkun)

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



Parish Lenten Mission 2018

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2018 which will take place Tuesday & Wednesday, March 20-21, 2018 for both parishes. A parish mission is a special event that allows us to take some time to look at our lives, values, and direction.

On Tuesday evening, March 20th, 2018 we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. John the Baptist (204 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks PA, 15136). Following this Service, Fr. Christopher Mannerino, parochial vicar of St. Theresa of Avilla of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Wednesday evening, March 21th, we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. George (3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212). This evening we will welcome Fr. Christopher Mannerino, parochial vicar of St. Theresa of Avilla of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. He will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

Following both evenings we will have Lenten refreshments in the Church hall. Let us come together for the renewal of our souls and bodies in preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection!



PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. (Prostration)

Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble mindedness, patience, and love. (Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins, and not to judge my brother. For You are holy, now and ever and forever. Amen. (Prostration)

