



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Dec. 1

Sts. Plato and Roman, Martyrs

Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 12:16-21

10:00P. M. Decoration of our church

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

Sunday, Dec. 2

Twenty eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Col. 1:12-18; Lk. 18:18-27

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy / St. Nicholas visit/Christmas Cookie workshop

Supplications will be offered for + Shedno family (By Rose Shedno)

Wednesday, Dec. 5

St. Sabbas, venerable

Readings: Gal. 5:22-6:2; Mt. 11:27-30

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

Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., Katherine Fedyna

Thursday, Dec. 6

St. Nicholas of Myra

Readings: Heb. 13:17-21; Lk. 6:17-23

(North Side) 7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing on Nicholas D. Hohosha on his patron feast day (By parents)

Saturday, Dec. 8

Conception of Saint Anna when she conceived the Most Holy Mother of God

Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 12:16-21

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

Sunday, Dec. 9

Twenty ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Col. 3:12-16; Lk. 17:12-19

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

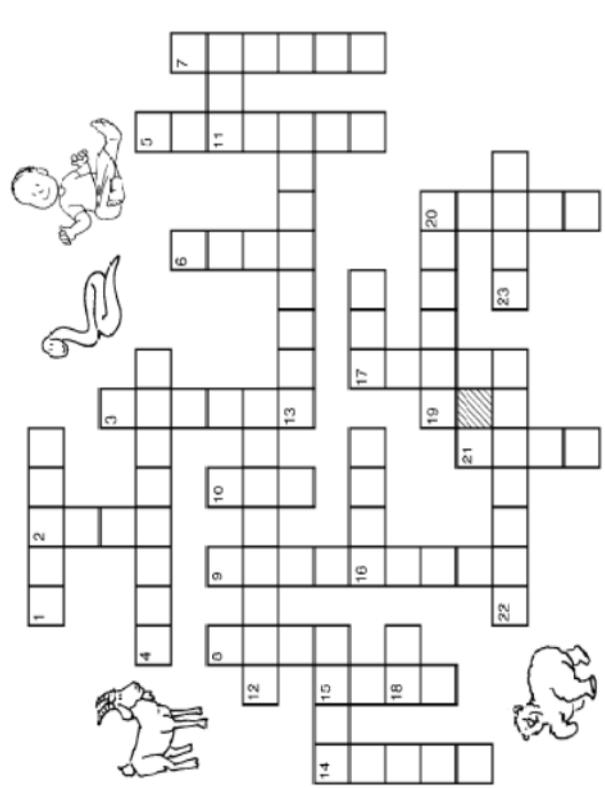
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Nebesna & Perkun family (By Maria Perkun)

We often read from the Old Testament book of Isaiah during Advent. Here is something Isaiah said would happen someday in the future.

To find the missing words, fit the words from this list into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the words from the crossword puzzle to the numbered lines in the verses below.

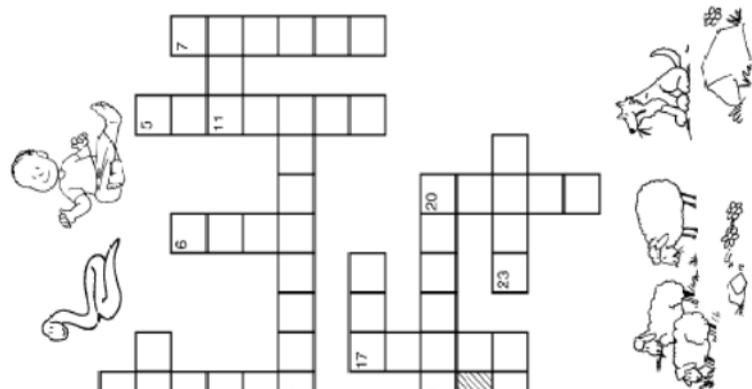
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The (8) _____ will live with the (16) _____.

the (22) _____ will lie down with the (6) _____, the (14A) _____ and the (15) _____ and the (4) _____ together; and a little (17D) _____ will lead them. The (17A) _____ will feed with the (2) _____, their young will lie down (13) _____, and the lion will (10) _____ (20) _____ like the (18) _____.

The (3) _____ will play near the hole of the (1) _____, and the young child put his (21) _____ into the (19) _____, _____ nest. They will neither (23) _____ nor (5) _____ on all my holy (12) _____, for the earth will be full of the (9) _____ of the Lord as the (7) _____ (14D) _____ the (11) _____.





The Candy Cane

A Candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So he made a Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God. The candy maker made the candy in the form of a “J” to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the “Good Shepherd”. The candy maker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life. The candy became known as a Candy Cane -- a decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning has faded, but still gives joy to children young and old, whom Jesus loves and treasures.



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

Monday, December 24, 2018: Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Eve)

After consultation with PAC, it was decided to have Christmas Eve services at one place for both parishes. This year, it will be St. John’s at McKees Rocks, PA.

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

Tuesday, December 25, 2018: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas Day)

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. George, North Side of Pittsburgh)

11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. John, McKees Rocks Bottom)



December 2, 2018

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3;

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk (Avvakum); Athanasius the Recluse (1176)

Changeable Part: Pages 14-15
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: Visit from St. Nicholas

At the end of the Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas will be here to visit the children of St. George’s. **All children** are to come forward to welcome St. Nicholas to our parish (parents may accompany the smaller children). As St. Nicholas enters our Church let us all sing together that beautiful hymn “O khto, khto Nikolaya lyubit-Those who love Nicholas the Saintly”. Following that let us all gather together in our Church hall to enjoy refreshments and a good time with St. Nick.

Today: St. Andrew’s Pence Collection

Traditionally on or around the Feast of St. Andrew, the first called Apostle (November 30) our parish have a special collection for needs of pastoral ministry of His Beatitude Sviatoslav. Sunday, December 2nd, we will take a collection for St. Andrew’s Pence, please, use a special envelop.

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!

Let's celebrate Holy Supper (Sviat Vecher) together on Christmas Eve!

Dear friends, this year, we would like to start a new tradition in our parish. As you may know, our birth families are in Ukraine, but we have a new Christian family – our parishioners. Let us celebrate a traditional Holy Supper on Christmas Eve together! On December 24, 2018 (Monday), we will gather at the Church Hall at 5:00 p.m.. The parish will provide pierogies and Inna will make borscht. Those parishioners who sign up to attend are asked to bring one meat-free, cheese-free dish to share. Each family is asked to provide one dish. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the list in the church vestibule. Thank you! Fr. Hohosha and Family

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 23rd

On Sunday, December 23th, Father Andrew Clarke, retired priest of our Eparchy, will be with us to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation as part of our Christmas Lent journey. I encourage especially children and parents to come and receive this Mystery-Sacrament of Repentance in preparation for Christmas.

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, Mihaylyna Spak, Michael Pyptyk, Barbara Fedora, Mary Senchesen, Thomas Orr, Jane Chulack, Helen Fedenko, Patricia Della-Regione, Dolores Loser, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, Arlene Grzybowski and Alexandra Kozak.**

Pyrohy

Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity as preparation for Christmas! We are in big need of scoopers every Wednesday morning. Also, we will have an extra session of making pierogies on December 5, 12, 19 Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of November 11, 2018 was **\$3,911.00**

(Collection: \$865.00, loose & candles: \$46.00, Anonymous: \$3,000.00)

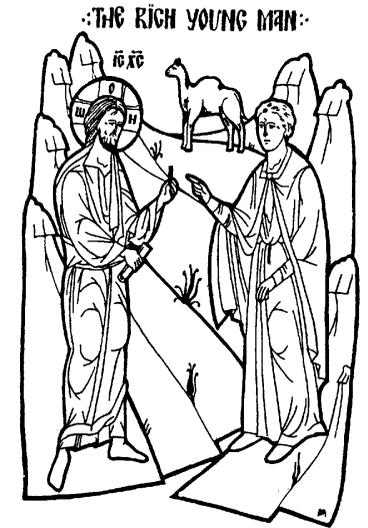
Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone."

In today's Gospel reading we see that there was a certain man who desired eternal life. Our Lord told him that he must follow the commandments of God. The rich man happily told Jesus that he had observed all of them since his childhood days. At this point Our Lord told him that he was still deficient in one thing. His real God was comfort, and what he really worshipped was his own possessions and his wealth.



There are many people in the world who use their wealth for themselves. The man in the Gospel finds that it is very difficult to share his wealth with others. We must share our God given gifts or wealth with others. It is not a sin to have much wealth, but it is a danger to the soul and a great responsibility, for we must use our wealth wisely.

One of the great doctors-teachers of the Church, St. Gregory Nazianzus, teaches us that we must strive toward God. He writes this: *"Let us not esteem worldly property or adversity as things real or of any worth, but let us live elsewhere and raise all our attention to Heaven esteeming sin as the only true evil and nothing truly good but virtue which united us to God."*

In these words of St. Gregory, we can understand that the Lord desires all our attention and love. The Lord God searches for souls who are not divided. The rich man was probably a very good man, but he was a divided man. He loved the things of the world as much as he loved God.

Finally, we must make a decision to love God or the world. A great priest of 19th century France, St. John Vianney, states this: *"You cannot please both God and the world at the same time. They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires, and their actions. You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God. So let us choose God over the world."*As we continue our journey towards Bethlehem let us indeed CHOOSE GOD over the world!