



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 2

**Feast of Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna**

Readings: Heb. 7:17-17; Lk. 2:22-40

(McKees Rocks)

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy /Blessing of candles**

Sunday, Feb. 3

**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

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

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

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

Supplications will be offered for+**Vasyl Pivrko**, given by Pyptyk family

Wednesday, Feb. 6

**St. Bucolos, Bishop**

Readings: 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mk. 12:28-37

**Sheptytsky Arms**

**Social Hall**

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 9

**St. Nicephor, Martyr**

Readings: Heb. 7:17-17; Lk. 2:22-40

(McKees Rocks)

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, Feb. 10

**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

Readings: 1 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18:10-14

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

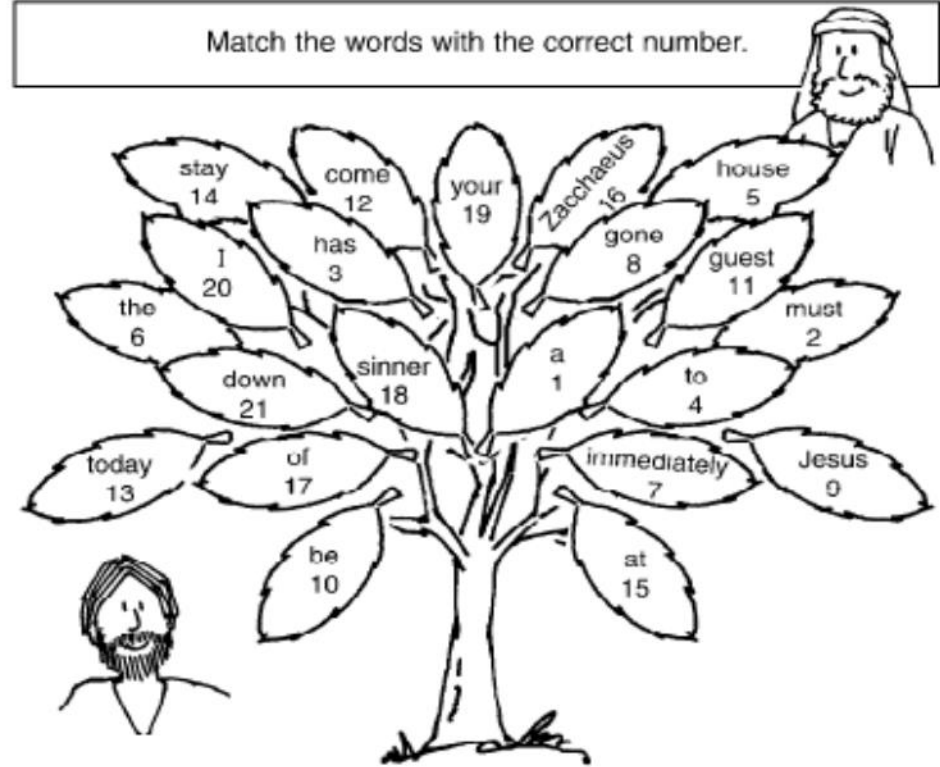
**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+**Anna Toth**, given by Rose Shedno



Jesus saw Zacchaeus. What happened next?

Match the words with the correct number.



“ \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ 21  
 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 12  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ 5  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ ” Then the crowd said, “ \_\_\_\_\_ 9  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 6  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ ”

## Candles



A candle is a small piece of light. Long ago candles and oil lamps were the only ways people could have light at night. They would bring these “bits of light” to the first Christian gatherings in the catacombs and other secret places. Soon the candles became a way of praying, of giving something back to God. The interpreter of the Liturgy, our venerable father Simeon of Thessalonica (XV century), said that pure wax symbolizes the purity and innocence of people offering it. The wax is offered as a sign of our repentance for our obstinacy and willfulness. The softness and malleability of the wax speak of our readiness to obey God. The flame of the candle shows the warmth of love to God.

Candles are used in all Eastern Churches. It is our practice that when we enter the Church, we are to stop to buy a candle. It’s our sacrifice. When we light a candle before an Icon and say a prayer for someone, we tell God that we are praying for that person and as long as our candle burns our prayer will be there before God. We say to our friends who are sick or troubled that we will light a candle for them. We light candles for someone who has died. Sometimes we light a candle to say “thank you” to God. We should not put up a candle just for the sake of the ritual, with our hearts remaining cold. The outward action must be supported by a prayer, be it even a simple one expressed in your own words.

Even today when we have electric lights we do not want to give up praying with those small “bits of living light”. They remind us that our souls should burn with love for God and our neighbor for we are called to be living candles. As we will bless the candles for the Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord remember that, “You are like a light of the world. You are like a candle in a dark room. Don’t hide your light. Let your light shine for everyone to see!” When we see so many candles everywhere, we know that Jesus is everywhere in the whole Church, our homes, and He is in us, too.

***Now You shall dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word, in peace; because my eyes have seen your salvation which You prepared before the face of all people. a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel.***

-Canticle of Simeon



## February 3, 2019

Sunday of Zaccheus,  
Tone 4; Post-feast of the  
Encounter; the Holy and  
Just Simeon Who  
Received God and the  
Prophetess Anna

**Changeable Part: Pages 31-33**

*In the Booklet of Changeable Parts  
(Small white book)*

## Announcements:

### Welcome Fr. Andrew!

On this Sunday we welcome to our parish family Rev. Andrew Clarke. We thank you Fr. Andrew for coming and celebrating the Divine Liturgy for our parish family. We ask Our Lord to bless you in the priestly ministry for many happy and blessed years: *Многая Лета!* On this Sunday, Fr. Igor is in Parma, OH, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of priestly ordination of Msgr. Michael Rewtiuk.

### PAC Meeting

On Thursday, February 21st, the meeting of the Parish Advisory Council will take place at the church hall at 7:00 p.m. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this important meeting.

**The First All Souls Day** is Saturday, February 23th. Please turn in your-“All Souls Remembrance” found in your box of church offering envelopes. Please turn in your names no later than Wed., Feb. 15th. You can simply place your names in the church basket, stop by the rectory or email the list: [saintgeorgepghs@yahoo.com](mailto:saintgeorgepghs@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**Statement of Contribution**

Those parishioners, who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2018 for tax purposes, please find your envelope in the vestibule.

**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, Maria Perkun and Alexandra Kozak.**

**Collection- May God bless you...**

The grand total for Sunday of January 27, 2019 was **\$1,509.56**

(Collection: \$810.00, loose & candles: \$10.00, Rebate: \$56.56, Pyrohy: \$633.00)

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



**Christ our Pascha Catechism Quotes:**

**The Freedom of the Creator God creates freely; nothing limits his creative freedom. God's creativity is expressed in creation, in bringing forth being from non-being. God calls forth into being that which did not exist, and did not necessarily have to exist. In other words, what God called into existence did not come into being out of any necessity. Holy Scripture does not tell us how the world came to be. Instead, it speaks about who (the Father), through whom (the Word, the Son), and in whom (the Holy Spirit) God called this world into existence. (#105)**



**Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.**



**From the Pastoral Letter of the 2018 Synod of Bishops on God's Word and Catechesis.**

**The Family—Local Church, Parents—the First Nurturers of the Faith**

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the parents, grandparents and godparents who hand down the living treasure of faith from one generation to the next. We remember that throughout the difficult decades of the communistic regime, it was our families who became the place where the Holy Spirit would act, beyond the reach of atheistic propaganda—the place, where faith in God and faithfulness to the Church of Christ were nurtured and preserved.

At all times, no matter what the external circumstances, the family, as the local Church, was, is and shall be the first locale for the nurturing and passing on of the faith. Therefore, also today we focus our gaze and attention on the family, in order to help it, and especially the parents, to deepen their own spiritual life, so that they might be capable of transmitting the gift of holy faith to their children and grandchildren. It is important task the parents should be supported by godparents, grandparents, family members, friends, school and parish community. We say "support" because in this responsible task no one can replace the nuclear family unit.

Dear Families! Our Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky said: "The family home is the first and most important school, where your children are to learn to love God and others. As will be that school, so will be the learning" (Khrystianska rodyna [The Christian Family], 13). Raise your children in a Christian spirit, create a particular atmosphere of family prayer—pray as a family before the holy icons, celebrate Sundays and holy days by participating with your children in the parish Divine Liturgy. When celebrating together, cultivate Christian family traditions and practices, instill in your children a Christian outlook on life and develop in them a sense of belonging to the parish church community and native people.

Dear Parents! You are the first teachers of faith for your children. Teach them by the example of your everyday life and by the word of prayer. Proclaim to them the Gospel, read the Word of God, the lives of the Saints and especially the lives of our new martyrs who are models of a faith that is received, lived and witnessed. Begin your day with morning prayer and end the day with evening prayer, encouraging your children with the words: "Come, let's pray." Bear witness to your faith with your life.