

# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Sunday, Nov. 17** Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 2:4-10; Lk. 12:16-21

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

<u>Bishop's visit</u> 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Yuriy Hohosha**, **given by Nicholas Kotow**Supplications will be offered for **+Eva Hlovchiec**, **given by family** 

Tuesday, Nov.19 Obadiah, Prophet

Readings: 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Lk. 17:26-37

11:00 A.M. Eparchial Consultor Meeting (Parma, OH)

Thursday, Nov. 21 Entrance of the Theotokos

Readings: Heb. 9:1-7; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy

Repose of Mihaylo Pyptyk, on his 100 birthday, by family

<u>Saturday, Nov. 23</u> The Holy Great-Martyr Catherine); the Holy Great-Martyr Mercurius

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

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

**Sunday, Nov. 24** 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 13:10-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Gregory H. Waslo III on his birthday, by family Supplications will be offered for +Pearl Homza, given by Ken & Steve Homza

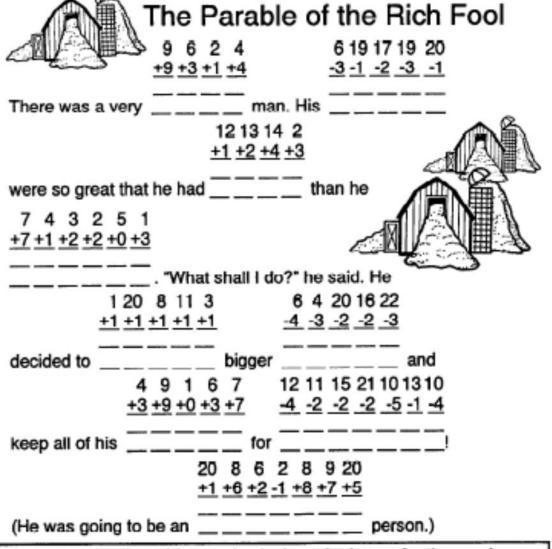


Figure out each problem and substitute the letters for the numbers.



#### WHEN DID THE NATIVITY FAST ORIGINATE?

We do not know precisely at what date the observance of the Nativity Fast (Advent) was introduced into the Church. Documents establish that, towards the end of the fourth century, the Nativity of Christ was celebrated by some on December 25th and by others on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Council of Saragossa, in Spain, decided (in the year 380) that, from December 17<sup>th</sup> until Theophany-Epiphany, no one could absent himself from Divine Services. In Gaul (modern day France), in the sixth century, a sort of Lent was observed from November 11<sup>th</sup> until Christmas. Advent was celebrated in Rome, under Pope St. Gregory the Great, towards the end of the sixth century.

The Nativity Fast seems to have come into the practice of the Churches of the Byzantine rite a little later when in the ninth century the Greeks fasted from November 15<sup>th</sup> through Christmas.

## **FASTING IN OUR CHURCH**

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich

## Q. Who instituted fasting as necessary for salvation?

**A.** Our Lord Jesus Christ, both by His personal example (Matt. 4:2) and by His teaching (Matt. 6:16; 7:21).

## Q. What is the aim of fasting?

- **A**. The aim of fasting is to:
- 1. purify the body;
- 2. strengthen the will;
- 3. elevate the soul over the body;
- 4. glorify God and honor His saints.

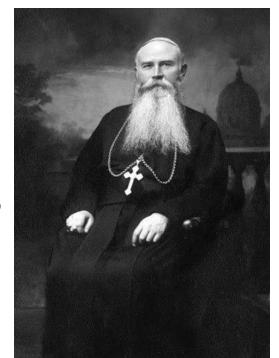
## Q. In what does Fasting consist for an Eastern Christian?

**A.** In abstention from rich foods such as meat and dairy products, evil thoughts, desires and deeds. In the application of greater prayer, alms giving and more strenuous exercising of all the Christian virtues.

## November 17, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday after
Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 6; Our
Holy Father Gregory the
Wonderworker, Bishop of
Neocaesarea (270-75); Passing into
Eternal Life (1947) of Blessed
Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of
Peremyshl and Martyr

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## We welcome His Grace Bishop Bohdan!

It is with great joy that we welcome to our parish family, His Grace, Bishop Bohdan, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat. As a parish family we ask Our Lord to grant to His servant, Bishop Bohdan peace, health and happiness for many years! Μησία Πίπα! Εις Πολλά έτη Δέσποτά

# **Announcements:**

### Philip's Fast-Advent

As a parish family we begin today the pre-Nativity Fast (Pylypivka). This Fast lasts until the eve of the Nativity of Christ (December 24) inclusively. The regulations for this Fast are far more lenient than for the Great Fast. **During this time we are to observe Wednesdays and Fridays as a day of "Simple Fast", that is, no meat is to be eaten.** As it has been a tradition in the past, we will celebrate one evening during the week the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel, which is a special Advent Prayer Service in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. I encourage you to come and dedicate an evening during this Philip's Fast-Advent to attend this beautiful Prayer Service. The first one will be celebrated at month of December. Please come!

#### **Sarris Christmas Candy sale!**

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due November 24. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 14 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. **Make checks payable to St. George Church.** 

### Pyrohy

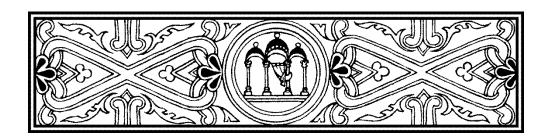
Our total income from last week's frozen sale was \$1,000.00 Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this time. Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity as preparation for Christmas! Thank you.

## Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of November 10, 2019 was \$2,168.00

(Collection: \$1140.00, loose & candles: \$28.00, Pyrohy: \$1, 00.00)

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





## Our Advent Project: Reaching out to the Men and Women in the Armed Forces

During this time of the pre-Nativity Fast-Advent Season we are called to reach out and to see the needs of others. Here in our parish family we have had over the years the wonderful opportunity to do so especially during this time of the year when we are on a spiritual journey to

Bethlehem to welcome the Newborn King-Christ Our Savior.

This year join us as we reach out to the wonderful men and women in the Armed Forces of our nation under God. As a parish let us collect different items that are needed and will be shipped over to bring a smile to these brave men and women during this holiday season.

There are non-food items and food-items that you can choose from. These items will be collected in our Church vestibule next to our Angel Tree. The last day to bring your gift donation will be Sunday, December 22nd.

Here are some of the items that you can donate. A full list of the items is available on the table next to our Angel Tree.

Non-Food Items: Sheet sets, Blankets, Pillows, Towels, Phone cards, AA and AAA Batteries, Books and Magazines, Scented candles, Handheld electronic games, travel sizes games, DVD's of movies/shows, zip lock bags, fly strips and mosquito coils, envelopes, pens.

<u>Food Items:</u> candy, licorice, lollipops (not chocolate candy), pretzels, chips, nuts, cookies, granola bars/breakfast bars, microwave popcorn, beef jerky, gum.

<u>Personal Hygiene Items:</u> shaving cream, suntan lotion, deodorant, tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, Q tips, skin cream, hand sanitizer (small bottles), foot powder, razors, shampoo (small bottles), dental floss, eye drops.

As part of this Advent Project you can all prepare Christmas Cards with a message to our soldiers. Our children can prepare a nice Christmas picture. We can all be part of this Advent Project to support all our brave men and women who are serving in the United States Armed Forces.