

## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

Readings: Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 18:18-27 **10:00 P.M. Decorating the Church** 

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

Sunday, Dec. 1 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 18:18-27

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Petro Hodowanec (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary), by Olech & Motria

**Hodowanec and by James & Olga Kaiser** 

Wednesday, Dec. 4 St. Barbara the Great martyr/St. John Damascene

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:18-20 & 2:8-15; Lk. 21:5-7.10-11.20-24

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

**Social Hall** Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., Katherine Fedyna

Thursday, Dec. 5 St. Sabbas, venerable

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

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

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

St. Ambrose, Archbishop

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

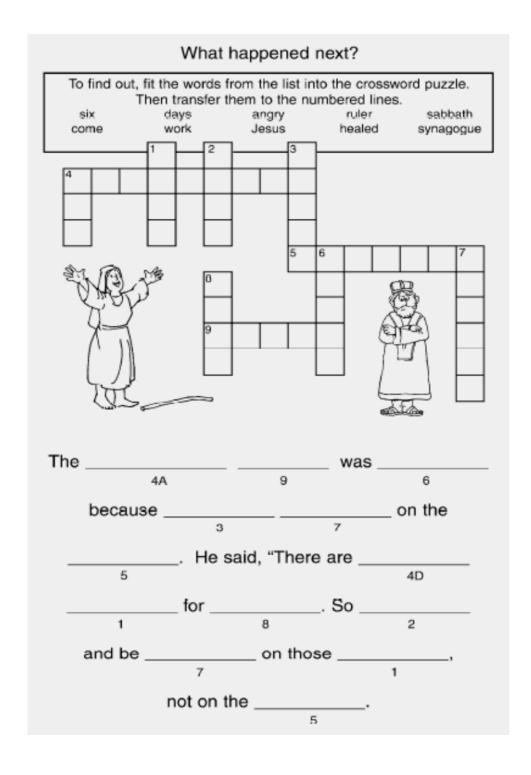
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Dec. 8 26th Sunday after Pentecost/Maternity of the Holy Anna

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Mihaylo Pyptyk (By Toni Flot)
Supplications will be offered for + Yuriy Hohosha (By Nicholas Kotow)



## The Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called November 30



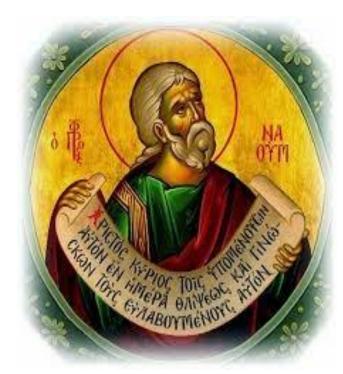
The Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called was the first of the Apostles to follow Christ, and he later brought his own brother, the Apostle Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42). The future Apostle was from Bethsaida, and from his youth he turned with all his soul to God. He did not enter into marriage, and he worked with his brother as a fisherman. When the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John began to preach, St. Andrew became his closest disciple. St. John the Baptist himself sent to Christ his own two disciples, the future Apostles Andrew and John the Theologian, declaring Christ to be the Lamb of God.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St. Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, he reached the River Danube, went along the coast of the Black Sea, through Crimea, the Black Sea region and along the River Dnipro he climbed to the place where the city of Kyiv (Ukraine) now stands.

He stopped overnight on the hills of Kyiv. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: "See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many Churches." On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans: they cast him out of their cities and they beat him. By the labors of the Holy Apostle Andrew, Christian Churches were established, for which he provided bishops and clergy. The final city to which the Apostle came was the city of Patra, where he was destined to suffer martyrdom, being crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

A few centuries later, under the Holy Emperor Constantine the Great, the relics of the Holy Apostle Andrew were solemnly transferred to Constantinople and placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beside the relics of the Holy Evangelist Luke and St. Paul's disciple St. Timothy.

Let us praise Andrew the Theologian for his courage. Let us praise him as a follower of his brother Peter, leader of the Church. Just as he once cried out to Peter, so too now he beckons us saying: Come, we have found the Expectation of the ages.



### **December 1, 2019**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,
Octoechos Tone 8;

The Holy Prophet
Nahum (7th century BC)

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## **Announcements:**

#### **Feast of St. Nicholas**

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, we commemorate our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker. To celebrate this feast day and to honor this great Saint we will have Thursday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup>, a Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Please come to honor one of the greatest and famous Saints in our Holy Church whose life is for us a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance.

#### St. Nicholas Visit

This year in preparation for the visit of St. Nicholas to our church on December 8, parents and/or grandparents are asked to purchase and wrap a gift for each of their children/grandchildren who will attend the party. Gifts should have a value between \$10 and \$15, be wrapped and labeled with the child's name. Gifts can be delivered to the church hall before Liturgy on December 8 . Please follow the value suggestion so that children receive comparable gifts. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### This Sunday 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 1st, we will take a collection for St. Andrew's Pence, please, use a special envelop.

#### **Thursday: Moleben-Advent Prayer Service**

To enhance our spiritual journey of the Christmas Lent-Advent we are offering on Thursday evening the Moleben to Emmanuel-Advent Prayer Service. Plan to come on Thursday, December 12<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John;s parish, McKees Rocks for our next Moleben Service during which a short meditation will be given as we continue together our journey to Bethlehem

#### **Parish Advent Project**

As we continue our journey of the Christmas Lent-Advent we continue with our parish project during which we reach out to the brave men and women in the Armed Forces of our nation under God. As a parish we are collecting different items that are needed and will be shipped over to bring a smile to them during this holiday season. You can choose an Angel from our Angel Tree in the Church vestibule or you can choose from the list of items that is available under the Angel Tree. As part of this Advent Project you can also prepare cards with a message to our soldiers. The children can prepare a nice 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.

#### **Pyrohy**

Our total income from last week's sale was \$755.00 Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this summer. Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity as preparation for Christmas! We are in big need of scoopers every Wednesday morning. Also, starting December 11 (Wednesday) we will start extra session of making pierogies and then we will continue on December 18 Thank you!

#### Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of November 24, 2019 was \$1,513.00

(Collection: \$715.00, loose & candles: \$43.00, Pyrohy: \$755.00)

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



#### Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 22th

On Sunday, December 18th, Father John (Ivan) Chirovsky, 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.

God forgives our sins and cleanses us from our trespasses, when we confess to God in the presence of the priest, with humility and contrite hearts. St. Athanasius the Great said, "As the Baptized is enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, by means of the priest, the repentant is granted forgiveness of his sins by the grace of Christ, also through the priest."



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2019: 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. George's at Pittsburgh, PA.** 

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

Wednesday, December 25, 2019: 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)