



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 24

St. Eusignius, Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

10:00 A.M. Children's Outing at the Sand Castle Water Park, Homestead

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

Sunday, Aug. 25

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Mrs. Malanczuk, given by Pyptyk family**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Yuriy Hohosha, given by Helen Medianowsky**

Wednesday, Aug. 28

St. Moses the Ethipian, Venerable, Martyr

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:11-16; Mk. 1:23-28

Sheptytsky Arms

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

Repose of Anthony, Antony, Kateryna Fedyna

Thursday, Aug 29

Beheading of John the Baptist

Readings: Acts 13:25-33; Mk. 6:14-29

(St. John)

7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy

Repose of Mihaylo Pyptyk, by M. Boburczak

Saturday, Aug. 31

Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

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

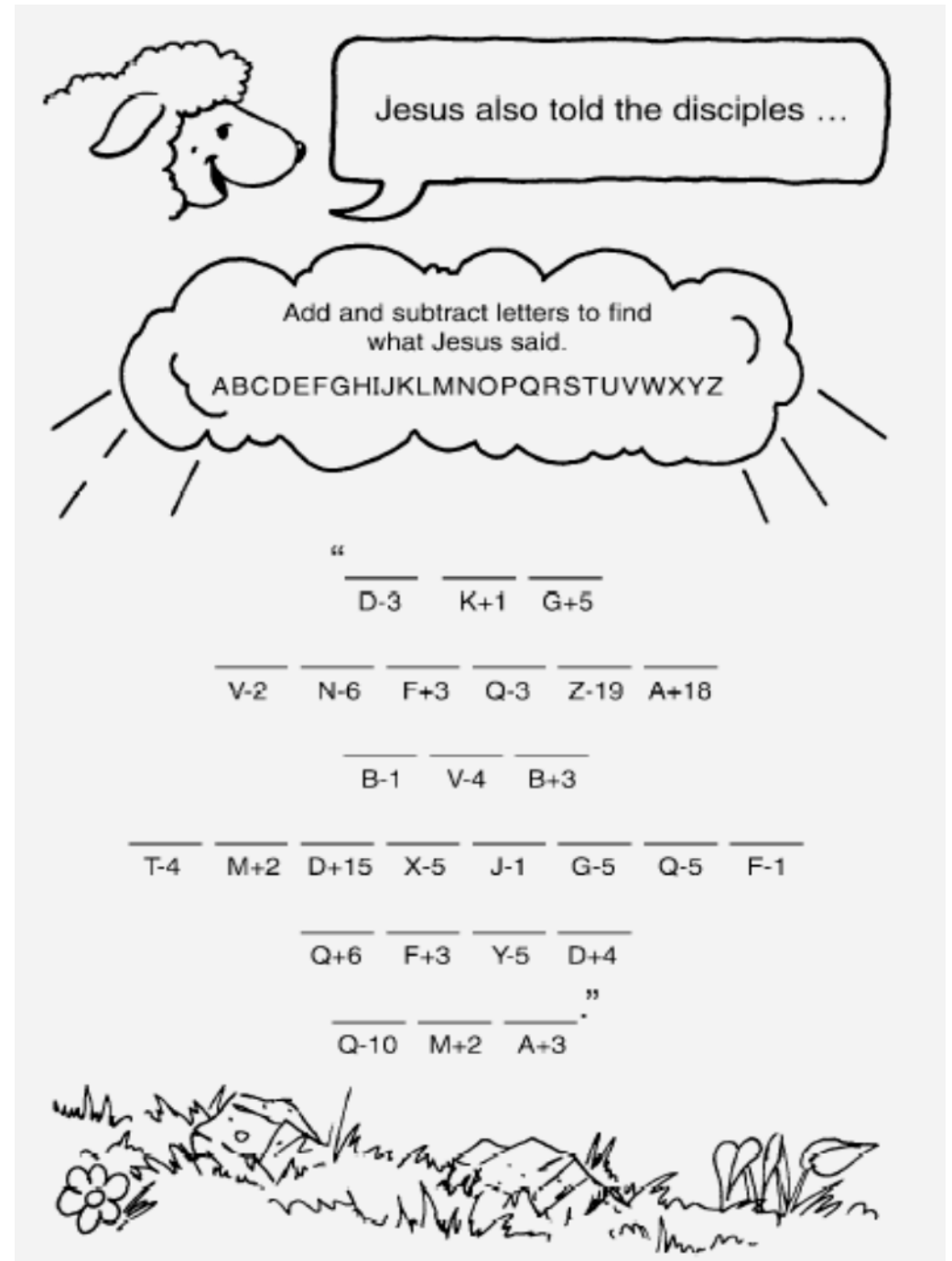
Sunday, Sep.1

Twelve Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 5:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Yuriy Hohosha, given by Nicholas Kotov**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Bohdan Hubar, given by daughter Inna**



The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist *August 29*



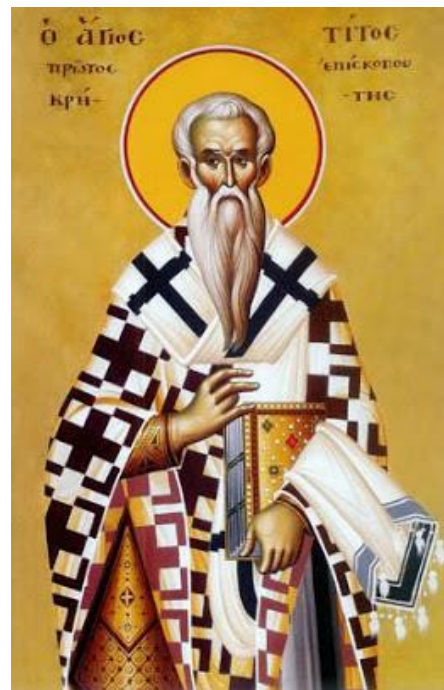
As forerunner of our Lord's birth, preaching and death, the blessed John showed in his struggle goodness worthy of the sight of heaven. In the words of Scripture: "Though in the sight of men he suffered torments, his hope is full of immortality." We justly commemorate the day of his birth with a joyful celebration, a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering and which he adorned with the crimson splendor of his own blood. We do rightly revere his memory with joyful hearts, for he stamped with the seal of martyrdom the testimony which he delivered on behalf of our Lord...Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

In Matthew 14:1-12 we read about the cruel death of John the Baptist. John had publicly reprimanded King Herod for

taking his brother's wife as his own, so Herod had him imprisoned. Although Herod really wanted John dead, he feared the many people who believed John to be a prophet. Indeed, we consider him to be the last of the Old Testament prophets. During his riotous birthday party, Herod was so pleased with the dancing of his wife's daughter Salome that he promised her anything she wanted. Her mother prompted her to say, "The head of John the Baptist on a platter." Even though Herod regretted his promise, he had to abide by it because his guests had heard him. So he commanded that John be beheaded and that the head be given to Salome, who in turn, gave it to her mother.

In the Eastern Church we keep this day as a strict fast day, (i.e. no meat, fish, dairy, wine or olive oil) as reminders that we are to live a different style of life that Herod. In memory of this event, it is a pious custom amongst our faithful to not use dishes on this day, since John's head was served on a dish/platter. Instead, only bowls are used. Also, the food that is served on this day should not require the use of a knife, since a sharp instrument was used to behead him.

Thus, we are given three ways to remember St. John's beheading: a strict fast, using bowls, eating food that is not cut. This year, incorporate at least one, if not all, of these customs to help you (your family) learn the meaning of this feast day.



August 25, 2019

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost,
Octoechos Tone 2;**

**The Return of the Relics of the Holy
Apostle Bartholomew (829-42);
Holy Apostle Titus**

Changeable Part: Pages 22-23
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

St. George's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic (Parish family reunion) will take place on Sunday, September 15th following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our **St. George's Sunday School**. As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. **We ask that you provide side dishes and desserts.** Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule. The set-up of the tables, chairs and all the food preparations for the picnic will take place on Saturday, September 14th, at 10:00 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

Akathist Hymn for Children

As the children will be returning back to school, we will be offering during the month of September the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Nurturer of Children". This beautiful Prayer Service will be offered on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to come and to offer prayers for your children, grandchildren, god-children, etc.

Cemetery Plot for sale:

Cemetery Plot in the Ukrainian section (110 of Highwood Cemetery for sale. Reasonable. Call Dave 724-752-1000

The 85th annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend (August 31 & September 1) on the grounds of Mount St. Macrina Monastery in Uniontown. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the United States, Canada and Ukraine. The Pilgrimage offers multiple celebrations of the Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Pilgrimage is one the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimages in the United States.

Eparchy of St. Josaphat Pilgrimage will be Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Shrine of the Holy Cross Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, (526 West Rayen Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502) starting at 11am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 12:30pm lunch, 2:30 pm Akathistos in honor of the venerable and life-giving Cross of our Lord. For more information, call 330-744-5820, yngholytrinity@att.net, www.holytrinityucc.com.

St. George 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 HoogeBarbara Fedora, Thomas Orr, Patricia Della-Regione, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, Arlene Grzybowski, Rose Shedno and Kethryn Shabla.**

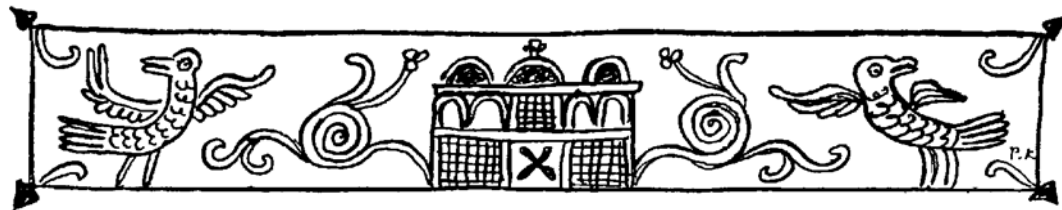
Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$664.00** 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 our Pyrohy Festival!** Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of August 11, 2019 was **\$2,457.00**
(Collection: \$1370.00, loose & candles: \$23.00, Pyrohy: \$664.00, Donation for Pierogie Fest, by Luba Pyptyk: \$100.00, Donation from wedding: \$300.00)

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

“So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

As we continue our journey of life we expect that through one word of God's mercy, the gates of eternal life will be opened for us, ... yet we close these very doors — no, the small doors of this temporal life in the face of another person. What can we hope for?

As we read Holy Scripture we learn that with what measure you measure it shall be measured unto you. In the Beatitudes it says: “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy” , and in the Lord's prayer: forgive us as we forgive. How simple it all seems, and yet how difficult we find it. It would be simple if our hearts responded to sorrow, to need; it is difficult because our hearts are silent. But why is this so? May it not be because when someone behaves badly we always think he must be a bad person, without realizing that often the man so much wants to be good, so much wants every word of his to be pure, his thoughts and his heart pure, his actions worthy ones, but he simply has not the strength, he is enmeshed by old habits, by the pressures of his environment, by false shame and so many other things. And he continues to act wrongly; but we could disentangle him. We could look at him as God looks at him, with pity, as one might look at a sick man dying of a disease that could be cured if only he were given the right treatment.

Each one of us could do what is necessary for someone. Look at a man and pity him for being wicked, angry, vengeful, bad in one way or another. Have pity on him and turn the bright side of your soul towards him, tell him that his actions and his words will not deceive you, however wicked they may be, because you know that he is an image, an icon of God, besmirched and disfigured, and yet in him you bow down to God, and love him as a brother. To do this may cost you a great deal, but if you can do it once or twice and see how a person changes because you have faith in him, because you have rested God's hope on him, what a world we should live in — a world of mutual trust. True, we should have to pay for it with our heart's blood, with tears of compassion, with agony of soul, but what joy there would be not only among the angels of God in heaven when they saw a sinner saved, but in our own hearts when we suddenly saw that in response to our compassion and love, a person was filled with the light of eternal life! Amen.

