



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 3

**The Holy Martyr Eusignius**

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

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

Sunday, Aug. 4

**Eight Sunday after Penetcost**

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Jane Chulack, given by David Chulack**

Supplications will be offered for **+Yuriy Hohosha, given by Perkun family**

Monday, Aug.5

**Pre feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

**(St. George)**

**7:00 P.M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of fruits**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Anna Baran, given by David & Orysia Barshowski**

Wednesday, Aug. 7

**St. Domitius, Venerable Martyr**

Readings: 1 Cor. 13:14-5; Mt. 20:1-16

**Sheptytsky Arms**

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

Repose of Yuriy Hohosha, by Sheptytsky Arms residents

Thursday, Aug. 8

**6:30 P.M. Pyrohy fest meeting**

Saturday, Aug. 10

**St. Eusignius, Martyr**

Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:22-34

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)**

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

Sunday, Aug.11

**Nineth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:22-34

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Mihaylo Pyptyk, given by Salo family.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Yuriy Hohosha, given by Nicholas Kotow.**

Jesus came to the disciples when they needed Him. He will come to you when you need Him, too.

Finish this poem by filling in the blanks with words from the list. You will use each word only once.

you      hand      fear      ahead      believe  
come      heart      boat      still      inside

"Take heart, have no \_\_\_\_\_,"  
the Lord Jesus said  
To his friends in the \_\_\_\_\_  
in the waves up \_\_\_\_\_.

"I am coming to help you;  
I give you my \_\_\_\_\_.  
Have faith and \_\_\_\_\_,  
and you'll soon be to land.

"The waves will be \_\_\_\_\_;  
the winds will subside.  
My caring and love  
you can feel deep \_\_\_\_\_.

"I'll always be with \_\_\_\_\_,  
and when stormy times start,  
Invite me to \_\_\_\_\_,  
and to stay in your \_\_\_\_\_."



### ***The Procession of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord***

In the ancient world the month of August was a dangerous month! In times of old Constantinople (now Istanbul) and the whole Byzantine world the summer was far more dangerous than the winter. Homes were small and cramped. The days and even the nights were often hot and stifling. Food spoiled quickly. People became ill. The best practice and medicine of the day were not enough to prevent people from becoming sick, let alone heal them. Something more was needed: prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the healing power of the Wood of the Cross.

In the Greek Horologion of 1897 the derivation of this Feast is explained: "Because of the illnesses that occur in August, it was customary, in former times, to carry the Venerable Wood of the Cross through the streets and squares of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city, and for relief from sickness. On the eve (July 31<sup>st</sup>), it was

taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the Holy Altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (the Wisdom of God). From this Feast until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (August 15<sup>th</sup>), they carried the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate."

In Eastern Europe this Feast is combined also with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 988. Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine was preserved in the Chronicles of the XVI century: "The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir-Volodymyr of Kyiv was on August 1<sup>st</sup>". In the present practice, the Lesser Sanctification of Water takes place on this day. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called "Spasiwka - Savior of the Water" There may also be a Blessing of New Honey today, which is why the Feast is also called "Savior of the Honey."

***Today the Cross of the Lord is carried forth, and the faithful welcome it with love. They receive healing of soul and body, and of every weakness. Come! Let us venerate the Cross with fear and joy!***



**August 4, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday after  
Pentecost, Octoechos  
Tone 7;  
The Seven Holy Youths of  
Ephesus; Holy Venerable-  
Martyr Eudocia (98-117)**

**Changeable Part: Pages 11-12**  
*In the Booklet of Changeable Parts*  
*(Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Feast of the Transfiguration**

On Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord. To celebrate this Major Feast Day we will have a Vespers Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Fruit at 7:00 p.m. at St. George's parish, North Side.

### **Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!**

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> (depends on whether), we will have this year's children's outing to the Sandcastles Water Park at West Homestead for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at the Park at 10:00 p.m. We have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. If you are planning to go, put your name on that sheet along with the number attending.

**Garage Sale** - St John the Baptist Orthodox Church (2688 California Ave., Pgh, PA 15212) will have their Annual Garage Sale on Friday & Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm each day. Tax-deductible clean donations for the sale are now being accepted through AUG 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr Dave ([OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com](mailto:OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com) / 412-748-0148) to arrange dropping off your extra items that will be a treasure to someone else!

## **Holy Trinity Ukrainian Festival – August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 730 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA is holding their annual Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon – 8 PM and on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon – 6:00PM. They will be holding a bake sale and be selling ethnic foods such as pyrohy, stuffed cabbage and kolbasa. Music on Saturday will be provided by the group Unnecessary Polka and the Manfield Five will perform on Sunday. For more information: 412-279-4652 or [www.htucc.com](http://www.htucc.com)

### **Pyrohy**

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$691.00** 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 total for Sunday of July 21, 2019 was **\$584.75**

(Collection: \$570.00, Loose & candles: \$14.75)

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

The total for Sunday of July 28, 2019 was **\$1,189.00**

(Collection: \$473.00, Loose & candles: \$25.00, Pyrohy: 691.00)

*Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!*



### **Pilgrimage to North Jackson, Ohio**

This year as part of the festivities honoring the Dormition (Assumption) of the Mother of God, we as parish family would like to gather together for a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH. We would like to have a Charter Bus on Wednesday afternoon, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., which will take us to the National Shrine in order to participate at 7:00 p.m. in the Divine Services led by Archbishop William C. Skurla, Metropolitan Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, PA. Return to Pittsburgh is scheduled for 10:00 p.m. In the Church vestibule we have a sign-up sheet available for this pilgrimage. Donation for this pilgrimage is \$15.00. If you are interested in joining us on this pilgrimage, please sign-up.

**If we will not have enough people for bus we will use our own vehicles.**

## ***Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Blessing of Fruit***



In our Holy Church the offering of first fruits takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing. The produce is then consumed by the faithful and their loved ones, or it can also be given to the poor and infirmed. The Liturgical concept behind the blessing is the faithful offering back to God a token of that which He in His loving-kindness has provided, God blessing these first fruits and returning them to the faithful for their benefit and blessing.

The blessing of first fruits traditionally begins on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord with the blessing of grapes. In localities where grapes are not grown, other early-ripening fruits such as apples, plums, pears, etc. may be offered. At the end of the Divine Liturgy the priest blesses the first fruits, asking "...that the Lord may bless them, that they may be to us unto rejoicing, and that He may accept a gift of these fruits unto the cleansing of our sins..." The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

It has also been a venerable tradition (especially amongst farmers) that as the harvest season progresses, the first fruits of each species be brought to the Church to be blessed, using a similar format, but a different prayer: "...that the Lord may receive our gift unto His eternal treasury and grant us an abundance of earthly goods..."

### ***Blessing of Grapes - Representation of transformation***

Grapes are blessed because they show physical transformation and represent a religious transformation.

- The transformation of flowers into fruit
- The transformation of fruit into wine
- The mystical transformation of wine into the Blood of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Divine Liturgy.
- All fruits represent new life. Mature fruits are blessed in thanksgiving for a good harvest. New life and a good harvest are Holy God's gifts to us.