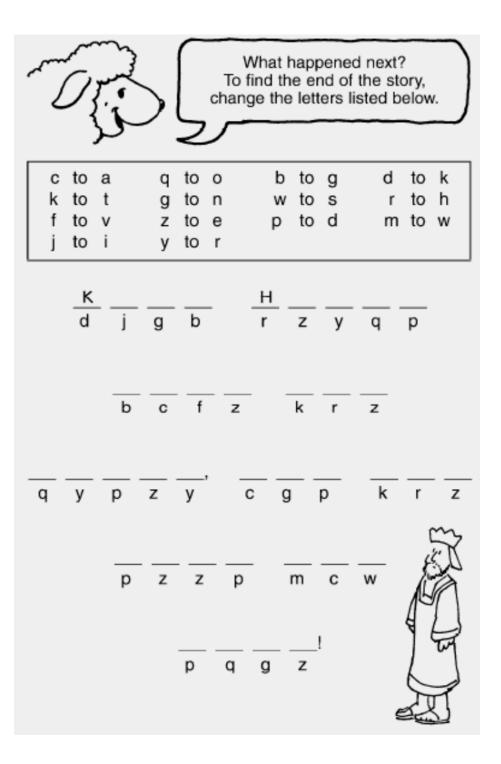


# **ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

- Saturday, Aug. 31Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos<br/>Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35<br/>6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, Sep.1Twelve Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Readings: 1 Cor. 5:1-11; Mt. 19:16-269:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine LiturgySupplications will be offered for+ Yuriy Hohosha, given by Nicholas Kotov<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Bohdan Hubar, given by daughter Inna
- Wednesday, Sep. 4St. Babylas, Bishop-Martyr<br/>Readings: 2 Cor. 9:12-10:7; Mk. 3:20-27Sheptytsky Arms9:00 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)<br/>Repose of Anthony, Antoniy, Kateryna Fedyna
- Thursday, Sep. 5Zachary Prophet and Elizabeth<br/>Readings: Acts 10:7-18; Mk. 3:28-35(St. George)7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn "Nurturer of Children"
- Saturday, Sep. 7Saturday before Exaltation of Holy Cross<br/>Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-356:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, Sep.8Sunday before Exaltation/Birth of the Mother of God<br/>Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17 & Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-429:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Yuriy Hohosha, given by Pyptyk's Supplications will be offered for+ Sue Siweckyj & Sandy Winghart, given by sister Mary





# The New Church Year begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>...

Since pagan times, the civil year has begun on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the month named for the pagan god Janus whose idol had two faces - one looking backward and one looking forward. St. Constantine the Great, the first Roman Emperor to embrace the True Faith freed the Church from persecutions, and permitted Christians throughout the Empire to worship openly after hundreds of years of relentless persecution. This declaration and subsequent important decrees *"Indictions"* were made on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Hence, the Church in the East chose this day as the beginning of the Liturgical year.

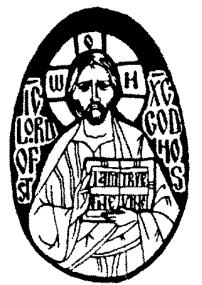
In the early days of the Church and the Christian Roman Empire, major decisions and policies were announced on this day. This practice is still alive in many monasteries where major announcements and new beginnings are customarily made on this day.

Creator of the universe, setting times and seasons by Your sole authority, bless the cycle of the year of Your grace, O Lord, guarding our rulers and Your nation in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.



Anyone who has been the victim of abuse by one of the clergy or religious serving in the Eparchy of St. Josaphat, or by any employee of the Eparchy or any of its parishes, or by a volunteer at any event sponsored by the eparchy or one of its parishes or organizations, is invited to contact His Grace Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo at (440) 888-1522; or the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk, at (412) 215-5372.

The policy for the Protection of Children & Youth in our Eparchy can be found at its website, www.stjosaphateparchy.org, by clicking on *policies* and then the pdf file button.



# **September 1, 2019**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3; Beginning of the Indiction, that is, the New Year; Our Holy Father Symeon the Stylite (459) and his mother Martha; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasenes

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 24-27 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

### From Bishop Bohdan Danylo in Parma comes the follow announcement:

A Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of saint Josaphat will take place on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at Holy trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, PA. Bishop Danylo will be attending. This will be very special Dinner and an important opportunity to support our Eparchy. Everyone is invited to attend or to support the Dinner in some way. You may register for the dinner via the mail or online at the Eparchy's website (www.stjosaphateparchy.com). information. For more please see vour pastor or an email to stjosaphatstewardship@yahoo.com

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

#### **Honoring Grandparents**

In the beginning of the month of September, we honor the holy and righteous Joachim and Anna, parents of the Theotokos and grandparents of Our Lord. In our parish family on Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8, we will have a special blessing of grandparents to mark the special relationship Our Savior had with his grandparents and honoring those who are grandparents in our parish community.

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 **\$638.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this summer. <u>Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity as preparation for our Pyrohy Festival!</u> Thank you.

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

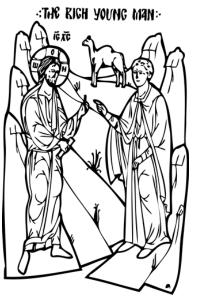
The grand total for Sunday of August 15, 2019 was **\$1,506.00** (Collection: \$855.00, loose & candles: \$13.00, Pyrohy: \$638.00)

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

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Gospel reading challenges us all so sharply. It begins with words that may be interpreted in more than one way: "Good Lord - what shall I do to have eternal life?" And the Lord answers, "Why do you call Me 'good'? Good is only God". He does not say, "You are wrong". He does not deny His right to be called good as God is good; and thereby, to those who have ears to hear, those who have a heart capable of perceiving the surpassing goodness of the Lord Jesus, surpassing all human goodness, all human beauty and truth - it is a testimony: Yes, you are speaking to your God, and it is your God that is to answer your question.

Then Christ gives us two indications. The one is: if you wish to have eternal life, keep the Commandments. The Commandments of God are not only rules of behavior



(although, of course they are such), but as one of the Psalms puts it, should be in our inmost hearts. It should be from the depths of our heart that we accomplish the Commandments: not because we are commanded from outside, but because they have reached us with the ring of truth; not because God has spoken, but because with all our being we have answered "Amen!" This is true, this is life, and this is the way into eternal life.

When we hear Christ mentioning these Commandments - where are we? Who of us can say that he or she was faithful to every word of this short list that indicates that without which we cannot live? Where do we stand? Then Our Lord says to us quite clearly: "If you want perfection - give all you possess." It is not only material things which we can give: every one of us has treasures hoarded in his mind and heart, in his soul, things which are more important to him than anything material, that is his wealth. Each of us should turn inward and ask himself, "Which is my peculiar treasure? What are those things which I will not give away even for life eternal, for God?"

Sometimes we go home like the young man, perhaps saddened, that neither are we keeping the Commandments, nor are we able to give away our most precious treasure: but remember - we will not go condemned, we will have been faced with an ultimate choice, and as long as we can struggle on earth - there is time. But let us not be enticed by the length of time: time flies, time goes - let it not be too late, let us turn to life, let us become all we are capable of being.