

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Nov. 21Entrance of the TheotokosReadings: Heb. 9:1-7; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-2810:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahida (North Side)Repose of +Olha Penkivska, by Natalia Lutsiv and family

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

- Sunday, Nov. 2225th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 10:25-379:10 A.M. Third Hour
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for+ Michael Pyptyk, given by family
- Wednesday, Nov. 26St. Alypius the Stylite/Thanksgiving Day
Readings: 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Lk. 18:31-349:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
God's blessing upon all aprishioners
- Saturday, Nov. 28St. Stephen, Venerable
Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 13:10-174:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, Nov. 2926th Sunday after PentecostReadings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 13:10-179:10 A.M. Third Hour9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Gregory H. Waslo III, given by family Supplications will be offered for+ Denis Kovacic, 40th day, given by luba Burgess & family

What did the rich man say next?

Fill in the blanks in each row of the grid with words that match the clues. Then follow the path through the grid to read the story.





Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple November 21

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!

The Feast Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple is not recorded in the Gospels. Rather it is a story derived from an ancient text known as the Protoevangelion of James which some scholars think dates to the 1st century AD and preserves some authentic traditions which were not included in the canonical Gospels. The Church makes heavy use of

this text for her understanding of many of the events in the life of the Theotokos and the early life of Christ. According to the Protoevangelion, as we see presented in the icon, Mary, a child of promise born to the childless couple Joachim and Anna, was promised by her parents to be returned to God. When she was three-years old, her parents brought her to the Temple; she was received by the priest Zacharias, the future father of St. John the Baptist. To their surprise, not only did Mary have no desire to return to her parents, she, in fact, did a "dance of joy" on the third step of the altar, and ran up the stairs to the Holy of Holies where she spent about the next 10 years living in the presence of God and being fed by an angel.

The icon, naturally, focuses on Mary being received by Zacharias, who is wearing the little "pill box" hat which indicates a prophet. The main theme of the feast of Mary's entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical services, is that she enters the temple to become herself the Living Temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of old that "the dwelling of God is with man" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence. (Ezekiel 37:27; John 14:15-23). Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. In this feast, we also celebrate that - in the person of the Theotokos - we, too, are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.



Thanksgiving Day

On Thursday, November 26th, our nation under God will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. This is a day set aside to give thanks to Almighty God for the abundance of blessings we receive. Divine Liturgy for this day will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Please come to offer a prayer of Thanksgiving on this special day!

Wednesday: Moleben-Advent Prayer Service

We continue during this Christmas Lent-Advent with the celebration of the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel-Advent Prayer Service. Plan to come on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. for our next Moleben Service during which a short meditation will be given as we continue together our journey to Bethlehem.

<u>Nov. 22, 2020</u>

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8; Postfeast of the Entrance of the Mother of God; The Holy Apostle Philemon and his wife Apphia

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 24-26 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

From St. George's Kitchen:

Since we had to cancel our annual Pyrohy Festival, we offer the following foods for sale:

Soup Sale: We have soup for sale!! Every week we will have at least one kind of soup, next week another type and so on. Quarts of soup will be available on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy sale hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. We need volunteers to provide soup. A sign-up sheet is available in the Church vestibule so please share your cooking talents with our parishioners and pyrohy customers.

Nut Rolls Let St. George's help you with your holiday baking. As we come closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be making our delicious nut rolls. Order forms are available in the Church vestibule and the Church hall. They are priced at \$10.00 each.

<u>Pyrohy</u>

After almost half a year of the break, we are back to our pyrohy production. As you know we cancel our Pyrohy Festival instead we would like to concentrate on a Christmas sale. So, we are planning every week to make extra, freeze it and have it ready for pre-Christmas sale. Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1146.00.** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of November 8, 2020 was **\$910.00** (Collection: \$751.00, loose & candles: \$22.00)

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

Prayer on Thanksgiving Day

As did our ancestors in by-gone years, so now we too offer You, O Lord, praise and thanksgiving for all Your bounties. You have blessed our land beyond measure. You have filled our homes with the bounties of the earth. You give us peace and joy. For everything we praise and glorify Your Holy Name.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

In today's parable Our Lord relates how the Rich Man meets death just at the moment when he thought he had everything he needed to live happily for years to come. He had so much that he had to build more barns to house it all. Then he spoke saying "to his soul" (which cares nothing for material things!), "Now you have enough! Eat, drink and be merry!" The point to us is: do not be like him. The remembrance of death puts everything into perspective. If I knew this was my last



day, how would I live it? What would I do? What would I say? We Christians are supposed to live remembering that each moment may be our last. The remembrance of death puts the right punctuation to life. Does this sound morbid? It need not be morbid at all.

Today we see very clearly the dangers of attachment. Attachment is what happens when you place your hope for security in things that cannot possibly supply it as did the Rich Man in the parable. To hope in things of this earth leads eventually to despair because nothing in this life is permanent. So Jesus tells us to place our hearts and minds on the things of Heaven that are forever. "Where your heart is there will your treasure also be," Our Savior says. If we are following Christ and paying attention to what is going on inside of us we will begin to see reality and gain insight into how things are. Then we will be able to embrace all of life and not be surprised at anything that happens and with all joy and gratitude be able to give thanks to God in all things. That is the path to happiness and peace.

Our holy father John Chrysostom died on the road as he was being taken into exile from Constantinople. He was exhausted from being the mistreatment he suffered at the hands of the guards who accompanied him, but as he died his last words were reported to be, "Thanks be to God for all things." This is faith: not the attempt to control things and give thanks when we succeed, but to trust in God so much that we rejoice in all that is.