



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Dec. 5

St. Sabbas, Venerable

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-19

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

Sunday, Dec. 6

27th Sunday after Pentecost/St. Nicholas

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-19

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Petro Hodowanets, given by family**
God's blessing upon **Nicholas Hohosha** on his patron day, by family

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Maternity of the Holy Anna

Readings: Gal. 4:22-31; Lk. 8:16-21

7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel

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Saturday, Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-19

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

Sunday, Dec. 13

Sunday of the Forefathers

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-24

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olha Siweckyj, given by Mary Siweckyj**

As they went, they were healed. What happened next?

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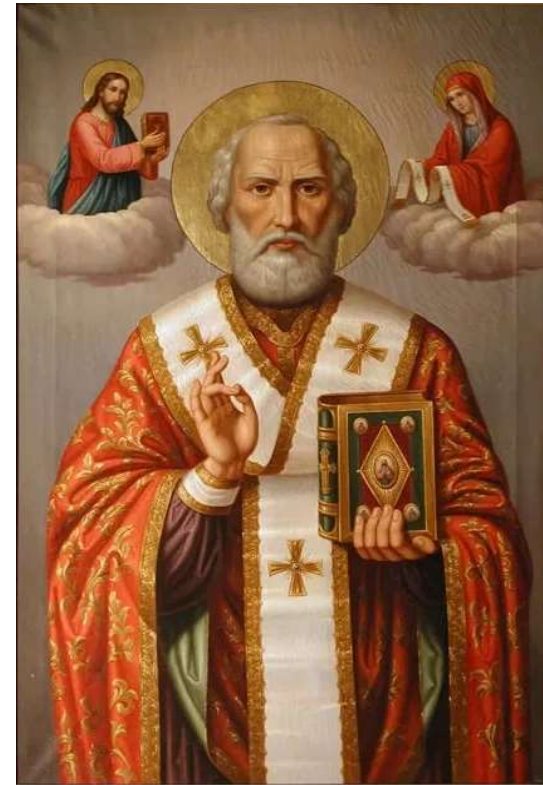
Twenty seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks...

On this Sunday we have in the Gospel reading a short example of the way in which we, most of the time, receive the gifts of God. Ten men came, covered with leprosy, condemned to a cruel death by illness, but also rejected ritually by their own people for the impurity of this infectious disease. They came to Him, stood at a distance, because they knew that according to the Jewish Law they had no right even to come near Him to touch Him. And they asked for mercy. Christ send them to the priests to bring forth the sign of their gratitude for the healing which they had not received; and they believed, and they went, and they were healed before they reached their goal... We might have expected that they rushed back to fall to the feet of Christ, to touch Him in gratitude - no. Nine of them went their way; it was enough for them to have been healed: it's all they needed of God. One of them, however, turned round, and came to thank the Lord.

Isn't it an image of the way in which so often we also behave? We pray; we ask the Lord for something that matters to us: it may not be live and death, it may just be that we need so much one thing or another; or that we don't even need it so much, but that we long so much for it. And then it is given us; and we receive the gift, and we rush into life with this gift in our hearts, this gift in our hands, we rush to life because it is enough for us that our prayer was fulfilled. How seldom it is that we come back, leaving our gift to be used later, but first of all turning to God and saying: How great, how compassionate, how humble that You have responded to my prayer...

Let us reflect on this because we are coming within a few weeks when our heart should be aflame with gratitude: God has loved us so much as to become one of us; while we were strangers, alien to Him, He came, and He gave His life for us that we may live! We must prepare for it: joy, gratitude, faith, openness to God does not happen of a sudden; we must prepare for it. Let us reflect on what is going to happen; that which happened over two thousand years ago we shall remember as an actual event now, in a few weeks; and be ready, with a heart tilled, deeply furrowed by faith, by reflection, having thought out all our life, ready to receive the Lord like a shepherd, in the simplicity and purity of our hearts, or like the Wise Men in the deep understanding of wisdom. Amen!



Dec. 6, 2020

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
after Pentecost, Tone 2;
Our Holy Father Nicholas
the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in
Lycia**

Changeable Part: Page 27-29

*In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small
white book)*

Announcements:

Tuesday: 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 Tuesday, December 8, 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.

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who stayed and decorated our Holy Church and Church hall for the upcoming Feast of the Nativity of Christ. May Our Lord reward you for your love and dedication to His Holy Church!

Prayers for the Living & Deceased

In preparation for the year 2021, we ask that if you have any special dates throughout the year on which you would like to have prayers offered for the living or for the blessed repose of your loved ones, you please contact the parish office now to reserve that day.

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 Christmas 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.

Pyrohy

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 **\$000.00**. 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 29, 2020 was **\$1,450.00**

(Collection: \$675.00, loose & candles: \$25.00, Grant from Catholic Extension: \$750.00)

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



Prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord Who loves mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Send Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your Most Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen



Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 20st



On Sunday, December 20th, Father John Chirovsky, a friend of our parish, 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

Thursday, December 24, 2020: Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Eve)

8:00 P.M. Paramon Vespereal Divine Liturgy, (St. George, Pittsburgh, PA)

10:00 P.M Divine Liturgy, (St. John, McKees Rocks , PA)

***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)

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