



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Dec. 19

Saturday before Christmas

Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 12:16-21

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold)

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

Sunday, Dec. 20

Sunday before Christmas – of the Ancestors

Readings: Heb. 11:9-10 & 32-40; Mt. 1:1-25

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Confession

Supplications will be offered for+ **Fred Burgess & Philip Perkun (101th birthday), given by Perkun family**

Tuesday, Dec. 22

(St. John)

St. Anastasia, Great Martyr

7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel

Thursday, Dec. 24:

(St. George)

(St. John)

Vigil of Chrismas/Christmas Eve

8:00 P.M. Paramon Vesperal Divine Liturgy

10:00 P.M. Divine liturgy

Friday, Dec. 25:

(St. George)

(St. John)

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas Day)

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Dec. 26

Synaxis of the Theotokos /Saturday after Christmas

Readings: Gal. 1:11-19; Mt. 2:13-23

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

Sunday, Dec. 27

Sunday after Christmas

Readings: Gal. 1:11-19; Mt. 2:13-23

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

What happened next?

Use the code below to find out.

A = M	G = T	L = X	Q = G	V = I
B = W	H = C	M = V	R = E	W = R
C = F	I = U	N = H	S = Y	X = N
D = J	J = Q	O = D	T = B	Y = S
E = Z	K = A	P = L	U = P	Z = O
F = K				





Ik The Icon of the Nativity of Christ

One of the most famous icons in our Holy Churches is that of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Its symbolism is that of the Creator of the Universe entering history as a newborn babe. The little helpless figure in swaddling clothes represents the complete submission of Christ in the physical conditions governing the human race. Yet He remains Lord of Creation. The angels sing praises. The Magi and the shepherds bring their gifts. The sky salutes Him with a star. The earth provides Him with a cave. The animals watch Him in silent wonder and we humans offer Him one of us, the Virgin Mother.

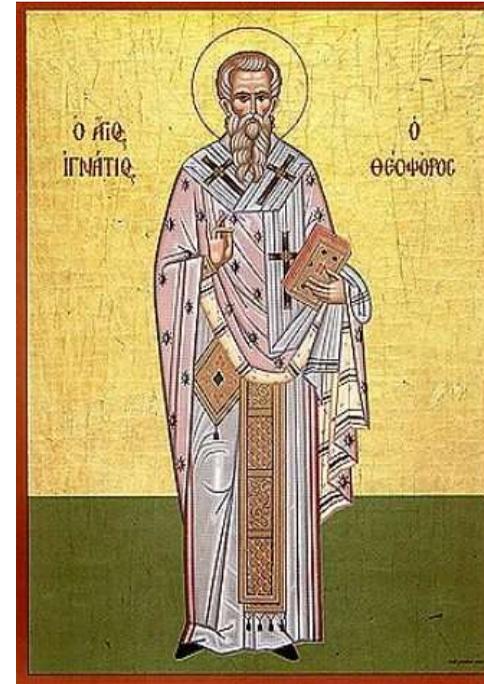
The lower scenes underline the scandal of the Incarnation. The right-hand scene shows the washing of the infant by the mid-wife and her assistant.

It tells that Christ was born like any other child. The scene in the left portrays the righteous Joseph, who, having observed the washing of the infant, is once again assailed by doubts as to the virginity of his spouse.

He is tempted by the devil, who suggests that if the infant were truly divine He would not have been born in the human way. The Mother Mary is in the center, and from her reclining position looks at Joseph as if trying to overcome his doubts and temptations.

When the Lord Jesus was born of the Virgin, the whole creation lit up. Behold: shepherds keep watch, the Magi adore, angels sing hymns of praise, and Herod trembles, for the Savior of our souls has appeared in the flesh!

Today the Virgin gives birth to the One who surpasses all essences, and the earth offers a cave to God, the Inaccessible One. Angels sing His glory together with the shepherds, for unto us is born a Child who is God from all eternity.



December 20, 2020

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers, Tone 4; the Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110)

Changeable Part: Pages 32-33

In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)



Христос Рождается! Christ is Born!



May our celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ fill our hearts with faith, our minds with hope, and our souls with love for Almighty God and for one another; and for all of you may the New Year 2021 be happy, healthy, and rich in the blessings of our ever-present God.

With love in the newborn Christ,

Fr. Igor and Family



Announcements:

Today: Parish Christmas Renewal

On this Sunday we welcome to our parish family Fr. John Chirovsky, good friend of our parish. Fr. John is here to be our Father Confessor in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. As part of our preparation to worthily celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I ask that you all receive this Sacrament of Healing-Confession.

Welcome Visitors!

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. It is good to have you all with us! We greet you and welcome you with the love, joy and hope that is so graciously granted to us with the Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

Together with my family we want to thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards we have received during this Holy Season. Thank you all for your prayers, best wishes and generous gifts. May Our Lord reward you with many happy and blessed years!

Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +Alice Hooge who was buried from our Holy Church on Thursday, December 17, 2020. *May the Lord commit her soul to the place where the just repose and may her memory be eternal- Вічна Память!*

Envelopes 2021-Calendar 2021

We start the distribution of the Church offering envelopes for the year 2021 and the Church Calendar for 2021. They are available in the hallway off the Church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2021. Should you not see your envelopes (or a mistake, or address change), please let Father Igor or Ms. Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2020. *Многая Літа!*

Prayers for the Living & Deceased

As we slowly come to the beginning of the year 2021, I 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. Remember that during the Great Fast and Holy Week) the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on weekdays due to the fact that these are aliturgical (without Divine Liturgy) days.

Pyrohy

This past week was one of the busiest week in our pyrohy activity. From the previous week our total income was \$2473.00. An enormous THANK YOU to all our dedicated pyrohy workers. We will reopen on Thursday, January 21st, 2021. Enjoy your well-deserved Christmas vacation!

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: **Mihaylyna Spak, Barbara Fedora, Mary Senchesen, Helen Fedenko, Patricia Della-Regione, Dolores Loser, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, Arlene Grzybowski, Maria Perkun.**

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of December 13, 2020 was **\$1,574.00**
(Collection: \$1569.00, loose & candles: \$5.00)

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



Christmas Traditions

The Tradition of Christmas Trees amongst Christians: According to Church records, Saint Boniface (who, also according to Church records, had felled the Thor's Oak) attempted to Christianize the indigenous Germanic tribes by introducing the notion of the Holy Trinity by using the cone-shaped evergreen trees because of their triangular appearance



The Tradition of having a Live Nativity: St Francis of Assisi is credited with the invention of three-dimensional Nativity Scenes. Some fairytale versions claim he used statues or costumed people, but Thomas of Celano, the biographer of St. Francis tells how he only used a straw-filled manger (feeding trough) set between a real ox and donkey. According to Thomas of Celano, it was beautiful in its simplicity with the manger acting as the altar for the Christmas Service.