



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, May 23

St. Theodore venerable

Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13

St. John's parish

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

God blessing upon all parishioners.

Sunday, May 24

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Pyptyk, given by Pyptyk sisters.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Josh Sutherland, given by Darrell & family.**

Monday, May 25

3rd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11:2-15

Memorial Day

10:00 a.m. Blessing of graves at Highwood Cemetery.

10:45 a.m. Blessing of graves at Union Dale Cemetery.

Thursday, May 28

St. Nicetas, Bishop

Readings: Acts. 25:13-19; Jn. 24:36-53

St. George's parish

7:00 P. M. Moleben to the Mother of God

Saturday, May 30

5th All Souls Saturday

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11:2-15

St. George's parish

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahida

St. John's parish

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

God blessing upon all parishioners.

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost

Readings: Acts. 2:1-11; Jn. 7:37-52 & 8:12

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olech & Anna Baran and Yuri and Kateryna Baran, given by**

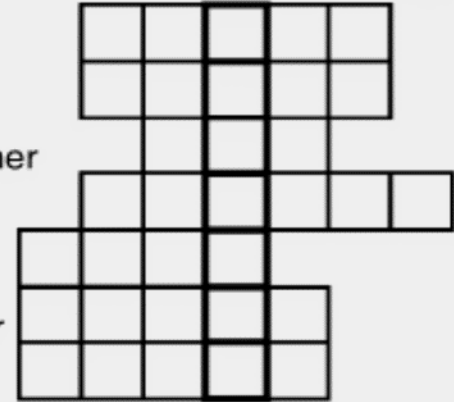
David & Orysia Baran.

What did Jesus ask God to do?

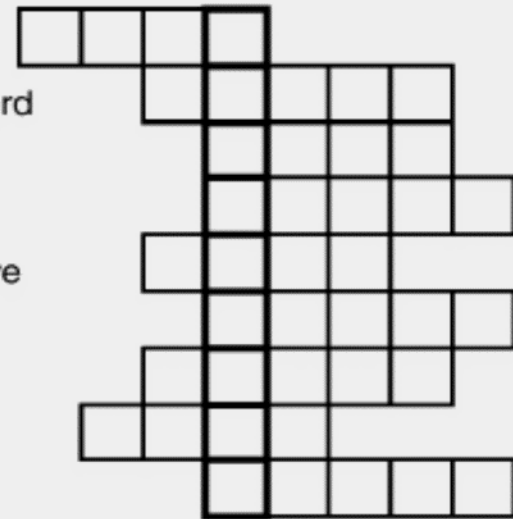
Write a word to fit each definition.
The letters in the darker boxes will spell the answer.



1. Not sad
2. Our planet
3. Our heavenly Father
4. A parent
5. Strong affection
6. Freedom from war
7. Honesty



8. A group of letters
9. Book of God's Word
10. Free from danger
11. Opposite of goes
12. Opposite of receive
13. Great strength
14. Great honor
15. Carry out orders
16. Twinkle at night



FATHER'S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Given By:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the deceased, White for the Living. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

*** DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020***

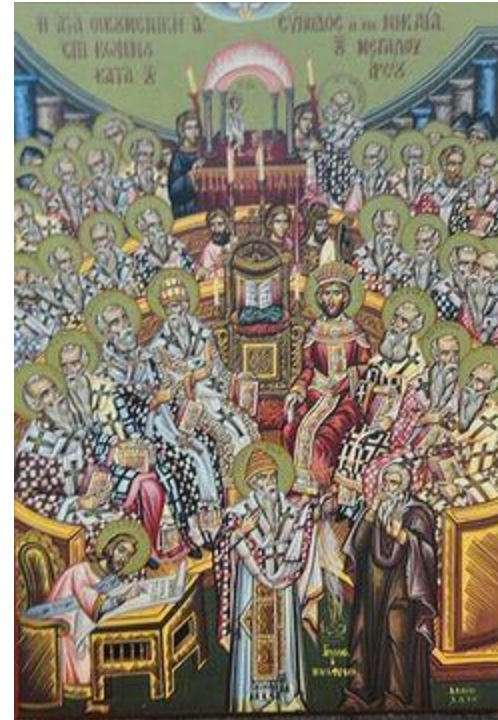
Please observe this deadline to avoid last minute activity during Liturgy.



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. Sent 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



May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Tone 6; Our Venerable Father Simeon of the "Mountain of Wonders" (596)

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Announcements:

Today: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Nicaea I

The Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, is dedicated to the memory of the 318 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Synod. This took place in Nicaea in the days of the Holy Emperor Constantine the Great, in 325 AD. It was during this Church Council that a written summary of our Holy Faith, which is known to us today as the "Creed" was proclaimed. On this Sunday let us reaffirm our faith that Christ is God and through His Body, the Church, He opens up to us the path to God, the path to holiness, the path to perfection.

Resumption of public services in our parishes:

As Allegheny County enters the yellow phase, public Divine Worship are reopen at St. George's and St. John's. Please read the guidelines from the Chancery Office of our St. Josaphat Eparchy:

<https://stjosaphateparchy.com/guidelines-for-parishes-upon-resumption-of-public-services/>

Please notice that dispensation from Sunday Liturgies remains valid until further notice. Also be aware that if you are not ready to receive the Holy Communion you should receive a spiritual communion instead.

Memorial Day

On this Monday, May 25th, we will celebrate Memorial Day in our country. On this day the Blessing of graves will take place in our parish. At 10:00 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Highwood Cemetery. At 10:45 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Union Dale Cemetery. Graves in other cemeteries will be blessed by request and appointment.

5th All Souls Saturday

On Saturday, May 30st, we will have the final All Souls Saturday for this year. Divine Liturgy with the commemoration of all our departed loved ones will take place at 9:00 a.m. Please come to prayerfully remember your departed family members and loved ones as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday: Pentecost

Next Sunday, May 31, is in our Holy Church Pentecost Sunday – the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate how the Holy Spirit that Christ had promised came upon his disciples on the day of Pentecost and how the disciples received “the power from on high.” This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church. As part of this celebration, we will have the Kneeling Prayers which are prescribed for this day followed by Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

Estina Franzak Education Board Meeting

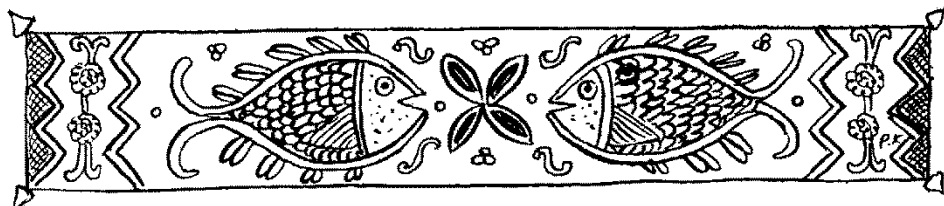
On this Thursday, June 18th, starting at 7:00 p.m., the St. George’s Education Board meeting will take place in the church hall. I ask all members to please be present for this important annual meeting. Thank you!

Collection (St. George) - May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of May 17, 2020 was **\$910.00**.

(Regular: \$130.00, Online donation: \$780.00)

*May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity
to our Holy Church: Xpucmoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!*



Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea

The Church was strengthened into one faith through the preaching of the Apostles and the doctrines of the Fathers. The Church is robed in truth woven of the word of God from above. It teaches truth, and glorifies the great mystery of faith.

Today we celebrate the memory of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council which is annually celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost, following Ascension Thursday. As we witnessed on the Feast of the Ascension, when Christ ascended, He reiterated His promise of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. The Holy Spirit guided the Church, and this guidance is magnificently made manifest in the history of the Ecumenical Councils, when dogmas were confirmed and heresies were corrected. It was the Holy Spirit who guided the Holy Fathers in the councils and confirmed their pronouncements.



There have been seven Ecumenical Councils, which were convened when there was some heresy that endangered the purity of the true faith. The First Ecumenical council that we celebrate today was held in 325 AD in a small town in Asia Minor called Nicea. According to the historical documents, 318 bishops participated in the council, who are called “holy fathers of Nicea” or just ‘holy 318’. The number 318 has a biblical significance as the bishops are seen like 318 servants of Abraham (Gen 14:14). This First Ecumenical Council produced four important documents: 1. Confession of Faith (Symbol), which Arius and two of his supporters declined to undersign and were thereby excommunicated and exiled to Illiricum. 2. The council decided upon the date of Pascha-Easter and controversies on this issue were settled. 3. Twenty Canons to the question of ecclesiastical discipline. 4. A Synodal letter, which was sent to all sister Churches to explain the proceedings of the council and thereby a call to obey the decisions of the council.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the Holy Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.