



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, July 11**

**Holy Martyrs Proclus & Hilary, Venerable Father Michael**

Readings: Rom. 12:6-14; Mt. 9:1-8

**(McKees Rocks)**

**6:30 P. M. Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, July 12**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Rom. 12:6-14; Mt. 9:1-8

**9:30 A.M. Third Hour**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **+Maria Pyptyk, by Helen & Irene**

Supplications will be offered for **+Larissa Fontana (40<sup>th</sup> day after death),**

**by Lenny & Patti Popovich.**

**Thursday, July 16**

**St. Athenogenes, Bishop-Martyr**

Readings: 1 Cor. 7:24-35; Mt. 15:12-21

**(North Side)**

**7:00 P. M. Akathist to the Theotokos**

**Saturday, July 18**

**Hyacinth and Emilian, Martyrs**

Readings: Rom. 15:1-7; Mt. 9:27-35

**(McKees Rocks)**

**6:30 P. M. Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, July 19**

**Sunday of the fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council**

Readings: Rom. 15:1-7; Mt. 9:27-35

**9:30 A.M. Third Hour**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **+Philip Perkun, by wife Maria**

## **THROUGH THE ROOF**

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

ARISE  
 BED  
 BROKEN  
 CAPERNAUM  
 FAITH  
 FORGIVEN

GOD  
 HEARTS  
 PARALYTIC  
 HOUSE  
 JESUS

PREACHED  
 ROOM  
 ROOF  
 SCRIBES  
 SINS

## ***Monasticism...what is that?***



On this upcoming Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> we honor our venerable father Anthony of the Kyiv Caves, founder of monastic life in Kyivan Rus'-Ukraine. What is monasticism? What kind of life does a monk or nun have? In the Eastern Christian tradition, monasticism is often called the “barometer of the spiritual life of the Church.”

Monasticism is not just a “part” of the greater scope of Eastern Christian life; it is the very center and heart of the Church, in relation to which other aspects of her life are born and grow. The monastics (both men and women) are those who choose to follow with singular devotion and obedience the call of Christ, to live the life of the Church in a direct and immediate manner. They

are thus the models in which the Church sees her perfect icon: a communion of souls wholly living the life in Christ.

Christian monasticism took its practical roots in the early fourth century, though there were individuals and communities living austere, solitary and ascetic lives long before this time. Nonetheless, it was in this era that St. Anthony of Egypt lived and had his story recorded by St. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, in the classic text, the Life of St Antony of Egypt. This book recorded the saint’s departure into the solitary deserts of Egypt to live a life wholly devoted to God, modeled on a daily routine of prayer and manual labor born of the scriptural call to follow the Lord. And what St. Anthony did for the solitary life, so did St. Pachomius for the communal (after the Greek, cenobitic) monastic way. They were two manifestations of a life that spread throughout the Christian world like wildfire. Within the lifetimes of these two founders, thousands of men and women began fleeing the cities for the solitude of the desert, and the recognizable conception of the monastic life was born.

That life has continued throughout the whole of Christian history, giving rise to great saints—both men and women—who modeled a life of devotion to and union with Christ. And it continues today, in monasteries, from the greatest ones to the most humble of hermitages, the life of Christ continues to become, day by day, the life of venerable fathers and mothers. Are you interested in monastic life—the heart of the Church? See your parish priest for more information.



**July 12, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary (98-117); Venerable Father Michael of Maleon (961)**

**Changeable Part: Pages 8-9**

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

## **Announcements:**

### **Akathist to the Theotokos**

On Thursday evening, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m. please come for a time of prayer as we celebrate the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos. We offer Divine services during the week in order to come to the Lord, to refresh our souls in the middle of the week and to set aside time for prayer and meditation.

### **Blessing of Cars on July 18-19., 2020**

Blessing of Vehicles In our Holy Church, it has been a nice tradition to bless vehicles in commemoration of the prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. He is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. This year the blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.) will take place on Saturday & Sunday, July 18th & 19th, following the Divine Liturgy. Remember that this is the ideal time to invite friends and family, who might also wish to have their vehicles blessed.

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

The total for Sunday of July 5, 2020 was **\$2,245.00**.

(Regular: \$1845.00, Online donation: \$300.00, Donation from Casey Lantini: \$100.00)

***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. 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.



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**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."*

Who of us is aware of being paralyzed? And who of us has faith, the calm and yet passionate certainty that no one but God can give us again the freedom of our movements?

We find ourselves in life paralyzed by fear, paralyzed by the desire to be seen in the best of lights, paralyzed by our calculations that do not allow us to act freely, to breathe freely, to be fearless? How many of us could dare say that they are not possessed of the desire to be seen better than they are, to be seen as they are not, as God does not see us? How many of us could say, "I want to be seen as I am - not only in all my frailty (this others could accept), but in my deceitfulness, in my ugliness, full of fear, full of vanity", that is, of the desire to be judged on appearances and not on the reality? Our venerable father John of the Ladder says *"that one who is possessed of vanity is arrogant in the face of God while he is a coward in the face of men."*

We are all paralyzed: paralyzed by fear, paralyzed by calculations, paralyzed by the determination not to see because we are afraid of what we may see. We still, all of us, imagine that we can live the life of a paralytic and die whole; that we may live a whole life never having faced the truth, and stand before God Who is the Truth - and be acceptable. Oh, it is not a matter of God rejecting us! It is a matter of suddenly discovering, with horror, that we have no place in the realm of Truth, in the realm of daring Truth, in the realm of beauty, of heroic beauty.

On this Sunday let us reflect on this; let us not think of the man who was paralyzed and whose faith healed his body by the power of God; let us think of our own paralyzed condition. Today we must LOOK at ourselves: we still perhaps have time to become true and real as God has willed us, to be what God dreams we should be, to respond to His love by not betraying ourselves, one another and Him.

Remember that there is hope, there is hope because God has the power to heal, God has the power to break our palsy if we turn to Him with faith, and hope and courage! Amen

