



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, July 4

St. Andrew of Jerusalem/Independence Day

Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1

(McKees Rocks)

6:30 P. M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 5

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1

9:30 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Olech, Anna Baran & Ivan, Tekla Sysak**

by David & Orysia Barshowski

Thursday, July 9

St. Pancratius, Bishop-Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 3:18-23; Mt. 13:36-43

(North Side)

7:00 P. M. Office of the Holy Oil/Anointing of the sick

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

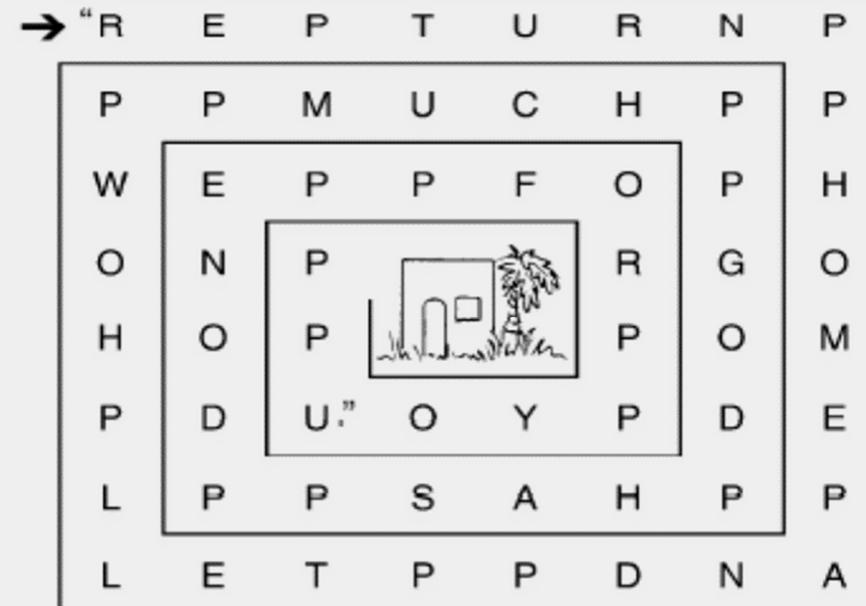
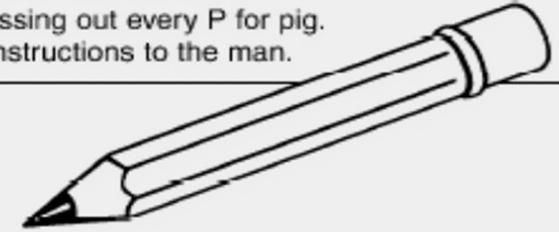
Supplications will be offered for **+Maria Pyptyk, by Helen & Irene**

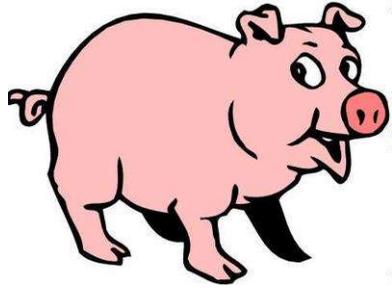


The healed man was thankful.
He begged to go along with
Jesus. What did Jesus tell him?



Follow the path from the arrow
to the house, crossing out every P for pig.
Read Jesus' instructions to the man.





Pigs in mythology and religion

In Judaism and Islam, pigs are the unclean and inedible animals par excellence, the animal that is central to the concepts of treif and haram. In “*De Specialibus Legibus*”, Philo of Alexandria, a first century Jewish writer, relates that pigs were lazy scavengers, the embodiment of vice. Philo also

argued that since pigs will eat the flesh of human corpses that men should abstain from eating them so as not to be contaminated.

The prohibition against eating pigs in the Ancient Middle East grew from the fact that pigs were the only animals that competed with humans for the same food stuff (cows and sheep ate grass). It was a socio-political move directed into practicality through the ancient religious leaders of the two faiths in order to maintain the food supplies for the indigenous people of the region.

Pork-eating cultures have had a more benign view of pigs. The sign of the Pig is one of the Earthly Branches, or zodiac signs, in Chinese astrology. In Greek mythology, Demeter was the goddess of pigs. The ancient Romans practiced a sacrifice called the “*suovetaurilia*”, in which a pig, a ram, and a bull were sacrificed, as one of the most solemn acts of the Roman pagan religion.

-from Wikipedia

Are you planning to travel during the summer months?

Remember to contact the Parish Office for locations of Ukrainian Catholic Churches and any Eastern Catholic Churches across America or in the world.

Those who have access to the internet go to: www.parishesonline.org



July 5, 2020

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,
Tone 4; Mother of God of
Perpetual Help; Our Venerable
Father Athanasius of Athos (c.
1003)**

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Happy Independence Day!



Heavenly Father, on this holiday weekend we give thanks to You for the gift and blessing of the freedom we enjoy in our great nation. We praise You, Lord, for inspiring and guiding our founding fathers as they struggled to build our country and create a new way of living with the goal of freedom and justice for all. We thank You, Lord, for the courageous self-sacrifice and generous spirit of countless people who have given their life's blood in the defense of freedom and for the pursuit of justice. Keep us faithful to the tradition and example we have inherited; may we leave for the next generation a better world, prepared for the dawning of the Kingdom of Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements:

Prayer Service and Anointing

On Thursday evening, July 9th, we will continue with our monthly Moleben-Prayer Service which will take place at 7:00 p.m. During this Prayer Service you can all offer your prayerful intentions (for health, well-being, peace, comfort, etc.). As part of this Moleben-Prayer Service, Holy Anointing will also be administered. In the Church vestibule we have a special note pad where you can write down your prayerful intentions that will be included in this Prayer Service. Your prayerful intentions can be given to Father Igor directly or you may drop them in that special box in the Church vestibule.

Blessing of Cars on July 19., 2020

On Saturday, July 20th, we will commemorate the holy and glorious prophet Elijah. In our parish family it has been a nice tradition to bless vehicles in commemoration of the prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. To commemorate this glorious prophet of the Old Testament we will have a special blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.) following the Divine Liturgy.

Scholarship Awardees

Again this year the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church is happy to announce this year's recipients of the Estina Franzak Scholarship. They are: Yuriy Korenowsky (Holy Trinity, Carnegie); Isabella Rubolino (Assumption Roman Catholic Church, Pittsburg, PA); Yaryna Korenowska (Holy Trinity, Carnegie); Nicholas Hladio (St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ambridge, PA); Alexandre Hrishenko (St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, hermitage, PA); Alex Hladio (St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ambridge, PA); and Iryna Luchynyn (Holy Trinity, Carnegie). Sincere thanks, to the members of the Education Board for being part of this important selection process to help students in our communities.

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

The total for Sunday of June 28, 2020 was **\$1,475.00**.

(Regular: \$1095.00, Loose: \$30.00, Online donation: \$350.00)

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



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday Our Lord heals the two demoniacs of Gergasenes. How familiar is this Gospel reading to us. Yet every time we read it we rediscover something in it which touches our heart, or gives a new light to our mind. This year I want us to focus on the inhabitants of this Gergasenes country.

From the Gospel reading we know that they had known of the desperate condition of these two men; they were told of what Christ did for them; they were told who their master was, who was their tormentor; should they not have come to give glory to God and thank Him for delivering the two men from the power of evil? NO! All they saw in the act of Christ was that they were deprived of their herd of swine. What mattered to them the wholeness and the life and the salvation of these two men? They were deprived of what was important to them, what mattered to them more than a human life, and they asked Christ to leave their borders, to go because they did not want to risk another miracle that would be costly to them. What a tragic - not monstrous, but just tragic contrast between the attitude of God and the attitude of these people.

Let us give thought and ask ourselves, where do we stand? Of course, the first movement we shall have is to say, "On God's side" - it is not true. When there is a tragic need, and the cost of helping would be perhaps not a disaster but a pain or loss to us, what would we choose? Let us reflect on this: are we really on the side of Christ Who can forget the whole world because His Heart is pierced, transfixed with compassion, or - do we allow our heart to be moved one moment, and then recalculate the cost and turn away from the need?

Let us reflect - because every one of these stories, every parable, every image, and every act of God is challenging us: Where do you stand? Who are you? The person possessed, to whatever extent? Are we truly a disciple of Christ who is ready to forget everything for the sake of a desperate need? Or rather one of those who say to Christ: "Go, go away - You are disturbing our peace, the harmony of our life and our security?"

On this Sunday let us reflect deeply; but not only reflect, take a decision and act. Amen.

