

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Sep. 12

Saturday after Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Acts 13:25-33; Mk. 6:14-29

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

Sunday, Sep. 13

Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ PARISH PICNIC

Supplications will be offered for+ **Perkun and Nebesna families,**
given by **Maria Perkun**

Monday, Sep.14

Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy

Repose of Anthony, Antoni, Kateryna Fedyna

Saturday, Sep. 19

Saturday after Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

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

Sunday, Sep. 20

Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael, Maria & John Pyptyk,**
given by **Orysia Barshowski**

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

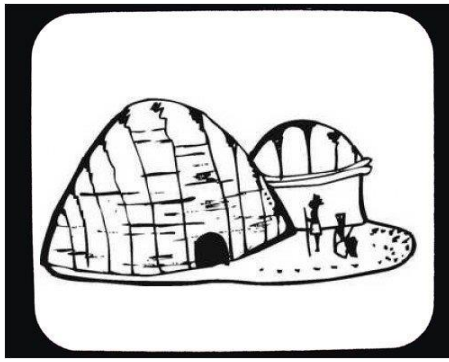
Find out about Nicodemus.



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Nicodemus was a _____ . He was a
 _____ of the _____ .
 He went to _____ at _____ . He said
 he _____ Jesus was _____ .



WHEN YOUR HUT IS ON FIRE

The only survivor of a ship-wreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, "God! How could you do this to me?" Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

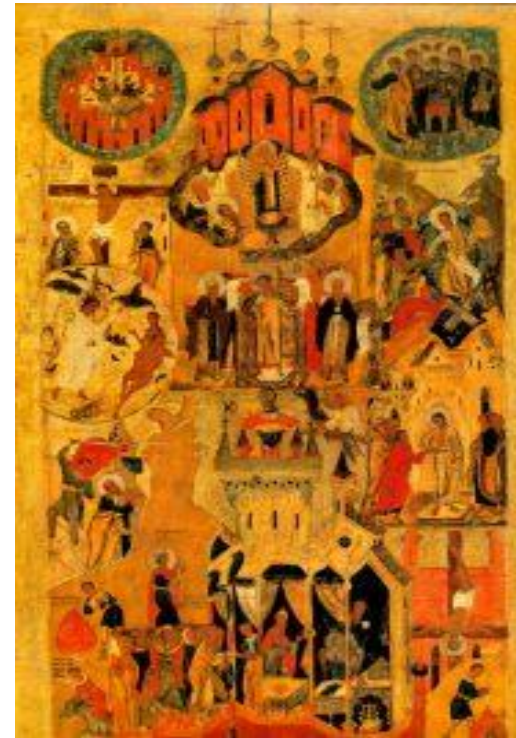
The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives.... even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.

Prayer to the Holy Cross

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee from His presence. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; and as wax melts from the presence of fire, so let demons perish from the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the sign of the Cross and say in gladness: Hail, most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, for You drive away the demons by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified on thee, Who went down to Hades and trampled on the power of the devil, and gave us His venerable Cross, for driving away all enemies.

O most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, help me, with our Holy Lady, the Virgin Mother of God, and with all the Saints

throughout the ages. Amen.



Sep. 13, 2020

**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross, Tone 6;
Commemoration of the Dedication of the Holy Church of the Resurrection of Christ Our God (335); Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; the Holy Priest-Martyr Cornelius the Centurion**

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Announcements:

This Sunday: St. George's & St. John's Parish Picnic

Following the Divine Liturgy, we will have today annual Parish Picnic. Join us for this happy event that brings us together as a parish family.

Honoring Grandparents

In the beginning of the month of September, we honor the holy and righteous Joachim and Anna, parents of the Theotokos and grandparents of Our Lord. In our parish family on Saturday and Sunday, September 12-13, we will have a special blessing of grandparents to mark the special relationship Our Savior had with his grandparents and honoring those who are grandparents in our parish community.

Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Monday, September 14th, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Tuesday, September 21st. If you wish to donate please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

Exaltation of the Cross

On Monday, September 14th, we celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross which took place in Jerusalem in the year 326, we will have on Monday evening, September 14th, Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. at St. George parish. Please remember that according to the Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA a **strict fast** is prescribed on this day (Art. 475). This strict fast is prescribed for us in order to honor the suffering of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Church School Registration

As we prepare to begin the new school year for our St. George's Church School, registrations are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per a child). We need to have them returned ASAP. All children 4-14 years of age are to be registered for our catechetical program. Remember that it is important that our children receive the proper Eastern Christian Formation. This formation is offered to them here at St. George's. We are blessed with a wonderful catechetical program and instructors. As a Church, let us pray for our children because they are the future of our parish family. If you have not yet submitted the registration form for your child, please do so today. If any of the parents have any questions regarding our catechetical instructions or registration, please see Fr. Igor following the Divine Liturgy or call the parish office.

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 **\$496.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of August 23, 2020 was **\$1,884.00**

(Collection: \$1869.00, loose & candles: \$15.00)

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



The Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14

*It was of Your own free will that You were raised upon the Cross. * Generously bestow Your mercies upon Your new community named for You, O Christ God! * By Your power gladden the faithful * and let them triumph over every evil, * for Your Cross is their ally and their weapon is peace, * assuring unfailing victory.*



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in Jerusalem in the year 355 to commemorate the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection. When the true Cross of Jesus was found shortly afterwards, this event was commemorated on the same day. In time, the Feast of the Exaltation supplanted the feast of the dedication.

In 395, St. John Chrysostom wrote of three crosses which were discovered beneath Golgotha by the Empress Helena. Many other writers speak of miracles which occurred through contact with the true Cross. It was through one of these miracles that the true Cross was recognized by St. Helena and St. Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem.

The Holy Cross was kept in the Basilica of the Resurrection in Jerusalem until 614, when the Persians conquered the city and burned the Church. In 628, Emperor Heraclius III defeated the Persians and returned the Holy Cross to Jerusalem. A portion of the Cross was taken to Rome in the seventh century by Sergius I, a Pope of Byzantine origin.

As we celebrate this Major Feast let us remind ourselves that the power of the Cross is given to each and every Christian. But just as a soldier must learn to properly wield his weapons in battle, so a warrior of Christ must learn how correctly to make the sign of the Cross. A shield has no effect if carelessly waved about in the air. Likewise, there are many who receive no benefit from the sign of the Cross because they make it mechanically or haphazardly.

The Cross, once a tool of death, has become a means to life, an instrument of our salvation; it gives strength to resist temptation, to refrain from gossip or harsh words and it dispels fear. Amen.

