

## **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

St. Daniel the Stylite, Venerable

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-24

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, Dec. 12** Sunday of the Forefathers

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-24

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/St. Nicholas visit
Supplications will be offered for +Ruth McCarthy,

given by son Bill Marshal & family

Saturday, Dec. 18 Saturday before Christmas

Readings: Heb. 11:9-10 & 32-40; Mt. 1:1-5

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, Dec. 19** Sunday before Christmas

Readings: Heb. 11:9-10 & 32-40; Mt. 1:1-5

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Confession

Supplications will be offered for +Olha Siweckyj & +Justin Winghart,

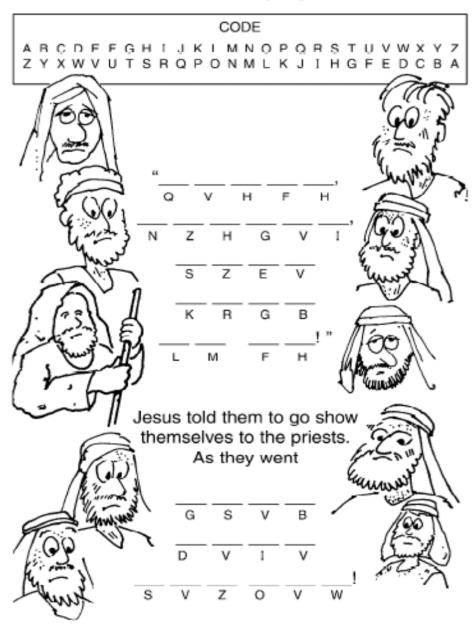
given by Casey Latini

<u>Thursday, Dec. 23</u> Ten Holy martyrs of Crete

Readings: James. 1:19-27; Mk. 10:17-27

7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emanuel

#### The men called out in a loud voice. What did they say?







#### The Church is your family too

You have been created in God's image, and you are called to communion with God and with one another in the spiritual family that He established. Members of this family are those who, even while recognizing their imperfections, have been forever changed

by an encounter with God. They often encounter people from different walks of life, including those who are strangers to God and who have never known Him at all. Who knows? Maybe God is calling you to help them on that journey to find Him, as well.

#### A call to youth

Pope St. John Paul II once challenged young people, "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Pope Benedict XVI spoke to young people about their destiny, "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." The message was the same: we will only discover what we are looking for by taking part in the great adventure ourselves.

To get you started on that journey into the deep and to greatness, ask yourselves the following questions:

- 1. What do the Church and her teachings mean to me? Why is faith important, and why is my faith important to me?
- 2. Do I have a personal relationship with God, or have I never really given myself a chance to build one?
- 3. Do I regularly encounter grace in the sacraments, or has it been a while since I took part in them?





## Dec. 12, 2021

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers/Second Sunday before Christmas

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## **Announcements:**

#### This Sunday- December 12: Visit from St. Nicholas

At the end of the Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas will be here to visit the children of St. George's. <u>All children</u> are to come forward to welcome St. Nicholas to our parish (parents may accompany the smaller children). As St. Nicholas enters our Church let us all sing together that beautiful hymn "O khto, khto Nikolaya lyubit-Those who love Nicholas the Saintly".

#### Next Sunday: Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 19th

Father Andrew Clarke will be here on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation to those who wish to receive it. We will begin with the prayers from the Order of Holy Confession at 9:15 a.m. Let us all come and approach Holy Confession to prepare ourselves to worthily celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Thank You!

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who came and decorated our Holy Church and Church hall for the upcoming Feast of the Nativity of Christ. May Our Lord reward you for your love and dedication to His Holy Church!

#### **Order Your Nut Rolls**

We will be preparing nut rolls for this holiday season. In the Church vestibule sign-up sheets are available to place your orders. The price per a nut roll is \$12 and you will be able to pick up your order before Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall.

#### **Pyrohy Help**

As we come closer to Christmas, our pyrohy workers are very-very busy with our pyrohy production. These upcoming weeks will be our busiest. We really need your help on Wednesday morning with scooping starting at 9:00 a.m. Also, we will need your help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand with this important parish fundraiser. The more of us come together, the easier it will be for all of us.

Our total income from last week's sale was \$1274.00 Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

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

The total for Sunday of Dec. 5, 2021 was \$2,165.00 + \$1,274.00

(Regular: \$2130.00.00, Loose & candles: \$35.00)

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



# <u>Divine Services for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus</u> <a href="#">Christ</a></a>

Friday, December 24, 2021: Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Eve)

After consultation with PAC, it was decided to have Christmas Eve services at one place for both parishes. This year, it will be **St. George at North Side** 

8:00 P.M. Paramon Vesperal Divine Liturgy, Anointing with Holy Oil (Mirovanya)

## Saturday, December 25, 2021: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas Day)

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. George, North Side of Pittsburgh) 11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. John, McKees Rocks Bottom)



### Come Back to the House of the Lord

Pastoral to our clergy, religious, seminarians, and beloved faithful of St. Josaphat Eparchy, and to all people of good will everywhere in the world.

#### IV. The Role of Youth

At one time, a large majority in our culture was Christian. Over the years that number has shrunk, and today being a Christian often means swimming against the tide, standing out from the crowd.

In these days after the pandemic, when so many have stopped practicing their faith altogether, it probably feels even more lonely than ever to be a person of faith. Given our times, you may be asking yourself, "What is the point of standing out? Why should I be any different from my friends and peers?"

#### The ultimate meaning of Christianity

The feeling of loneliness, which so many people continue to experience today, is actually a sign that we are searching for a deeper and ultimate meaning behind everything. Almost two thousand years ago, Saint Augustine of Hippo transformed that feeling into a prayer to God: "You have made us for Yourself, and, our hearts are restless, until they rest in You." To know that kind of peace is to discover something greater than anything we could ever imagine.

#### Guided by a spiritual family

Imagine finding yourself in an undiscovered country. Would it not be good to have an experienced guide? What if your hearts and souls are like the ultimate undiscovered country? What if you looked for guidance from those who, over the course of thousands of years, have made that same journey? The good news is that we are not alone, and the guidance that we are searching for is made available to us through Our Lord, the Holy Mother of God, and the Church and her many saints.