

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

- Saturday, June 19St. Jude, ApostleReadings: Rom. 5:1-10; Mt. 6:22-34Eparchial Youth Day at Cheesman Farm, PA
- Sunday, June 20Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day<br/>Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13<br/>9:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Supplications will be offered for +Rose Ann Kulczycki,<br/>given by Mary Beth Parks.
- Thursday, June 24Nativity of St. John the Baptist<br/>Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Lk. 1:5-25.57-68 & 76-80(South Side)6:00 P. M. Divine Liturgy<br/>God's blessing upon all parishioners
- Saturday, June 26St. David of Thesalonica<br/>Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1(McKees Rocks)6:30 P. M. Vigil Divine Liturgy<br/>God's blessing upon all parishioners
- Sunday, June 27Fifth Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:19:30 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Supplications will be offered for +Philip Perkun, by Maria Perkun

Supplications will be offered for +Walter Siweckyj, by Daughter Maria





# What is the Significance of the Liturgical Colors?

Anyone who has at least once attended a Divine Service of the Eastern Church, has most likely noticed the beauty and festivity of the vestments. The diversity of colors is an inalienable part of the Liturgical - Church symbolism, a way of affecting those praying. Bright and radiant vestments convey the joy and exultation of God's beauty and greatness, while dark vestments instill within us a sense of repented to return to God.

Since ancient times, the Liturgical books have offered

flexibility in Liturgical color, only specifying whether the vestments worn for a particular feast or season should be light or dark. This has led to various local practices over the years. In the contemporary practice common to many parishes, there are six basic color groups.

1. White is used for Pascha and Transfiguration. In some jurisdictions it is also used for the Nativity, Theophany and Ascension.

2. Gold is used on the Nativity of Our Lord and when no other color is called for as it conveys the riches and glory of God's kingdom.

3. Dark Red or Purple is used for the Great Fast – Lent.

4. Green is used for Pentecost and monastic saints. In some jurisdictions it is also used on Palm Sunday.

5. Blue is used for the Feasts of the Mother of God.

6. Red is used for the Feast of the Holy Cross, Beheading of St. John the Baptist, martyr saints and during the Nativity Fast (Philip's Fast).

The color of the Feast is worn from the Vigil the night before the Feast Day until the leavetaking of the Feast, the final day of the festal season. The length of these post-feasts vary, and are given in the Liturgical calendar and rubrics.



## June 20, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine, Tone 3; the Holy Priest-Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (311)

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Page 2-4 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Happy Father's Day

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God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

### Announcements:

#### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

To honor the birth of St. John the Baptist we will have on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Divine Liturgy celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at <u>St. John Parish at South Side</u> on 109 S 7th St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Please come and celebrate the Forerunner of Our Lord who proclaimed to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

**Tower repair donation needed:** As you may know, we have started several repairs at our beautiful church. We have exhaust fans. They were recently repaired. (One of them was totally rebuilt). This will help to reduce our monthly expenses for the AC and will keep our church fresh during weekly services. While making these repairs, we found out that one of the Towers (North Tower) needs repair as well due to the water leak. This job has to be done before the winter to prevent more damage. We have a handy man who found what caused the problem and he is be able to fix it. If you would like to see pictures or have a detailed explanation of the work which was done, see Fr. Igor. For this project, we are asking for your donations as our financial sources are limited. Thank you and God bless you!

#### Collection - May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of June 13, 2021 was **\$1,040.00** 

(Regular: \$985.00, Loose & Candles: \$55.00)

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



#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The centurion in today's Gospel reading receives a great compliment from Our Lord. He said: ""Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." Why? Because, in this army officer we see examples of three virtues in action – not just in theory – but in action. First of all, the centurion was a man of great compassion. Remember at the time of Our Lord the Romans practiced slavery and had a reputation for being cruel to slaves. In this culture a centurion could have easily let a servant die and buy another. After all they were ONLY property. However, he was concerned about his servant. This shows compassion.



The second virtue we find in the centurion is his great faith. This was the virtue Jesus noticed up front. He said, "Speak only the word and my servant shall be healed." The centurion was not even Jewish. He probably worshipped all the pagan Roman gods. He most probably didn't know anything about Jewish faith and the longing for the Messiah and Savior. He probably didn't believe in only one God. Also, he was a man of social standing so for him to go to Jesus, this poor itinerant preacher of no social standing, was a tremendous act of faith.

The third virtue is one of humility. This is not a popular virtue in our day at all. In our "me first" generation we see pride, stubbornness and selfishness high on the list. Pride involves putting other things before God, his Church and others. Many people operate like this: "I'll go to church ONLY if it fits my schedule; OR only if I don't have a ball game, a trip or something "MORE" important. Last week we heard the Gospel, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Our commitment to Christ and His Church cannot be a hobby or a pastime. What is the first of the Ten Commandments? "I am the Lord Your God. You shall not have strange gods before me." God wants first place or no place! The virtue of humility involves doing God's will even when I feel like it or not or even when something else looks more exciting to do. We can learn so many things from this centurion and this Gospel reading.

On this Sunday ask yourself this: If I were put in front of Christ today or encountered Him like the centurion did, what would He say? What would my Lord say about me?