



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, June 26

**St. David of Thesalonica**

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

(McKees Rocks)

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

God's blessing upon all parishioners

Sunday, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 29

**Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Prime Apostles**

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:21-12:9; Mt. 16:13-19

(North Side)

**7:00 P. M. Divine Liturgy**

Rest of Yuriy Hohosha, 2nd anniversary of the passing into eternal life

Saturday, July 3

**St. Hyacinth, Martyr**

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

(McKees Rocks)

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

God's blessing upon all parishioners

Sunday, July 4

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Independence Day**

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

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

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

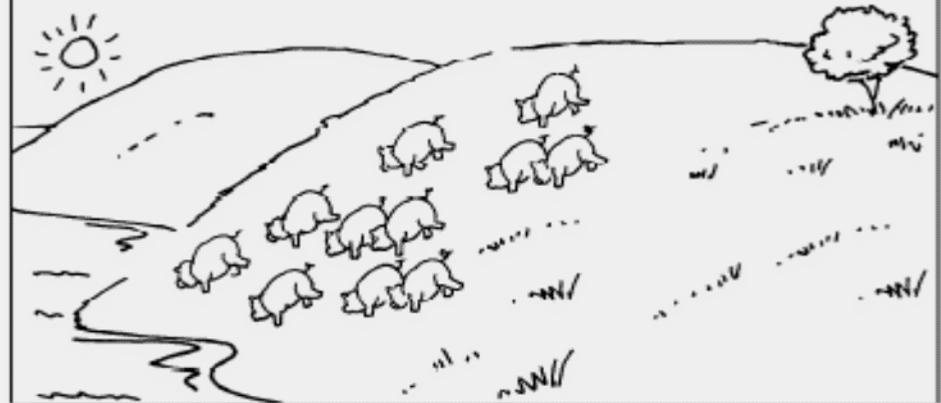
Supplications will be offered for **+Eva Salo (99<sup>th</sup> birthday), by Andy Salo**

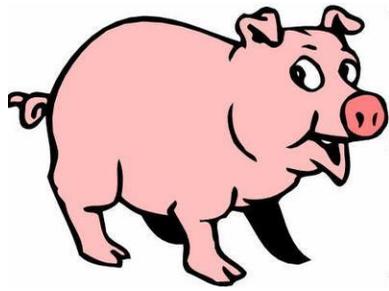
Jesus gave the demons permission  
to go into the herd of pigs.

Use the code to find what happened to the pigs.  
An example is given below.

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### ***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.

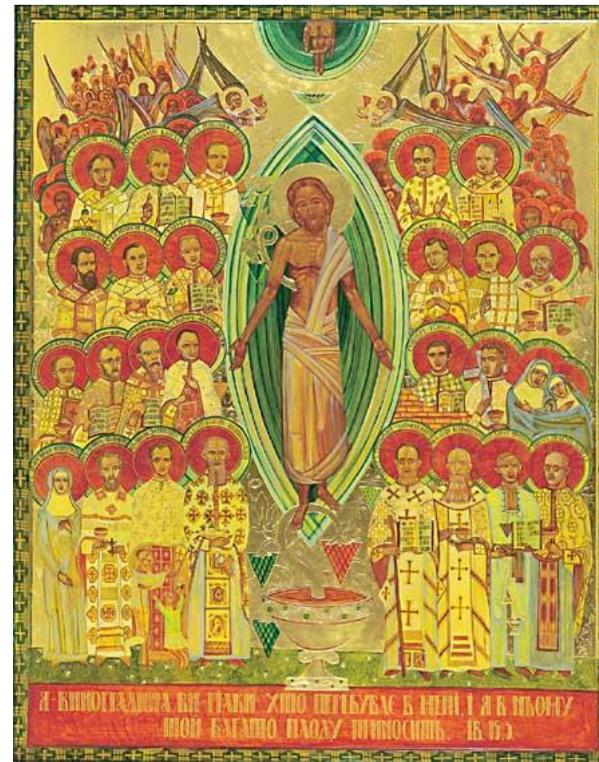
Pork-eating cultures have had a more benign view of pigs. The sign of the Pig is one of the Earthly Branches, or zodiac signs, in Chinese astrology. In Greek mythology, Demeter was the goddess of pigs. The ancient Romans practiced a sacrifice called the “*suovetaurilia*”, in which a pig, a ram, and a 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](http://www.parishesonline.org)***



**June 27, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Tone 4; Bishop-Martyr Nykolai  
(Nicholas) Charnetsky and the  
Twenty-Seven Other New  
Blesseds of the Church of Rus’-  
Ukraine Beatified in 2001; Our  
Venerable Father Samson, Host  
of Strangers (527-65)**

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

## **Announcements:**

### **Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**

On Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, we honor the glorious and all-praised leaders of the Apostles Peter and Paul. To honor these holy Apostles we will have Tuesday evening, June 29<sup>th</sup>, a Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. at St. George parish, Pittsburgh. Please come and be part of this celebration as we honor the first in prominence among the Apostles, and teachers to the Universe. Remember, that this feast, honoring the praiseworthy leaders of the apostles Peter and Paul, is a holy obligation day.

**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 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!

**The Peter's Pence Collection** takes place over the next weekend of June 26-27. Your envelope for this collection is in your box, as well as in the church vestibule. Please help support the works of The Holy Father as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

### **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); Irina Lutsiv (Holy Trinity, Carnegie); Nicholas Hladio (St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ambridge, PA); Victoria Nasevich (St. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, 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 - May God bless you...**

The total for Sunday of June 20, 2021 was **\$1,439.00**  
(Regular: \$850.00, Loose & Candles: \$30.00, Pyrohy: \$370.00, Father's Day candle: \$189.00)  
Tower repair donation: **\$2000.00**, by anonymous

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



### **FROM THE SAYINGS OF THE DESERT FATHERS**

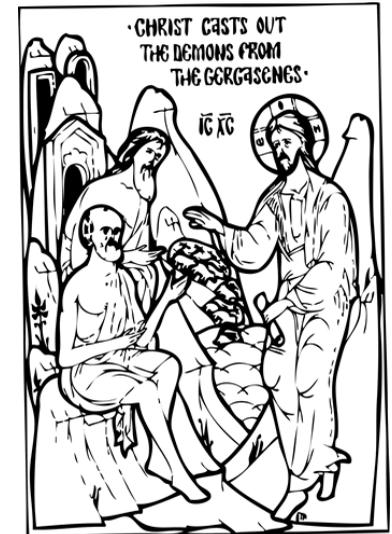
A hunter, wandering through the desert, came upon Abba Anthony while he was making jokes with the brethren; and he was shocked. Wishing to teach the hunter that it is necessary sometimes to relax with the brethren, the old man said to him: "Put an arrow in your bow and bend it." The hunter did so. "Bend it a little more," said Anthony. The hunter obeyed. "And still more," Anthony told him. "But if I draw the string too tight," said the hunter, "the bow will snap."

And the old man said to him: "It is the same in the work of God. If in the case of the brethren we draw the string too tight, they will snap under the strain. So it is necessary sometimes to relax with them." When the hunter heard this, he was filled with compunction, and profiting much from what the old man had said, he went his way. And the brethren, greatly strengthened, departed to their own place.

### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*When He reached the region of the Gadarenes on the other side, two men came to meet Him from among the tombs; they were possessed by demons, and so violent that no one dared pass that way.*

One day a five year old boy climbed onto an eight ton road roller left idling near his home where some highway construction was being done. He pressed the buttons and pulled the levers like he saw the regular driver do. The machine started rolling and rolled over five automobiles before someone was able to get it under control. The boy was able to start the huge piece of equipment but he could not control it or stop it.



Sometimes our own lives are like that. We know how to start, but we can't stop. We start out with freedom of choice, but we continue to choose the wrong thing until it is out of control and we cannot stop it. Any drug addict will tell you he or she would give anything to be freed of his or her habit which has him or her "hooked". In sober moments the alcoholic hates himself for the hell that he creates in his home, but his bottle is like a chain from which he cannot break loose. So it is with the sex pervert, the compulsive gambler, the person married to his work, and so many others chained and bedeviled like the two men in today's gospel story (Matt. 8:28-34). They could not control themselves. They were held captive and looked for freedom. We pray for people like that in every Divine Liturgy: "For the sick, the suffering, the captive, for their health and salvation."

Our Lord freed those two unfortunate men from the terrible possession tormenting them. Jesus Christ today still has that power to destroy the demoniac in anyone. What no human being can do, Christ can. No one could set an alcoholic free until one day fifty some years ago, one alcoholic turned to Christ and went on the establish Alcoholics Anonymous. Today hundreds of thousands of alcoholics have been set free by God through A.A. There are similar kinds of groups working now with drug addicts. The names of the devils may not be the same as Our Lord exorcized in today's gospel, but the power of Christ is greater than any demon can claim over a human being. No matter what kind of bedevilment may threaten our own lives, we have available to us the saving power of Jesus Christ if we want it and ask for it.

*- by Msgr. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.*