



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, July 3

**St. Hyacinth, Martyr**

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

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

God's blessing upon all parishioners

(McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 4

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Independence Day**

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

**9:10 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

Thursday, July 8

**St. Procopius, Great Martyr**

Readings: 1 Cor. 7:24-35; Mt. 15:12-21

**7:00 P. M. Akathist to the Theotokos**

(North Side)

Saturday, July 10

**St. Anthony of the Caves, venerable**

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

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

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(McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 11

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Rom. 15:1-7; Mt. 9:27-35

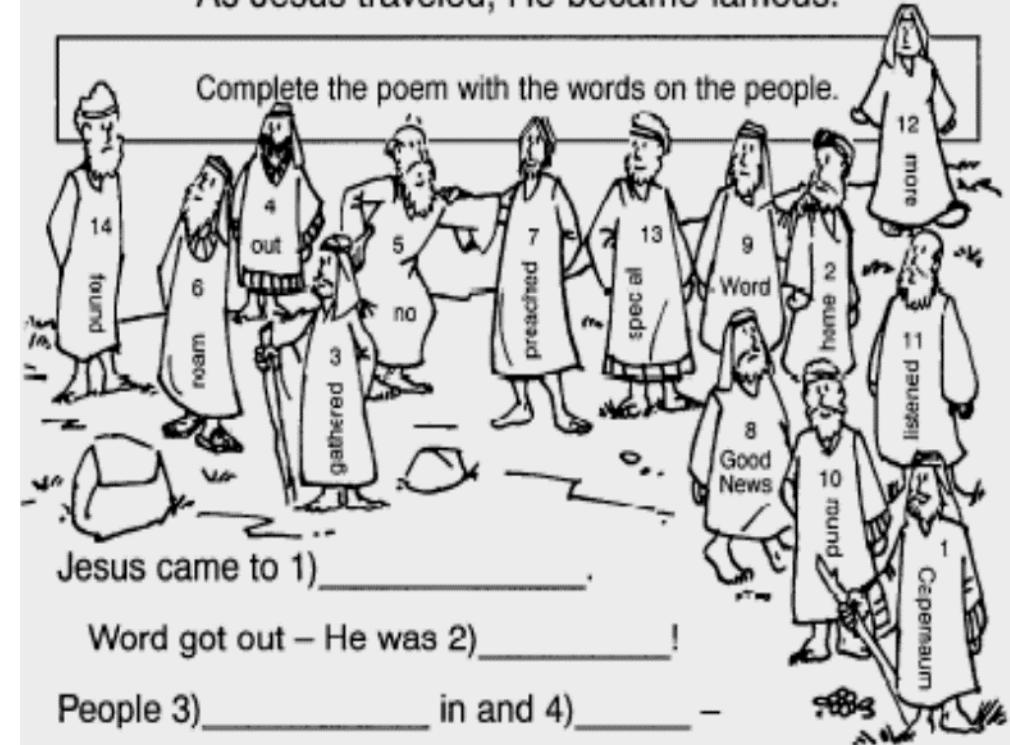
**9:10 A.M. Third Hour**

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

Supplications will be offered for +Maria Pyptyk, by family

## A Paralyzed Man is Healed

As Jesus traveled, He became famous.



Complete the poem with the words on the people.

Jesus came to 1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Word got out – He was 2) \_\_\_\_\_!

People 3) \_\_\_\_\_ in and 4) \_\_\_\_\_ –

there was 5) \_\_\_\_\_ room to 6) \_\_\_\_\_!

He 7) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_ and the 9) \_\_\_\_\_

to those who gathered 10) \_\_\_\_\_.

They 11) \_\_\_\_\_ and they wanted 12) \_\_\_\_\_ –

from a 13) \_\_\_\_\_ man they'd 14) \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***DON'T BLACKMAIL GOD!***

- Elder Porphyrios (+1991)

We shouldn't blackmail God with our prayers. We shouldn't ask God to release us from something, from an illness, for example, or to solve our problems, but we should ask for strength and support from Him to bear what we have to bear. Just as He knocks discreetly at the door of our soul, so we should ask discreetly for what we desire, and if the Lord does not respond, we should cease to ask. When God does not give us something that we ask for insistently, then He has His reasons. God, too, has His "secrets." Since we believe in His good providence, since we believe that He knows everything about our lives, and that He always desires what is good, why should we not trust Him?

Let us pray naturally and gently, without forcing ourself and without passion. We know that past, present and future are all known, "open and laid bare" before God. As St. Paul says, "Before Him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to His eyes." We should not insist; such persistence does harm instead of good. We shouldn't continue relentlessly in order to acquire what we want; rather, we should leave things to the will of God. Because the more we pursue something, the more it runs away from us. So what is required is patience, faith and composure. And if we forget it, the Lord never forgets; and if it is for our good, He will give us what we need, when we need it.

### ***On Forgiveness***

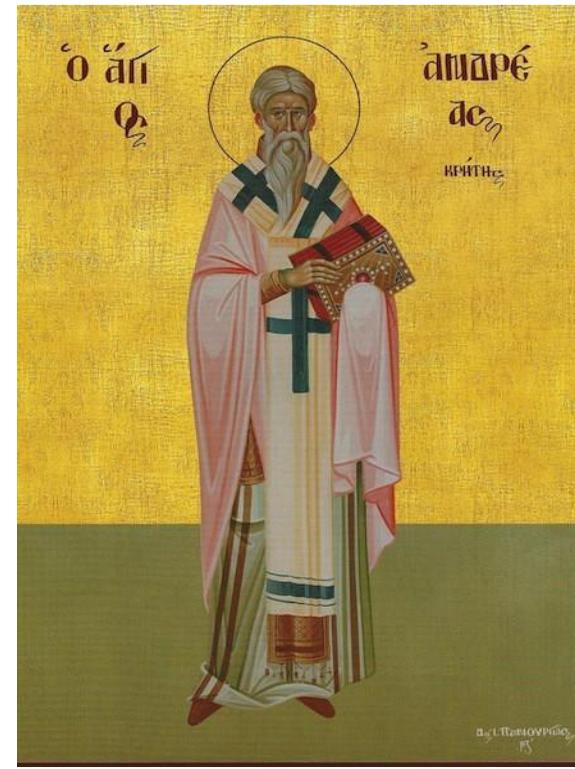
A brother who was insulted by another brother came to Abba Sisoes, and said to him: "I was hurt by my brother, and I want to avenge myself".

Abba Sisoes tried to console him and said: "Don't do that, my child. Rather leave vengeance to God". But he said: "I will not quit until I avenge myself".

Then Abba said: "Let us pray, brother; and standing up, he said: "Our Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive NOT those who trespass against us..."

Hearing these words, the brother fell at the feet of the Abba and said: "I am not going to fight with my brother any more. Forgive me, Abba."

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**July 4, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; our Holy Father Andrew the Jerusalemite, Archbishop of Crete (740); Venerable Martha, Mother of the Holy Simeon of the "Mountain of Wonders"**

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



***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:

## Akathist to the Theotokos

On Thursday evening, July 8th, at 7:00 p.m. please come for a time of prayer as we celebrate the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos. We offer Divine services during the week in order to come to the Lord, to refresh our souls in the middle of the week and to set aside time for prayer and meditation.

**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!

## 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 grand total for Sunday of June 27, 2021 was **\$5,039.00+Pyrohy: \$978.00**

(Regular: \$3,895.00, Loose & Candles: \$19.00,)

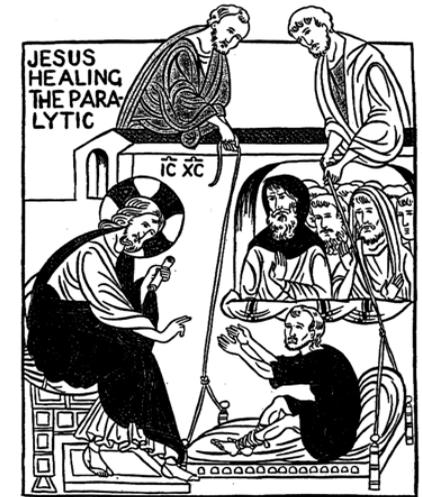
**Tower repair donation:** \$1000.00, by anonymous; \$100.00, by Motria and Oleh Hodowanets; \$25.00, by Mary Gayda.

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



## *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

On this Sunday a man was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ, paralyzed, by four of his friends. And Christ, seeing their faith, said to him that he could be healed. There are two things in this story which I would like you to think about. The one is that this man was ill, he was in need; perhaps he was unable either to express his need, or to express the faith that he had in the possibility of healing; but his friends had faith: faith in Christ, faith in His power to heal, to make whole. And they took this man and brought him to the Lord.



But their faith would not have been sufficient; many were paralyzed, many were sick who did not find friends who would bring them to the healer. It is not only their faith in Christ; it is also their love to their friend that prompted them to act. And again, it is because this man, in the years when he was whole, was able to call out love, friendship, devotion, faithfulness in their hearts that in the hour of need they came to his rescue.

Here are two lessons for us. The one is that we can bring forth the needs of people - physical, spiritual and other needs; we can bring forth their needs to God if we have faith in His healing power, and our faith can open the gates of salvation for those who perhaps have not enough faith, who might not even be able to say, 'I believe, Lord, help my unbelief - those who doubt, those who hesitate, those who are uncertain that we can bring them to the Lord. But this is possible only if the person in need has created in us, called out in us love; a love so personal, so faithful that we prove capable of acting. Or perhaps, if our life in Christ is deep enough that God has sawn into our hearts so much of His own compassion, of His own love that we can turn to the unknown, turn to whom we have never heard of, prompted by nothing but by his or her need, and bring him or her to God unto salvation, unto healing.

We must remember both the necessity for us to become capable of love and capable of calling out love around us. And also we must learn to have the daring of faith when we see need around us, and bring it to the Only One who can resolve it, who can heal, Who can make whole not only bodies, and minds, and souls, but the complex relationship between people. Here is a calling, here is a vocation for us; let us pay attention to what God says to us in this Gospel, in this Good News of the power of love, divine and human, and the power of faith to which God's love and mercy responds. Amen.