



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 7

**St. Domitius, Venerable Martyr**

Readings: Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

(McKees Rocks)

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of fruits**

Sunday, Aug. 8

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: 2 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

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

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of fruits**

Supplications will be offered for+ **deceiced members of +Perkun & +Nebesna families,**  
**given by Maria Perkun**

Thursday, Aug. 12

**St. Plotinus and Anicetus, Martyr**

Readings: 2 Cor. 7:1-10; Mk. 1:29-35

(St. George)

**6:30 P.M. Pastor's Advisory Council (PAC)**

Saturday, Aug. 14

**Translation of the Relics of St. Theodosius of Cave**

Readings: Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

(McKees Rocks)

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

Sunday, Aug. 15

**Twelve Sunday after Pentecost/Dormition of the Theotokos**

Readings: 1 Cor. 5:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26

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

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Fred Burgess (Birtday remeberance),**  
**given by family**

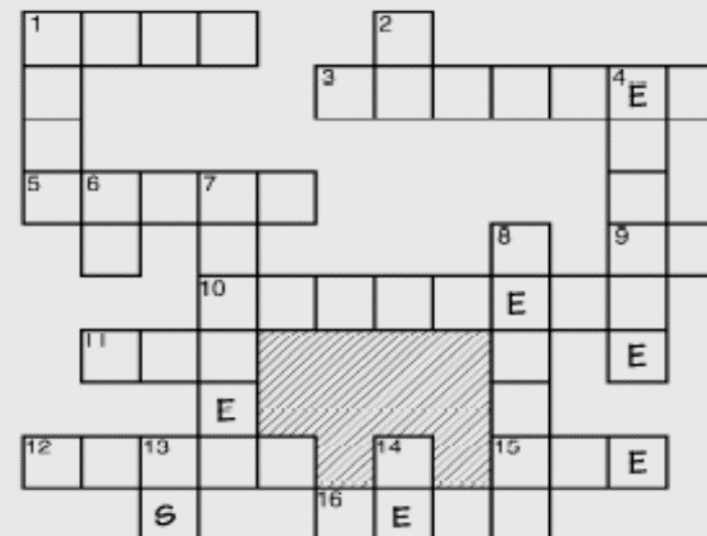
Supplications will be offered for+ **Petro Hodowanec**  
**given by family**

Paul gave the Christians  
 some important information.



Fit the list of words into the crossword.  
 Then arrange them on the lines according to their numbers.

HE	OF	THE	WILL	EXPOSE	MOTIVES
IN	TO	MEN'S	BRING	HEARTS	DARKNESS
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14-D      1-D      12-A      2-D

5-A      1-A      13-D      7-D

8-D      10-A      11-A      1-D

4-D      15-A      3-A      9-A

16-A      8-D



## ON DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD

Many hundreds of years ago a very holy old man lived in a desert. One day people came to him and said, “Father, teach us, how can we come closer to God while we live in the world?” The old man drew a circle in the sand at his feet. “This circle is the world,” he said “and here in the center of it is God. Each one of us lives in the world,” and he made dots around the edge of the circle. “As we try to

come closer to God, we draw closer to each other and this is the only way in which we can come closer to God. Remember it.”

- The Teaching of St. Dorotheos of Gaza

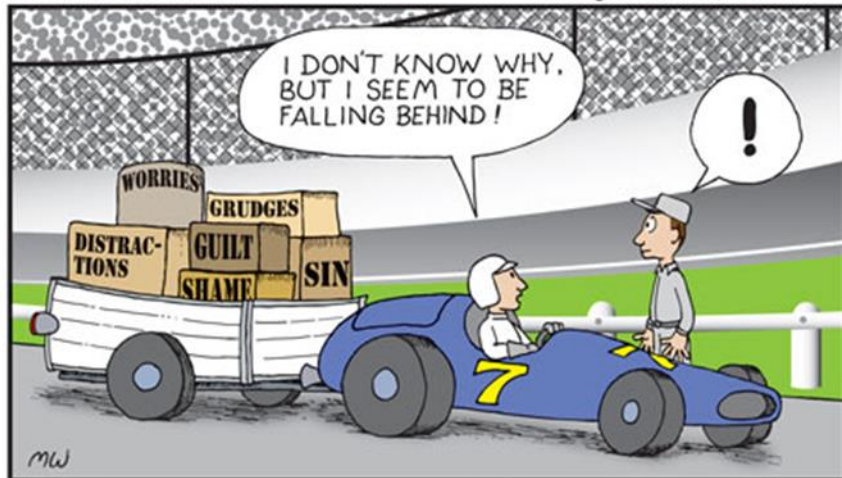
### *From the writings of Saint Theophan the Recluse*

Nothing comes without effort. The help of God is always ready and near, but is given only to those who seek and work, and only to those seekers who, after putting all their powers to the test, then cry out with their whole heart: “Lord, help us!”



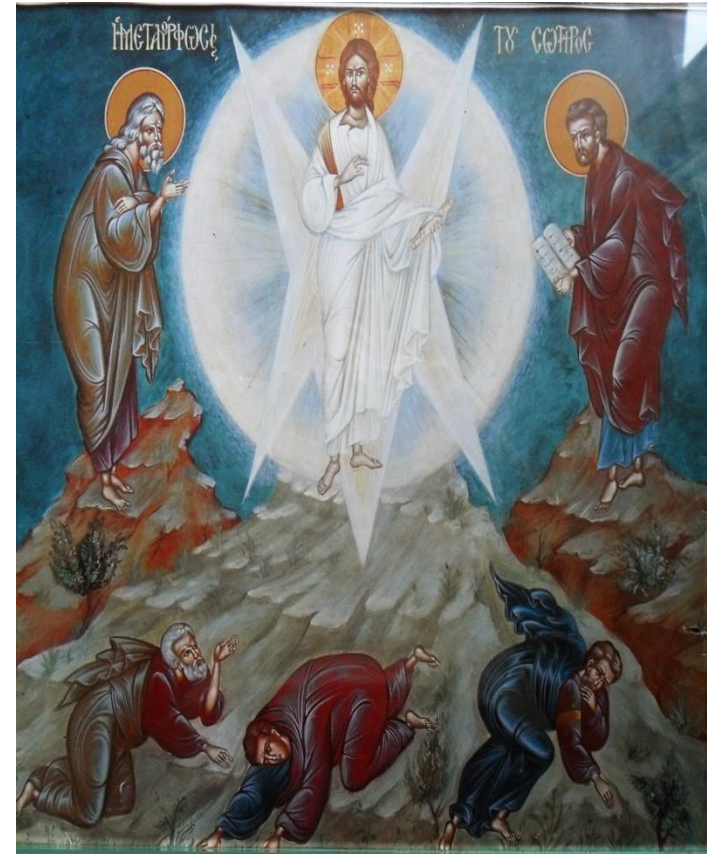
### DEAD WEIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

— HEBREWS 12:1 NIV



**August 8, 2021**

**Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost,  
Tone 2; Post-feast of  
the Transfiguration;  
Holy Confessor  
Emilian, Bishop of  
Cyzicus (815)**

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white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Today: Blessing of Fruit**

As we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we will have the Blessing of Fruit today at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you have brought your fruit to be blessed on this special occasion, please place it in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod.

### **Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!**

On Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have this year's children's outing to the Kennywood Amusement Park for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at the park at 10:00 p.m. We have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

### Thursday: PAC Meeting

On Thursday evening, August 12<sup>th</sup>, the meeting of the Pastors Advisory Council will take place in the Church Hall at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all parishioners. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this meeting.

### St. George Prayer Lists:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Dolores and Nancy Lozer, Patricia Della-Regione, Stella Shedno, Kathlyn Shabla, Thomas Kunsak, Lilliam Chlibun, Orysia Barshowski.**

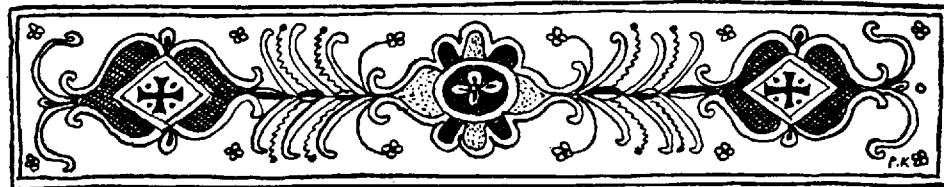
### Collection (St. George) - May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of Aug. 1, 2021 was **\$2,215.00 + Pyrohy: \$888.00**

(Regular: \$1905.00, Loose & candles: \$60.00, Online donation: \$250.00)

**Tower repair donation:** \$1000.00, by Mike & Vicki Senko in memory of Katherine Havrylak and Anastasia Tymczuk; \$100.00, by Myron & Patty Rodzay

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



### Blessing of Animals

In our Holy Church we have prayers of blessing for just about everything. From religious articles such as icons and vestments, to things like fields, flowers, houses, vehicles and even animals! This year on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we commemorate the holy martyr Mammias who is honored as one of the patron saints of animals and livestock we will have the blessing of animals in our parish family. This blessing will take place outside at 7:00 p.m. in front of the anniversary Cross (near the parish rectory). Plan to come and be part of this prayerful event.

### *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

In today's Gospel Christ tells us about a man who owed a vast sum of money to his overlord but had no means of repaying and his lord forgave him all because he had pity on him. After leaving his overlord's presence this man met another who owed him a small amount, and began demanding payment without mercy. Hearing this the overlord said: I forgave you your enormous debt, so how could you not forgive your debtor his small indebtedness? In the same way we expect that through one word of God's mercy, the gates of eternal life will be opened for us, yet we close these very doors - no, the small doors of this temporal life in the face of another person. What can we hope for?

The Gospel says in another place: with what measure you measure it shall be measured unto you. In the Beatitudes it says: *blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy*, and in the Lord's Prayer: *forgive us as we forgive*. How simple it all seems, and yet how difficult we find it. It would be simple if our hearts responded to sorrow, to need; it is difficult because our hearts are silent. But why is this so? May it not be because when someone behaves badly we always think he must be a bad man, without realizing that often the man so much wants to be good, so much wants every word of his to be pure, his thoughts and his heart pure, his actions worthy ones, but he simply has not the strength, he is enmeshed by old habits, by the pressures of his environment, by false shame and so many other things. And he continues to act wrongly; but we could disentangle him. We could look at him as God looks at him, with pity, as one might look at a sick man dying of a disease that could be cured if only he were given the right treatment.

And each one of us could do what is necessary for someone. Look at a man and pity him for being wicked, angry, vengeful, and bad in one way or another. Have pity on him and turn the bright side of your soul towards him, tell him that his actions and his words will not deceive you, however wicked they may be, because you know that he is an image, an icon of God, besmirched and disfigured, and yet in him you bow down to God, and love him as a brother. To do this may cost you a great deal, but if you can do it once or twice and see how a person changes because you have faith in him, because you have rested God's hope on him, what a world we should live in - a world of mutual trust.



- Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom)