

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

Saturday, July 16St. Athenogenes, Bishop - Martyr<br/>Readings: Rom. 5:1-10; Mt. 6:22-34\*St. John's parish\*6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 17Sunday of the fathers of the 6th Ecumenical Council<br/>Readings: Rom. 12:6-14; Mt. 9:1-89:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Supplications will be offered for +Kathryn Kaltreider, given by Marta Lubynsky.

Supplications will be offered for **+Eva Salo, given by Andy Salo.** 

- Thursday, July 21St. Simeon & John, Venerable<br/>Readings: 1 Cor. 7:24-35; Mt. 15:12-21(North Side)7:00 P. M. Service of the Holy Oil
- Saturday, July 23St. Athenogenes, Bishop Martyr<br/>Readings: Rom. 15:1-7; Mt. 9:27-35\*St. John's parish\*6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, July 24Seventh Sunday after PentecostReadings: Rom. 15:1-7; Mt. 9:27-359:10 A.M. Third Hour9:30 A.M. Divine LiturgySupplications will be offered for +Kathryn Kaltreider, and a second for +Kathr

Supplications will be offered for **+Kathryn Kaltreider**, given by Patti & Dave Barr. God's blessing upon Inna Hohosha on her birthday, by pyrohy workers. We are asked to completely change our way of thinking and renew our minds!



#### **ON HOLY COMMUNION**



The Holy Eucharist is the first, most important, and greatest miracle of Christ. All the other Gospel miracles are secondary. How could we not call the greatest miracle the fact that simple bread and wine were once transformed by the Lord into His very Body and His very Blood, and then have continued to be transformed for nearly two thousand years by the prayers of priests, who are but simple human beings? And what is more, this mystery has continued to effect a miraculous change in those people who communicate of the Divine Mysteries with faith and humility.

- Saint Ambrose of Optina

#### ON GOD'S GOODNESS TO ALL

God is the life of all free beings. He is the salvation of all, of believers and unbelievers, of the just and the unjust, of the pious and the impious, of those freed from the passions and those caught up in them, of monks and those living in the world, of the educated or the illiterate, of the healthy or the sick, of the young or of the old. He is like the outpouring of light, the glimpse of the sun, or the changes of the weather, which are the same for everyone without exception. - St. John of the Ladder

Abba John said that the saints are like a group of trees, each bearing different fruit, but watered from the same source. The practices of one saint differ from those of another, but it is the same Spirit that works in all of them.





# July 17, 2022

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Octoechos Tone 5. The Holy Great-Martyr Marina.

<u>Changeable Parts:</u> **Pages 9-10** In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

### Announcements:

#### **Today: Blessing of Vehicles**

We will have at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy the Blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.). First, we will have the Blessing in the front of the Church and then in the back (Mexico Street). If your children have brought their bicycles, I ask that you leave them in the Church hall during the Divine Liturgy and afterwards bring them to the front of the Church.

#### Thursday: Service of the Holy Oil, Anointing

On Thursday evening, July 21st, a Prayer Service will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. During this Prayer Service you can all offer your prayerful intentions (for health, well-being, peace, comfort, etc.). As part of this Prayer Service, Holy Anointing will also be administered. In the Church vestibule we have a special note pad where you can write down your prayerful intentions that will be included in this Prayer Service.

- From the Desert Fathers

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

On Saturday, August 20st, we will have this year's children's outing to the Sandcastles Water Park at West Homestead 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. If you are planning to go, put your name on that sheet along with the number attending. We are accepting donations for this trip. Thank you all for your generosity and support of our St. George's and St. John's children.

#### Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Visit them or give them a call or an email. It is nice to hear from a friend from Church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay.

#### Prayer List:

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, Patricia Della-Regione, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla, Kate Wyko and Rose Shedno.** 

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

The total for Sunday, July 3, 2022 was **\$1,173.00 + \$264.00** (Regular: \$1020.00, Loose & candles: \$33.00, Ukraine: \$120.00)

### \*Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity\*

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

Or you may try: www.masstimes.org

When you travel please remember to visit our parishes and to participate in Divine Worship according to our Liturgical tradition. In today's Gospel reading Our Lord says "be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you" (Matthew 9:2). What are our sins that need to be forgiven? Our sins are our imperfections of character. They are the things about us where we miss the mark of what we were created to be by God. Sins take many forms but they are all rooted in our misuse of our created being.

When we sin we place ourselves above God. We make ourselves are own God. When we sin we put ourselves in conflict with God. This conflict with God is often seen in our conflicts with our fellow man. This is because our fellow man, as well as we are, is created in the image and likeness of God as it says in Genesis *"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness."* (Genesis 1:26) Thus our conflicts in life are a result of our conflict with the image and likeness of God that exists within us and our fellow man as a result of placing our will in front of this image and likeness of God; or simply put our sin. HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC :-



This conflict is not only with ourselves but with God because we were created to live in harmony with God. We were created to submit our will to His in order to have this harmony bhfwith Him. As we live our lives in conflict with God, others and the image and likeness of God within us our souls become sick. The soul becomes sick because it is cut off from its Creator that nourishes it with the fruit of the tree of life. This lack of nourishment of the soul weakens the soul. In the worse cases it can no longer respond to God; it becomes paralyzed much like the man in today's Gospel reading.

Therefore, we must seek healing in the Church, what St. John Chrysostom calls "hospital for sinners". How? In Holy Confession, this allows you to purify yourself of sins at once, to reconcile to God, thus restoring the inner harmony having been lost by us.

The faith opens your heart for taking in God's power; the repentance makes a person capable to take in this power. Then our diseases will be cured by the healing arm of God about whom the prophet Isaiah said, "He took our diseases on Himself and carried them". Amen.