



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, July 30

St. Silas and others, Apostles

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

St. John's parish

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 31

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Kashka & John Shabla, given by Kathee Shabla.**

Supplications will be offered for **+John Pyptyk, given by family.**

Friday, Aug. 5

Pre feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

(St. George)

7:00 P.M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of fruits

God's blessing upon Michael Adamchik

Saturday, Aug. 6

St. Silas and others, Apostles

Readings: 1 Cor. 3:9-17; Mt. 14:22-34

St. John's parish

NO SERVICE

Sunday, Aug. 7

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

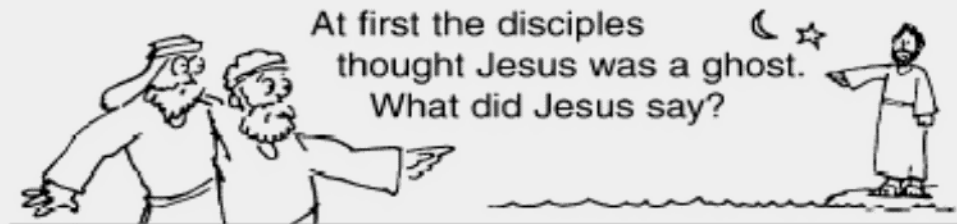
Readings: 1 Cor. 3:9-17; Mt. 14:22-34

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

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

Supplications will be offered for **+Mihaylo & Alexandra Kozak, given by Anonymous.**

Supplications will be offered for **+John Pyptyk, given by family.**



Write a word to fit each definition. Write the letters on the lines below.

An adult kitten

1 2 3

It flies on a string in the spring

4 5 6 7

A grown-up puppy

8 9 10

An animal's hair

11 12 13

Hair combed over the forehead

14 15 16 17 18

“ _____ !

3 2 4 7 1 9 12 13 2 10 7

5 3 5 18 5

_____”

8 9 16 3 14 7 2 11 13 2 5 8

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Blessing of Fruit



In our Holy Church the offering of first fruits takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing. The produce is then consumed by the faithful and their loved ones, or it can also be given to the poor and infirmed. The Liturgical concept behind the blessing is the faithful offering back to God a token of that which He in His loving-kindness has provided, God blessing these first fruits and returning them to the faithful for their benefit and blessing.

The blessing of first fruits traditionally begins on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord with the blessing of grapes. In localities where grapes are not grown, other early-ripening fruits such as apples, plums, pears, etc. may be offered. At the end of the Divine Liturgy the priest blesses the first fruits, asking "...that the Lord may bless them, that they may be to us unto rejoicing, and that He may accept a gift of these fruits unto the cleansing of our sins..." The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

It has also been a venerable tradition (especially amongst farmers) that as the harvest season progresses, the first fruits of each species be brought to the Church to be blessed, using a similar format, but a different prayer: "...that the Lord may receive our gift unto His eternal treasury and grant us an abundance of earthly goods..."

Blessing of Grapes - Representation of transformation

Grapes are blessed because they show physical transformation and represent a religious transformation.

- The transformation of flowers into fruit
- The transformation of fruit into wine
- The mystical transformation of wine into the Blood of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Divine Liturgy.
- All fruits represent new life. Mature fruits are blessed in thanksgiving for a good harvest.

New life and a good harvest are Holy God's gifts to us.



July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

Octoechos Tone 7.
Fore-feast of the Procession of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord; Holy and Just Eudocimus (840)

Changeable Parts:

Pages 14-15 in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Feast of the Transfiguration (St. George)

On Saturday, August 6th, we will celebrate the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord. To celebrate this Major Feast Day, we will have Friday evening, August 5th, a Vespereal Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Fruit at 7:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Fruit will take place again on Sunday, August 7th, as we will continue to celebrate the after-feast of the glorious Transfiguration of Our Lord. If you wish to have your fruit blessed (at any of the Divine Services this week), please place them in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod.

Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!

On Saturday, August 20st 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.

Dormition Fast

On Monday, August 1st, we begin in our Holy Church the Dormition Fast—"Spasiwka". This Fast begins August 1st and ends on August 14th, and is a time of preparation for the Feast of the Dormition-Falling Asleep of the Mother of God. This great Feast of the Dormition is also called the Summer Pascha as it commemorates the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Virgin Mary. During this upcoming Dormition Fast-Spasiwka, plan to also attend the special Divine Services, honoring the Most Holy Theotokos.

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 24, 2022 was **\$2,844.00 + \$898.00**

(Regular: \$2,823.00, Loose & candles: \$21.00, Ukraine: \$49.00)

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



Dear Ukrainians and our American Friends!



Thank you very much each and every one for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation several days ago. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from

Russian aggression.

Many of our friends ask how they may help.

First, your continued **prayers**. This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS.

Second, your **donations**. Our Eparchy invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

A. You can donate through the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by making checks payable to "St. George Ukrainian Catholic" with memo "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine", and sending to 3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or through <http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org> PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website <https://stjosaphateparchy.com> and click on Donate through PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

3. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.

4. Additionally what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine.

May God bless our Heroes! May God Bless Ukraine! May God bless All of Us!