



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 27

St. Poimen, venerable

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

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

(McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Aug. 28

Twelve Sunday after Pentecost

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+ **Eric Fuchs, given by Mary Siweckyj**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Jane Chulack, given by Kathee Shabla**

Thursday, Sep. 1

St. Simeon, Venerable

Readings: Gal. 3:23-4:5; Mk. 6:30-45

7:00 P.M. Blessing of Animals

Saturday, Sep. 3

St. Anthimus, Bishop-Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

(McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Sep. 4

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Wasył Pivrko, given by Pyptyk family**
 God's blessing, health and wellbeing upon **Kathee Shabla**

When Jesus arrived, the sisters did different things.
 What did Mary do?

Use the code to find the answer.
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Blessing of Animals

In our Holy Church we have a number of Blessings which are associated with the needs, events, and tasks of human life. In celebrating these various Blessings, the Church is constantly bearing witness to the presence and action of God in our lives.. The Blessings also serve to remind us that all of life is important, and that the many events and gifts of life can be directed toward God and receive their fulfillment in Him. The

Church blesses individuals, events such as trips, and objects such as icons, churches, flowers, fields, animals, and food. In so doing, the Church is not only expressing our thanks giving, but also affirming that no gift, event, or human responsibility is secular or detached from God. For Christians all good things have God as their origin and goal. Nothing is outside of God's love and concern.

On this upcoming Thursday, September 1st, we will have the Blessing of Animals in our parish family. This event reminds us that as stewards of God's creation we are called to care for, nurture and bless each other, our environment and the animal kingdom. In our Eastern Church we have a number of Saints who are considered Patron Saints of animals and livestock: St. Modestus, St. Mammas or St. George. This year we will have the Blessing of Animals as we commemorate the life of St. Mammas (September 2nd). In Cyprus Saint Mammas is popularly known as a poor hermit who lived in a cave near the Cypriot town of Morphou. When the local muslim authorities tried to tax him, he evaded them. After being captured, he was led to court by the policemen and on the road they came across a lion chasing a sheep. He called the lion to stop and come near him. The wild animal did and Mammas rode on the lion's back holding the sheep in his hand, all the way to the court. When the judge witnessed this unusual event, he ordered his release and granted him exclusion from taxation. Following this the venerable Mammas gave the sheep as a gift to the judge. Since then St. Mammas has been honored in the Christian East as one of the Patron Saints of animals.

On Thursday evening please come and bring your pet for this special blessing. In my priestly ministry I have often witnessed how special is the bond between someone and their pet(s). Make this an opportunity to invite a relative or friend to be part of this parish event. We will be happy to welcome all in celebration of all God's creatures.



August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 3. Our Venerable Father Moses the Black (c. 400); Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430); the Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Illuminator of Ethiopia (1855)

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(Small white book)

Announcements:

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 1st, when we commemorate the holy martyr Mammas, 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.

St. George Catechism Meeting

In preparation for the opening of the new school year, the meeting of our catechists will take place on Thursday, September 8th at church rectory after evening Divine Liturgy. I ask our catechists to please be present for this important meeting. Thank you.

St. George's & St. John's Parish Picnic & Bishop Bohdan visit

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 11th following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our **St. George's**. As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. **We ask that you provide side dishes and desserts.** Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule. The set-up of the tables, chairs and all the food preparations for the picnic will take place on Saturday, September 9th, at 10:00 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +Olga Petrushka who was buried from our Holy Church on Monday, August 15th, 2022. *May the Lord commit her soul to the place where the just repose and may he memory be eternal- Вічна Память!*

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 and Rose Shedno.**

Pyrohy

We will reopen our Pyrohy project on Wednesday August 31, 2022. Please, come to help. Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week's sale was **\$415.00**. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of Aug. 21, 2022 was **\$605.00 + \$415.00**
(Collection: \$585.00, loose & candles: \$20.00)

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



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

In today's Gospel reading Our Lord warns us of how difficult it is for a man who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God. Does it mean that the Kingdom of God is open only to the destitute, to those who are materially poor, who lack everything on earth? No. The Kingdom of God is open to all who are not enslaved by possessions. When we read the first Beatitude, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven", we are given a key to this saying: the poor in spirit are those who have understood that they possess nothing

which is their own. We have been created as an act of God, loved into existence; we are offered by God communion with Him to which we have no rights. All we are, all we possess is not our own in the sense that we have not made ourselves, we did not create what is seemingly ours - every thing which we are and which we have is love, the love of God and the love of people, and we cannot possess anything because everything is a gift that escapes us the moment we want to have possession of it and say, "It is mine".

On the other hand, the Kingdom of God is really the kingdom of those who are aware that they are infinitely rich because we can expect everything from love divine and from human love. We are rich because we possess nothing, we are rich because we are given all things; and so, it is difficult for one who imagines that he is rich in his own right to belong to that kingdom in which everything is a sign of love, and nothing can be possessed, as it were - taken away from others; because the moment we say that we possess something which is not given us either by God or by human care, we subtract it from the mystery of love.

So, let us reflect on that; poverty does not mean destitution; it means freedom from enslavement to an illusion that we are self-sufficient, self-contained, the creator of what we are and what we possess. And also free from enslavement to what is given us to make us true servants of God.