

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

<u>Saturday, Sep. 3</u>	St. Anthimus, Bishop-Martyr
	Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42
(McKees Rocks)	6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy
<u>Sunday, Sep.4</u>	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+ Wasyl Pivrko, given by Pyptyk family	
God's blessing, health and wellbeing upon Kathee Shabla	

Feast of Nativity of the Thotokos Tuesday, Sep. 8 Readings: Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28 7:00 P.M Divine Liturgy Repose of Antoniy, Anthony, Kateryna Fedyna

- Saturday, Sep. 10 Saturday before Exaltation of the Cross Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17 (McKees Rocks) 6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Sep.11 Sunday before Exaltation Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17 9:10 A.M. Third Hour 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy Supplications will be offered for+ Julia Kuncik, given by granddaughter Anne & family

Supplications will be offered for+ Wasyl Piwrko, given by Pyptyk's sisters

When the time for the harvest came, the landowner sent some servants to collect his fruit. What did the tenants do?

Fit these farming words on the lines, then transfer the letters to the numbered spaces in the story.
pitchfork hoe shovel plant spreader seed combine
1 2 3 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
4 5 6 7 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33
8 9 10 11 12 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42
13 14 15 16 17 18
The tenants

4 12 15 24 5 7 15 11 29

30 11 7 2 24 3 42 23 18 9 29 31

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 <u>http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org</u> PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website <u>https://stjosaphateparchy.com</u> 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!



<u>September 4, 2022</u>

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 4. Holy Priest-Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch (250); Holy Prophet Moses Who Saw God

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 32-33 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

<u>Announcements:</u>

Nativity of the Theotokos

On Thursday, September 8th, we will celebrate the Nativity of the Mother of God. To honor and celebrate the birth of our Lady we will have on Thursday evening, September 8th a Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Please come to celebrate one of the most ancient Feasts.

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.

Next Sunday: Bishop Bohdan visit & St. George's/St. John's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place next 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 Church School. 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. We need volunteers to help bring tables and chairs up on Saturday morning, September 10th at 10:00 a.m., and for the setting up on Sunday morning, September 11th at 8:00 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

Church School Registration

As we prepare to begin the new school year for our St. George's Church School, registrations are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per a child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 26th. All children 4-14 years of age are to be registered for our catechetical program. Remember that it is important that our children receive the proper Eastern Christian Formation. This formation is offered to them here at St. George's. We are blessed with a wonderful catechetical program and instructors. As a Church, let us pray for our children because they are the future of our parish family.

Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 14th, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Wednesday, September 21st. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

<u>Celebrate the New Liturgical Year – Spiritually Adopt a Priest.</u> Heavenly hosts worship ceaselessly as we mark the beginning of a new liturgical year, September 1st. Join the celebration by spiritually adopting a priest. Become a second "soul" to a bishop, priest or seminarian in our eparchy, by offering daily prayers, fasting, and other supplications. To participate, please e-mail your name and address to: <u>spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com</u>. Indicate your preference for an English or Ukrainian prayer card. Or log onto <u>https://stjosaphateparchy.com/.</u> Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.

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, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of Aug. 28, 2022 was **\$932.00 + \$192.00** (Collection: \$895.00, loose & candles: \$12.00, Ukrainian Aid: \$25.00)

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



Nativity of the Theotokos

The birthday of our Lady was celebrated as early as the 6th century in Syria and Palestine. St. Romanos in the year 457 wrote a hymn in honor of her nativity. Andrew of Crete in the year 740 preached on the feast. By the 12th century it was observed among all Christian nations as a major Marian feast, and was a holy day of

obligation amongst Roman Catholics till modern times. The day itself September 8th is taken from the day of consecration of a Church in honor of our Lady in Jerusalem. In France, it was a harvest festival, and the feast was called Our Lady of the Grape Harvest, which helped to popularize it.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord told this parable: There was a property owner who planted a vineyard...

Today's Gospel reading (Matthew 21:33-42) is the parable of the vineyard. An owner planted a vineyard, hedged it around, built a winepress and a tower and then let it out to tenants. When he sent servants to take the rent, they were beaten and stoned. He sent others, but they did the same. And when the owner sent own his son, they killed him.

This parable is very much addressed to each of us today in a personal sense. The vineyard is our own soul. It is hedged around with prayer, our guardian-angel, and our Patron-Saint. The wine-press is where we offer ourselves to Christ. The tower is our inner Church where we pray to God. We are tenants of our God-created souls. The servants sent to us are all those occasions when God speaks to us. He speaks to us in prayer, He speaks to us through the word of His Scriptures, and He speaks to us through every opportunity, every meeting, and every event that comes into our lives. He speaks to us through the presence of His Church in the world.

And how do we react? Do we reject everything sent to us, everything allowed to us, as a chance to do better, to make good our weaknesses? Do we fail to heed God? Do we ignore the Church? If so, then we too beat and stone and kill the servants of God. We are warned: the Heir is coming.

At the end of the parable of the vineyard, Christ says: *"The stone which the builders rejected has become the keystone of the structure. It was the Lord who did this and we find it marvelous to behold"*. The stone rejected is of course the Rock of Faith, Christ Himself, for He was rejected and crucified. And yet He became the head of the corner and it is marvelous in our eyes. Let us too be rocks of faith then, and though the world will reject us, we too shall become heads of the corner, and it will be marvelous in the eyes of God and His people.