

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

- Saturday, Jan. 14St. Macarius, VenerableReadings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-436:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (North Side)
- Sunday, Jan. 15Thirty second Sunday after PentecostReadings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-439:10 A.M. Third Hour9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+**Fred Bilyk**, given by Annonymous Supplications will be offered for+**Katherine Kaltreider**, given by Oleh & Motria Hodowanec Supplications will be offered for+**Susan Siweckyj**, given by Maria Siweckyj

- Thursday, Jan. 19St. Macarius, Venerable<br/>Readings: James 4:7-5:9; Mk. 11:27-33<br/>6:30 P. M. Daily Vesper
- Saturday, Jan. 21St. Maximus the Confessor, Venerable<br/>Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43<br/>6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (North Side)
- Sunday, Jan. 22Sunday of Zaccheus<br/>Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19:1-10<br/>9:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Health and wellbeing of Lillian Chlibun, by Pyrohy workers<br/>Supplications will be offered for+George Siweckyj, given by Mary Siweckyj

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God's grace was poured out on Paul.

#### Theophany House Blessings



Between the Feast of the Theophany and the beginning of the Great Fast-Lent, it is customary in our Holy Church to have our homes blessed by the parish priest with the Holy Water sanctified on this glorious Feast Day. This is an ancient tradition of the Eastern Church and through it we extend the "blessing of Jordan" into our homes and private places.

This blessing of our homes underscores and enhances the connection between our parish life and our "HOME CHURCH." It also gives us and our children an opportunity to see our priest in a more personal situation. All of this strengthens our relationship with God and His Holy Church.

\*\*\* Below are some guidelines for this House Blessing and pastoral visitation:

-In a main room or at the Icon corner place a candle, Cross and/or Icon on a clean linen cloth.

-You may make a list of all the family members you want prayed for during the Blessing Service, with the living and dead on separate columns.

-Turn on a light in every room so that Father can see where he is going.

-Turn off all stereos, TVs, computers, etc.

-Please have all pets confined or restrained.

-If you have any Icons, Crosses, religious articles you wish to have blessed, please place them on the table where the Service will take place.

Everyone present when Father arrives should join him around the Icon corner or the kitchen or dining room table. Father will designate one family member to lead him through the house; the rest should follow along and participate in the Blessing Service. Remember that participation is very important.





## January 15, 2023

31 Sunday after Pentecost,Tone 7. Our VenerableFathers Paul of Thebes (312-37) and John the Hut-Dweller(465-74)

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## Announcements:

#### **Today: Clean-up Decorations**

Following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us stay behind, the faster it will go. Thanks.

#### **House Blessing**

This week I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. Each household that requests this blessing will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. If you wish to have your house blessed, <u>please fill out the form</u> which is available in the Church vestibule.

#### Nanny Needed

Young family looking for Ukrainian and English Speaking nanny for their 3 month old daughter. Start Date: ASAP, Location: Mt. Washington, Hours: Flexible. 16-24 hours per week on Monday/Wednesday/Thursdays 7:30-3:30pm. Pay: \$15-20/hour/Call/text Olya if interested at 773-715-4158

Mark you calendar: Next Adult Religious Class on February 9th, 2023, at 6:30pm

<u>Many thanks to Marco and Courtney from DTCare</u> in Moon Township, who last Sunday after Liturgy, shared with us their truly inspirational work in helping soldiers and civilians in Ukraine by sending urgent supplies, establishing art therapy programs, and personally distributing muchneeded items. Many asked after the presentation what they could do to help. Based on Marco's guidance, our parish will be collecting art supplies to support the programs that are providing critical mental health aid for those affected by war trauma. DTCare will ship our donations free of charge to where they're most needed in Ukraine. Please drop off donations in the church hall. Thank you!

#### **Pyrohy**

We will reopen on this coming Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please come!

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

The grand total for Sunday of January 8, 2023, was **\$426.00** (Collection: \$330.00, loose & candles: \$96.00)

### Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy



Recently three teen members of St. George's were recognized as First Team Big 56 for their respective sports. Madison and Mackenzie Barr who attend Shaler Area School District were recognized for Volleyball and Andrew Fontana who attends Central Catholic High School was recognized for Football. All three are seniors and have made their college choices. Madison and Mackenzie will attend Mount Aloysius College in Cresson Pennsylvania and continue their volleyball careers. Madison will major in Nursing while Mackenzie will major in Medical Imaging. Andrew will attend the United States Naval Academy where he will continue to play football and has yet to declare a major. We are so very proud of their accomplishments both in academics and their respective sports.

#### Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost

We are coming now to the weeks of preparation for Lent. Habitually on this particular week we read the Gospel of the Blind man. This story is that where Mark and Luke tell us about the blind man, a man who had tried everything to be healed, his own and other people's wisdom and ability, in vain, and who in the end found that Christ was passing by. Christ had not come to him, He was just passing along the road where the blind man was seated, begging, because there was nothing left to him. He did not expect any more healing or anything" only to survive. And then hope flared up in him: someone was passing, and this crowd had a peculiar sound, it was not a caravan, it was not people who were just walking along the road; it had a center, a focus, there was something peculiar about this crowd. And he asked who it was, and when he heard Who it was, he began to cry for help. And Christ gave him help: He restored his sight, He cured his blindness.



Looking at this story don't we learn something very important? Our soul is sick, our life is waning, I am speaking of eternal life, perhaps not the life of our body; something is dying in us, and we should learn from David the King to cry out of the deep, the deep of our despair, the deep of our disillusionment, the deep of our misery, the deep of our sin, the deep of all the things that destroy us, cry a cry, and say, I trust you, Lord! I trust your silence, as I would trust your words... And then, if we only abandon ourselves to that confidence, we will hear the Lord saying, "See again! Go home, worry no more" Go home, meaning the very depth of your being, the place where you are alive, because your soul is alive, life has come back!

Let us enter into these weeks of preparation with this glorious encouragement from God Himself, with this hope He gives us, this certainty, indeed He gives us. Let us start on this journey, and be ready when Lent comes to have gone from blindness to sight.

And next week, when we remember Zaccheus, let us remember him again with eyes that can see, and then go on, from strength to strength, from broken heartedness to broken heartedness, and from sickness to healing, until we come to the Resurrection. Amen.

- Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh