

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICE

St. Means, Victor & Vincent, Martyrs

Readings: Eph. 2:14-22; Lk. 10:25-37

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Nov. 12 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 10:25-37

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Patricia Della Ragione (By Luigi)

Supplications will be offered for +Olga Mikovitz & Veterans of St. George

Parish (By Ann Kaltrider)

Thursday, Nov. 16 St. Matthew, Apostle-Evangelist

Readings: 1 Cor. 4.9-16; Mt. 9:9-13 **6:30 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel**

St. Plato & Roman, Martyrs

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 12:16-21

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Nov. 19 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 12:16-21

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Joseph L. Romah, Sr (By Michael

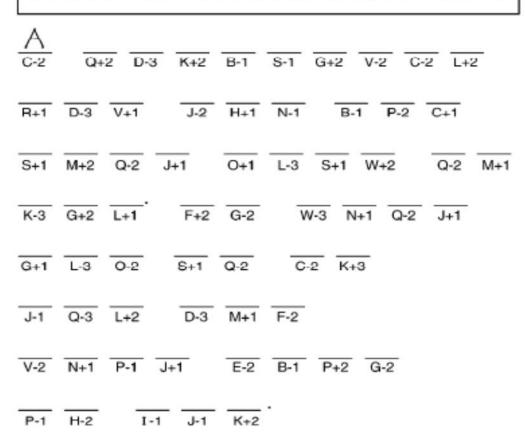
and Victoria Senko)

Supplications will be offered for+Yuriy Hordynskyi (By mother Marta)

What happened next?

Add or subtract letters to find out.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



Then Jesus asked,
"Which of these three
do you think was
a neighbor to the man
who fell into the hands
of robbers?"



What is the 40th Day Commemoration-Memorial for the Departed?



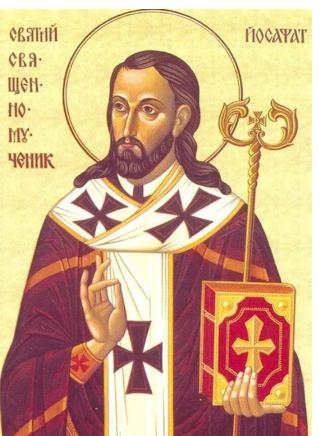
In the Eastern Church it is customary to remember our departed brothers and sisters in a special way on the fortieth day after their death. We recall that after Christ our Savior rose from the dead, destroying death and conquering Hades, He appeared on many occasions to His disciples, especially to "the eleven," i.e. the holy Apostles. On the fortieth day He called them to the holy mountain, commissioned them to "Baptize all nations", and to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Confession. Then, before their very eyes, He was taken up bodily into heaven where He is "enthroned at the right hand of the Father." His last words to us were:

"Behold, I am with you always - even to the end of the ages."

Recalling His glorious Resurrection and the fulfillment of His promise to remain with us through the Holy Church, the same Church calls us, after forty days, to put off mourning. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the priest leads the faithful in prayers for the forgiveness of the sins of the departed servant(s) of God, and asks the Lord to admit his or her soul into the heavenly mansions.

There is a venerable custom to prepare a special dish called *kolyva*. This special dish is blessed in remembrance of the departed, to be shared by the faithful in his or her memory. This dish is made of whole wheat berries, boiled, sweetened with honey, flavored with rose ware and spices, and decorated richly. The wheat serves as a reminder of the Good News of Christ our God regarding death - that "unless the grain die and fall to the ground, it will not bring forth new life." The rose water reminds us that Christ taught that the flowers of the field are arrayed more beautifully than the mightiest king - yet we, His little ones, are more precious than they. The sweetness reminds us of the delights of heaven awaiting all those who follow the narrow way and live the life of a faithful Christian in this world.

Our Church tradition is replete with many such customs. If we do not understand them, they easily become superstitious practices, or social occasions. Understanding them, they become for us a rich treasury from which we draw strength and knowledge to deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church, our only salvation.



November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 7; The Holy Priest-Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk (1623); John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (619); Nil the Faster (430); Passing into Eternal Life (1950) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Lakota, Auxiliary Bishop of Peremyshl and Confessor

<u>Changeable Parts:</u> Pages 27-29 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts Small white book.

Announcements:

Philip's Fast-Advent

As a parish family we will begin the pre-Nativity Fast (Pylypivka) on Wednesday, November 15th. This Fast lasts until the eve of the Nativity of Christ (December 24) inclusively. The regulations for this Fast are far more lenient than for the Great Fast. **During this time we are to observe Wednesdays and Fridays as a day of "Simple Fast", that is, no meat is to be eaten.** As it has been a tradition in the past, we will celebrate one evening during the week the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel, which is a special Prayer Service in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. I encourage you to come and dedicate an evening during this Philip's Fast-Advent to attend this beautiful Prayer Service. The first one will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 16th. Please come!

Nut Rolls

Dear friends remember to get our delicious nut rolls. The price is \$10 per a nut roll. You will be able to pick up your nut roll <u>after</u> the Sunday Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall.

Sarris Christmas Candy sale! ORDERS DUE TODAY!

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due November 10. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 15 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet and your check. <u>Make checks payable to St. George Church.</u> Thank You!

The Ukrainian Technological Society is proud to announce our 2023 "Ukrainian of the Year" to be Michael Kapeluck, for his awe-inspiring iconography and lifelong contributions to his Church. We are also proud to announce DTCares as our 2023 "Friend of Ukraine". At their own expense, Pittsburgh-based DTCares has shipped hundreds of thousands of dollars of humanitarian relief to Ukraine since the Russian invasion. Our presentation and Dinner Dance will be held at Chartiers Country Club on Saturday evening November 18. For an invitation to be sent to you, which includes the entrée/reception card, or for more information, please call George Honchar at 412-215-3303

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of October 29, 2023 was \$823.00

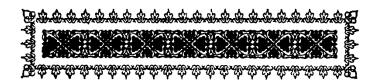
(Collection: \$695.00, Loose & other: \$19.00; Pyrohy: \$647.00; Ukraine aid: \$109.00)

The total for Sunday of November 5, 2023 was \$2,209.65

(Collection: \$1760.00, Loose & other: \$39.25; Pyrohy: \$814.00; Ukraine Aid: \$110.00

Reimbursement: \$300.00)

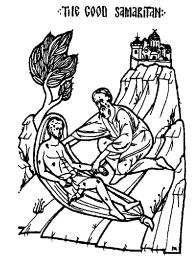
Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday, a young lawyer comes to Our Lord and asks: "What must I do to gain everlasting life?" Jesus answers: "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole strength, your whole mind and your neighbor as yourself." Then our Lord tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. Whenever I read that particular Gospel from Luke, it reminds me of a story I heard many years ago.

One day an old priest went to a younger confrere and said: "I hear Father that you want to love God more deeply. You desire to love the Lord with your whole heart, your whole soul and your whole mind." And the young priest said: "You know,



Father, I keep the Rule. I eat very little; I pray and I am silent. I work with my hands and I share my bread with the poor. I purify my heart. What else should I do in order to love God?" Then the old priest stretched out his arms in the form of a cross and from his fingers shot tongues of fire, and he said: "If you want, and only if you want, you can become a living fire."

To become a living flame, that is, the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus. That is what St. Paul became. That is what many saints who have preceded us have become, people whose minds changed with the powers of Christ, people whose minds and hearts burned with the glory of the Lord.

When we consider a person such as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, we would call her a "living flame." She, whose eyes are alight with the same fire whether she looks at an abandoned baby or at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It's the same fire. It is simply love. It is the love of God with one's whole heart, mind and strength, which enables us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Love is the fire that the Son of God came to cast on the earth. It's not some weak, sentimental type of love but one that bears the cross. This love is the fire that the Risen Lord pours into the hearts of those who follow Him, who hear His voice. It is the Holy Spirit who pours God's love into us and makes us living flames enabling us to pour out our lives for others.

Father Eugene J. Fulton