

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICE

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 Victoria Senko)
Supplications will be offered for+Mihaylo Pyptyk (By Pyptyk family)
Supplications will be offered for+Yuriy Hordynskyj (By mother Marta)

Thursday, Nov. 23 St. Amphilochius and Gregery, Bishops/Thanksgiving Day

Readings: 2 Tim. 4.9-22; Lk. 20:1-8

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing on all parishioners (By Fr. Ihor)

Saturday, Nov. 25 St. Clement and Peter, Pope and Bishop;

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 13:10-17

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

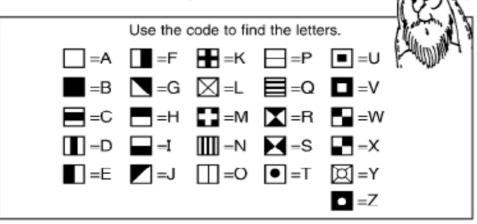
Sunday, Nov. 26 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

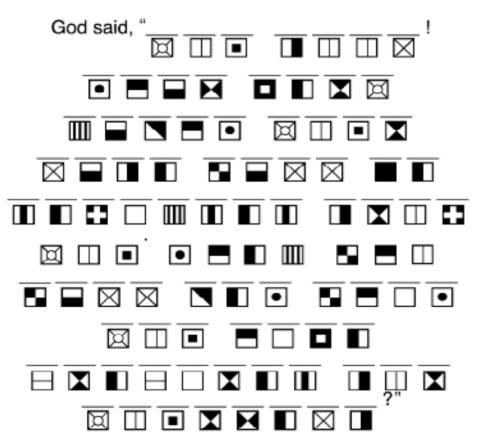
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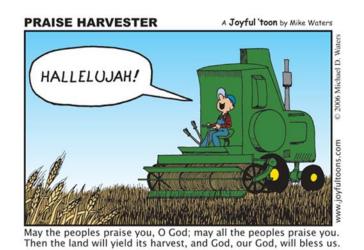
Supplications will be offered for +Gregory H. Waslo III (By wife Dorothy Waslo)
Supplications will be offered for+Anastasia & Bohdan Malanchuk (By Pyptyk family)

But God spoke to the rich man.





Thanksgiving Day



More than three hundred years ago, a small number of grateful Pilgrims gathered in prayerful tribute to God for an abundant first harvest. This launched a meaningful custom which is one of our most cherished holidays, Thanksgiving Day.

On Thursday, November 27th, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is an appropriate time for us to reflect on our blessings. It is a day to express our gratitude to Almighty God for His

abundant gifts. He is the source of all blessings, as we pray in the Ambo prayer of the Divine Liturgy: "For every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from You, the Father of Lights."

There is no true prayer without thanksgiving. God expects gratitude. Thanksgiving forces us to take stock of our situations. The blessing we are able to count forces us to conclude we are much better off than we thought we were. Someone once said, "No man is in true health who cannot stand in the free air of heaven, with his feet on God's free turf, and thank his Creator for the simple luxury of physical existence."

Today we take good things too much for granted. In the hot dry desert when the sun beats down unmercifully, we treasure water more than gold. After being without food for a few days, we know the importance of food. When our pockets are empty, we realize the value of money. When we are ill, we finally acknowledge the wonders of health. We can go on and on to enumerate how we take so many things for granted and it is only when we are deprived of them that we really begin to appreciate them. We do have reason to be thankful, don't we?

Oh, God, when I have food help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a warm home help me to remember the homeless. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer; and remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and stir up my compassion. Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.



November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 8;

The Holy Martyr Boniface

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



As did our ancestors in by-gone years, so now we too offer You, O Lord, praise and thanksgiving for all Your bounties. You have blessed our land beyond measure. You have filled our homes with the bounties of the earth. You give us peace and joy. For everything we praise and glorify Your Holy Name.

Happy

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Thanksgiving

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Fr. Ihor and Family

Announcements:

Philip's Fast-Advent

As a parish family we begin today the pre-Nativity Fast (Pylypivka). 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 Advent 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 month of December. Please come!

Marriage Banns

Michael Spak, of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, PA, and Belinda Flores, of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, PA, desire to receive the Mystery of Crowning at St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, PA. If anyone knows of any reason why this couple should not be joined in Holy Matrimony, they are bound in conscience to make the reason known to the parish priest or to the Promoter of Justice of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat.

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 November 12, 2023 was **\$829.00 + \$962.00**

(Collection: \$753.00, Loose & other: \$79.00; Pyrohy: \$965.00)

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



What kind of Holidays do you want?

The "holiday season" is often so frantic; there isn't time to think about why we are celebrating, what we are celebrating, and how we are celebrating. As we begin the Nativity Fast-Advent, sit down (with your spouse and/or family) and discuss what you expect, and what you would like to emphasize, and then plan accordingly.

Which of the following are most important to you?

The Holidays are...

- a time best spent with spouse and children
- a time to renew ties with relatives and friends
- a time for parties and entertaining
- a time for traditions (old or new)
- a time to shop, shop, shop!
- a time for charity, both in action and monetary donation
- a time to cook
- a time to decorate
- a time to travel
- a time to stay at home for a change
- a time for rest and reflection
- a time for building memories
- a time to celebrate the birth of Christ

-Adapted from the "Stress" section of the Hope Health Letter, November 1995, page 4.

