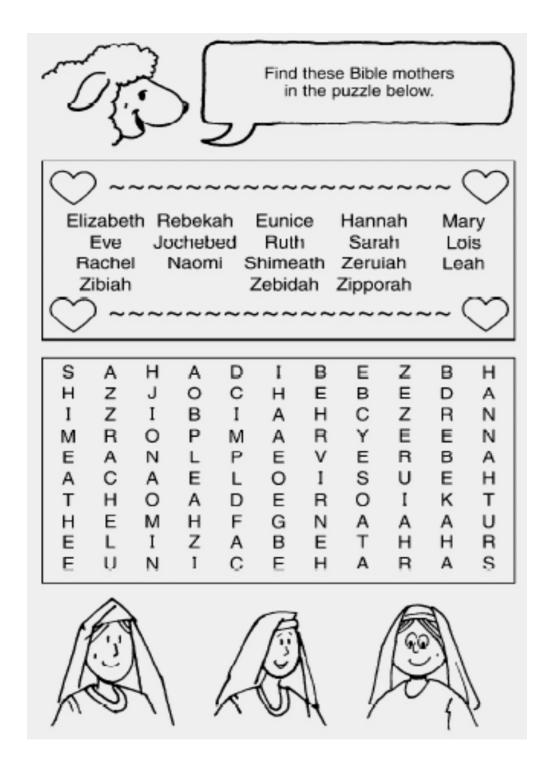


## **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

- <u>Saturday, May 13</u> Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-38 6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, May 14Sunday of the Man Born Blind/Mother's Day<br/>Readings: Acts. 16:16-34; Jn. 9:1-389:10 A.M. Third Hour;<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Szymon & Teodor Kuncik,<br/>given by Anna Kuncik.<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Patricia Della Radione,<br/>given by Luigi & family.
- Thursday, May 18Ascension of Our Lord<br/>Readings: Heb. 13:17-21; Jn. 10:9-1610:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Repose of +Yuriy Hordynskyj, by mother Marta & Yuriy
- <u>Saturday, May 20</u> St. Glyceria, Martyr Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13 6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, May 21Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council<br/>Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13<br/>9:10 A.M. Third Hour;<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Eleanor Wagner-Cruse,<br/>given by Barbara, Tomas Sr & Thomas Jr, Char Kunsak.<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Ivan & Eva Salo,<br/>given by Andy Salo.God's blesiing upon Fr. Igor Hohosha on his birthday, by Pyrohy workers





#### Sunday of the Man Born Blind

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him..."

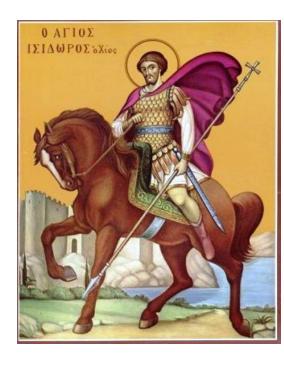
On this Sunday, that before the Feast of the Ascension of Christ, the Church recalls to our attention the Gospel

of the man born blind. Today, let us meditate upon the words of Christ about why the man was born blind. Replying to His disciples, He says that his blindness was not because the man sinned, or his parents, but so that the works of God be made manifest in him. In other words, according to Our Lord Himself, illness or handicap does not always occur on account of personal sin or the sin of others, but they may be providentially allowed for the glory of God to shine forth.

We can see this in the lives of some disadvantaged people. They find their disadvantage to be a challenge, a challenge that may bring out the best in them. We can think for example of certain children with Down's syndrome who are unbelievably kind and loving, far more so than if they had been born 'normal'. We can also think of some blind people who, having lost one sense, have refined another sense almost to perfection, and show an understanding of the inner self that the sighted do not have. We can all think of examples of incredible courage and love among disadvantaged people. Why? Because the grace of God is upon them: "the works of God are made manifest in them".

In the case of the man born blind, all his life had been but a preparation for his meeting with Christ. Not only was his soul pure enough, refined by his lifelong handicap, to receive healing from the Lord, but also he confessed Him as the Son of God, thus making the works of God manifest in himself.

St. John Chrysostom, the superb homilist who was called the "Golden-mouthed", was especially concerned for the spiritual and moral development of his flock and, as a result, he was especially interested in teaching them how to pray. As trees cannot live without water, so man's soul cannot live without prayerful contact with God, he taught. If you deprive yourself of prayer, you will become like a fish out of water because as water is life for a fish, so is prayer for you.



## <u>May 14, 2023</u>

Sixth Sunday after Pascha -Sunday of the Man Born Blind; The Holy Martyr Isidore (249-51)

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 24-25 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

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### Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

O most merciful Father, Eternal God: we ask You to be attentive to the voice of our supplication

which we, Your humble and lowly servants, offer today in behalf of all of our mothers. Give Your guidance and wisdom to our youthful mothers; reassure and inspire those of our mothers who are in the prime of life, endowing them with that spiritual joy that comes from having truly experienced mature motherhood; comfort and sustain our elderly mothers: and generously favor those of our mothers whom You have already called to Your heavenly abode by abundantly rewarding them.

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We pray to You. O heavenly Father, on this day as we especially pay tribute to all of our mothers, to accept our prayers and to promptly hear us and show all of them Your mercy.

Our Parish Family wishes special blessings upon all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and spiritual mothers on this Mother's Day. Grant them, O Lord, many happy and blessed years! Многая Літа! Христос Воскрес!

## <u>Announcement:</u>

#### Today: Man Born Blind

The Sixth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. The Gospel of St. John 9:1-38 describes to us the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth near the pool of Siloam. For us this Sunday is a reminder that the Lord has anointed our eyes with his own divine hands and washed them with the waters of our baptism.

#### Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This Feast Day is a Major Feast Day (Obligation) in our Holy Church. To commemorate this Feast we will have on the Feast itself Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

<u>The Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) scholarship application</u> season runs from April 15 through July 6. Our territory is the entire tri-state area. Students, please apply ASAP, since your high school or college transcript (including spring semester 2023) is a HUGE part of the application process, and often high schools and universities take up to three weeks to send transcripts. For more information: utspgh.org

#### **Scholarship**

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 4, 2023



Mother's Day

Spanish proverb: An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest. Abraham Lincoln: No man is poor who has had a godly mother. William Ross Wallace: The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.

#### **Blessing of Graves**

This year the Blessing of Graves will take place on two different occasions. The first blessing will take place at Union Dale Cemetery on Pentecost Monday (Memorial Day), May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The second blessing will take immediately at Highwood Cemetery (around 10:40 a.m.).

Graves in other cemeteries will be blessed upon request and appointment. Make sure to come and to be part of these Memorial Services as we pray and honor our departed loved ones.

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

#### <u>Pyrohy</u>

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 \$728.00 Thank you!

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

The total for Sunday of May 7, 2023, was **\$1,791.00** (Collection: \$1761.00, Loose & candles: \$20.00, Aid for Ukraine:\$10.00)

May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: Xpucmoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!

