

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

Saturday, May 20St. Thaleleus and Others Martyr<br/>Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13<br/>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 LiturgySupplications 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

- Thursday, May 253rd finding of the Head of John the Baptist<br/>Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11:2-15<br/>6:00 P.M. Q & A session with a pastor
- Saturday, May 275th All Souls Saturday<br/>Readings: Acts. 28:1-31; Jn. 21:15-25<br/>10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty<br/>6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, May 28Pentecost Sunday<br/>Readings: Acts. 2:1-11; Jn. 7:37-52 & 8:129:10 A.M. Third Hour;<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Yuriy Hordynskyj,<br/>given by Pyrohy Workers.<br/>Supplications will be offered for+ Eric Fuchs & Sandy Winghart,<br/>given by Mary Siweckyj.



### WHAT IS A FIRST - PORTION GIVER?

A First-Portion Giver is a believer who offers a first-portion of his time, talent, and financial resources out of grateful recognition of the fact that all he has, he holds in trust from God.



"Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing. But let us encourage one another..."

Hebrews 10:24-25



"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

TALENT

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



"Concerning the collection for the saints..., on the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in proportion to the income God has given you..."

1 Corinthians 16:2





## <u>May 21, 2023</u>

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council; The Holy Great Rulers Constantine and Helen, Equals to the Apostles

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 33-34 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

# Announcement:

#### Today: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Nicea I

The Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, is dedicated to the memory of the 318 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Synod. This took place in Nicea in the days of the Holy Emperor Constantine the Great, in 325 AD. It was during this Church Council that a written summary of our Holy Faith, which is known to us today as the "Creed" was proclaimed. On this Sunday let us reaffirm our faith that Christ is God and through His Body, the Church, He opens up to us the path to God, the path to holiness, the path to perfection.

#### **Blessing of Graves**

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

<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

## 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 **\$584.00** Thank you!

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

The total for Sunday of May 7, 2023, was **\$937.00** (Collection: \$856.00, Loose & candles: \$21.00, Aid for Ukraine: \$61.00)

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







The First Council of Nicaea, held in Nicaea in Bithynia (present day Iznik in Turkey), convoked by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325, was the first Ecumenical council of the Christian Church, and most significantly resulted in the first uniform Christian doctrine, called the Nicene Creed. With the creation of the creed, a precedent was established for subsequent general (ecumenical) councils of Bishops' (Synods) to create statements of belief and canons of doctrinal orthodoxy — the intent being to define unity of beliefs for the whole of Christendom.

The purpose of the council was to resolve disagreements in the Church of Alexandria over the nature of Jesus in relationship to the Father; in particular, whether Jesus was of the same substance as God the Father or merely of similar substance. Our holy fathers Alexander of Alexandria and

Athanasius took the first position; the popular presbyter Arius, from whom the term Arian controversy comes, took the second. The council decided against the Arians overwhelmingly (of the estimated 318 attendees, all but 2 voted against Arius). Another result of the council was an agreement on when to celebrate the Resurrection, the most important feast of the ecclesiastical calendar. The council decided in favor of celebrating the Resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, independently of the Hebrew Calendar. It authorized the Bishop of Alexandria (presumably using the Alexandrian calendar) to announce annually the exact date to his fellow bishops.

The Council of Nicaea was historically significant because it was the first effort to attain consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom. "It was the first occasion for the development of technical Christology." A precedent was set for subsequent general councils to create creeds and canons.

O believers, let us come together today to celebrate in faith and true worship the remembrance of the God-inspired Fathers who had come together from throughout the world, in the splendid city of Nicea. They rejected the doctrine of the impious Arius and banished him from the universal Church by a decree of the Council. They instructed all to openly profess the Son of God, that He is consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father before eternity, and they clearly wrote this in the Symbol of Faith...