

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

Saturday, June 24 Birthday of St. John the Baptist

Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13

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

**Sunday, June 25** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine/Fathers Day

Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13

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

Supplications will be offered for+ Barbara Cheresnowsky, given by Maggie Miller.

Supplications will be offered for+ Jean Glinski, given by Bill & Patsy Sperl.

Supplications will be offered for+ Walter Siweckyj, given by Mary Siweckyj.

Wednesday, June 29 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Prime Apostles

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:21-12:9; Mt. 16:13-19

(North Side) 6:40 P. M. Divine Liturgy

Repose of +Yuriy Hohosha, 4th anniversary of the passing into eternal life

Saturday, July 1 The Holy Martyr Agrippina

Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, July 2** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Rom. 10:1-10; Mt. 8:28-9:1

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

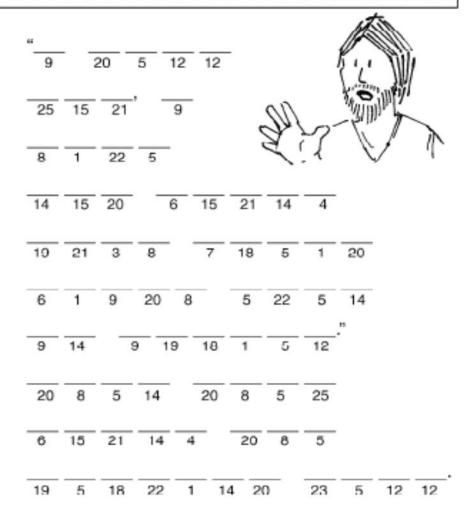
Supplications will be offered for+ -Yuriy Hordynskyj, given by Marta Shchur.
Supplications will be offered for+ Eleanor Wagner-Cruse, given by St. Gabriel's CWU
Auxiiliary, Donna Kramer.



# When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. What did He say?

#### Use this code to find out.

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#### The Iconostasis



Our Holy Church-House of Worship is divided into three sections: the Narthex, the Naive, and the Altar area (Sanctuary). The Naive and the Sanctuary are separated by the Iconostasis or Icon Screen. Yet, the Iconostasis in the Eastern Church exists not to divide the two sections, but to show the unity that exists between the faithful and Christ, His

Mother, the Saints, and all the Angels.

Originally, the Iconostasis was no more than a low rail or stand decorated with Christian symbols and/or Icons. Around the 14th century, the Iconostasis was raised, boasting numerous Icons. This is the style of Iconostasis that is most prevalent amongst Eastern Christians in the world today.

The Iconostasis may be either large or small depending on the size and design of the Church. However, even with such variations, many of the Icons follow a prescribed pattern: the Icon of Christ is depicted to the right of the Royal Doors; the Icon of the Virgin Mother is first next to the Royal Doors on the left; the Icon of the patron saint is placed next to the Icon of Christ; and the icon to the left is traditionally (Slavic tradition) that of St. Nicholas of Myra. The Icons of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel are placed on the deacon's doors although particular deacons from the Eastern Church tradition may find themselves placed in these locations. The Icons that run the length of the Iconostasis depict the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church with the insertion of the Icon of the Mystical Supper that is placed over the Royal Doors.

The Iconostasis is the ancient "divider" between the Naive and the Sanctuary in the Eastern Church tradition, developing from its humble starts into the beautifully constructed, often ornate screens of today. Although it divides space in the House of Worship, it serves a greater purpose of uniting humanity with the Divine. For it is in this unity, that creation rejoices together with the Virgin Mother, the saints and the angels, proclaiming Christ to be the Savior of all!





# June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost, Tone 3; Sunday of
All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine

Changeable Parts: Pages 4-5
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

# **Announcements:**

## Today: All the Saints of Rus'-Ukraine

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost in our Liturgical calendar is dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Saints of Rus'-Ukraine. It is on this Sunday that we honor all the "princes, bishops, monastic, martyrs, and staunch confessors from every age of Christian Ukraine", as we sing in today's Troparion. For us here at St. George's this Sunday has a particular meaning, since into this category of Saints also belongs the Holy Bishop-Martyr Nicholas (Charnetsky) whose relics entombed in our Holy Altar.

### **Holy Apostles Peter and Paul**

On Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, we honor the glorious and all-praised leaders of the Apostles Peter and Paul. To honor these holy Apostles we will have the Divine Liturgy which will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Please come and be part of this celebration as we honor the first in prominence among the Apostles, and teachers to the Universe.

#### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

To honor the birth of St. John the Baptist, we will have on the Feast itself, Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, a Divine Liturgy celebrated at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist. Please come and celebrate the Forerunner of Our Lord who proclaimed to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

**Now Leasing:** Efficiency and 1 Bedroom Apartments. Senior Housing. 62+Income Based. Call char at 412-766-8802 for more information. Immediate openings for newly remodeled units.

#### **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, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.

#### **Pyrohy**

Our total income from last week's sale was \$580.00 Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

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

The total for Sunday of June 18, 2023 was \$946.00

(Collection: \$674.00, Loose & other: \$56.00, Pyrohy: \$605.00, Ukraine Aid: \$25.00, Father's Day candle: \$191.00)

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

Are you planning to travel during the summer months?

Remember to contact the Parish Office for locations of Ukrainian Catholic Churches and any Eastern Catholic Churches across America or in the world.

Those who have access to the internet go to: www.parishesonline.org

Or you may try: www.masstimes.org

When you travel please remember to visit our parishes and to participate in Divine Worship according to our Liturgical tradition.



# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The centurion in today's Gospel reading receives a great compliment from Our Lord. He said: ""Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." Why? Because, in this army officer we see examples of three virtues in action – not just in theory – but in action. First of all the centurion was a man of great compassion. Remember at the time of Our Lord the Romans practiced slavery and had a reputation for being cruel to slaves. In this culture a centurion could have easily let a servant die and buy another. After all they were ONLY property. However, he was concerned about his servant. This shows compassion.

The second virtue we find in the centurion is his great faith. This was the virtue Jesus noticed up front. He said, "Speak only the word and my servant shall be healed." The centurion was not even Jewish. He probably worshipped all the pagan Roman gods. He most probably didn't know anything about Jewish faith and the longing for the Messiah and Savior. He probably didn't believe in only one God. Also he was a man of social standing so for him to go to Jesus, this poor itinerant preacher of no social standing, was a tremendous act of faith.

The third virtue is one of humility. This is not a popular virtue in our day at all. In our "me first" generation we see pride, stubbornness and selfishness high on the list. Pride involves putting other things before God, his Church and others. Many people operate like this: "I'll go to church ONLY if it fits my schedule; OR only if I don't have a ball game, a trip or something "MORE" important. Last week we heard the Gospel, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Our commitment to Christ and His Church cannot be a hobby or a pastime. What is the first of the Ten Commandments? "I am the Lord Your God. You shall not have strange gods before me." God wants first place or no place! The virtue of humility involves doing God's will even when I feel like it or not or even when something else looks more exciting to do. We can learn so many things from this centurion and this Gospel reading. ]

On this Sunday ask yourself this: If I were put in front of Christ today or encountered Him like the centurion did, what would He say? What would my Lord say about me?

