



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, July 29

St. Callinic, Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 3:9-17; Mt. 14:22-34

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

Sunday, July 30

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 3:9-17; Mt. 14:22-34

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Justyna Czelepis, given by Pyptyk family**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Nancy Romah, given by Debbie Label**

Saturday, Aug. 5

St. Eusignius, Martyr

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

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

Sunday, Aug. 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olga Petrushka, given by Mary Ann Hirt**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Lillian Chlibun, given by Pyptyk family**



Why had God sent Elijah to Ahab in the first place?

Use the code to find out.

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



The Procession of the Life-Creating

Cross of the Lord



In the ancient world the month of August was a dangerous month! In times of old Constantinople (now Istanbul) and the whole Byzantine world the summer was far more dangerous than the winter. Homes were small and cramped. The days and even the nights were often hot and stifling. Food spoiled quickly. People became ill. The best practice and medicine of the day were not enough to prevent people from becoming sick, let alone heal them. Something more was needed: prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the healing power of the Wood of the Cross.

In the Greek Horologion of 1897 the derivation of this Feast is explained: “Because of the illnesses that occur in August, it was customary, in former times, to carry the Venerable Wood of the Cross through the streets and squares of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city, and for

relief from sickness. On the eve (July 31st), it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the Holy Altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (the Wisdom of God). From this Feast until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (August 15th), they carried the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate.”

In Eastern Europe this Feast is combined also with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine, on August 1st, 988. Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine was preserved in the Chronicles of the XVI century: “The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir-Volodymyr of Kyiv was on August 1st”. In the present practice, the Lesser Sanctification of Water takes place on this day. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called “Spasiwka - Savior of the Water” There may also be a Blessing of New Honey today, which is why the Feast is also called “Savior of the Honey.”

Today the Cross of the Lord is carried forth, and the faithful welcome it with love. They receive healing of soul and body, and of every weakness. Come! Let us venerate the Cross with fear and joy!



July 30, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 8; Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and those with them.

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Announcements:

Feast of the Transfiguration

On Sunday, August 6th we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Blessing of the Fruit will take after Service. If you wish to have your fruit blessed, please place it in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod (Sacramental Table). On that Sunday we will also have Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

Email list

If you would like to receive a weekly bulletin by e-mail, please use a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. We have parishioners who will be able to send it regularly. Thank you.

Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!

On Saturday, September 2nd we will have this year's children's outing to Kennywood for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at Kennywood at 10:30 a.m. We have a sign-up sheet in a vestibule. If you are planning to go put your name there. We need to know how many tickets to purchase.

We are accepting donations for this trip. Thank you all for your generosity and support of our St. George's Church School and its children.

Sheptyytsky Arms Now Leasing: Now Leasing newly Renovated Studio and 1 bedroom Apts. Income Restriction Apply. Call Char Rumsky at 412-766-8802 for more information

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$430j9.00** 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 July 23, 2023 was **\$862.00**

(Collection: \$575.00, Loose & other: \$62.00, Extra donation: \$225.00, Pyrohy: \$430.00)

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



RULES FOR AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 14 THE DORMITION FAST - SPASEEVKA

The Dormition Fast, or Spaseevka in ukrainian, begins on the evening of July 31, 2023, after Vespers and will last until August 14, inclusive. **THE TYPKON PRESCRIBES PRAYER, FASTING AND ALSMGIVING (WORKS OF MERCY). IN THE EPARCHY OF ST. JOSAPHAT, ALONE, WE ARE CURRENTLY OBLIGATED TO DO ANY KIND OF ACTS OF PENANCE (ABSTAINING FROM MEAT IS ONE OF THE POSSIBLE CHOICES) ON FRIDAYS AND ENCOURAGED TO DO ACTS OF PENANCE ON WEDNESDAYS AND ALL OTHER WEEKDAYS; ALL OTHER FASTING MAY BE CHOSEN ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.**



Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Blessing of Fruit



In our Holy Church the offering of first fruits takes the form of a thanksgiving and blessing. The produce is then consumed by the faithful and their loved ones, or it can also be given to the poor and infirmed. The Liturgical concept behind the blessing is the faithful offering back to God a token of that which He in His loving-kindness has provided, God blessing these first fruits and returning them to the faithful for their benefit and blessing.

The blessing of first fruits traditionally begins on the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord with the blessing of grapes. In localities where grapes are not grown, other early-ripening fruits such as apples, plums, pears, etc. may be offered. At the end of the Divine Liturgy the priest blesses the first fruits, asking "...that the Lord may bless them, that they may be to us unto rejoicing, and that He may accept a gift of these fruits unto the cleansing of our sins..." The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

It has also been a venerable tradition (especially amongst farmers) that as the harvest season progresses, the first fruits of each species be brought to the Church to be blessed, using a similar format, but a different prayer: "...that the Lord may receive our gift unto His eternal treasury and grant us an abundance of earthly goods..."

Blessing of Grapes - Representation of transformation

Grapes are blessed because they show physical transformation and represent a religious transformation.

- The transformation of flowers into fruit
- The transformation of fruit into wine
- The mystical transformation of wine into the Blood of Holy God the Son within the Holy Trinity / Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Divine Liturgy.
- All fruits represent new life. Mature fruits are blessed in thanksgiving for a good harvest. New life and a good harvest are Holy God's gifts to us.

