



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICE

**Saturday, August 26** St. Adrian and Natalie, martyrs  
 Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42  
 6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, August 27** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42  
 9:10 A.M. Third Hour;  
 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olexandra Natalochna, given by Natalia Petrylo.**  
 Supplications will be offered for+ **John Pyptyk, given by Pyptyk family.**

**Thursday, August 31** Deposition of the sash of the Theotokos  
 Readings: Heb. 9:1-7; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28  
 6:30 P.M. Moleben to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children

**Saturday, Sept. 2** St. Mammias, Martyr  
 Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14  
 6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, Sept. 3** Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14  
 9:10 A.M. Third Hour;  
 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +**Yuriy Hordynskyj, given by mother Marta & Yuriy.**  
 Supplications will be offered for +**Patty Della Ragione, given by husband Luigi & family.**

What will the owner of the vineyard do?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

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15 time	14 the	13 will	12 him	
10 the	18 rent	9 tenants	7 other	
5 crop	17 vineyard	3 give	2 to	
11 will	16 share	6 harvest	1 at	



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	$\frac{\quad}{19-2}$	$\frac{\quad}{5-3}$	$\frac{\quad}{4+3}$	
	$\frac{\quad}{11-2}$	$\frac{\quad}{11+9}$	$\frac{\quad}{16-3}$	
$\frac{\quad}{9-6}$	$\frac{\quad}{9+3}$	$\frac{\quad}{25-4}$	$\frac{\quad}{8+8}$	
$\frac{\quad}{8-4}$	$\frac{\quad}{7+7}$	$\frac{\quad}{10-5}$	$\frac{\quad}{3-2}$	$\frac{\quad}{13+6}$
	$\frac{\quad}{7-1}$		$\frac{\quad}{9+6}$	”

## **WALKING DOWN THE PATH**



In his book, "In His Light", the Rev. William Anderson opens with a delightful story about a farm boy who had a fear of the dark. One night the boy's father told him to go to the barn and feed the horses. The boy turned pale. With this, his father stepped onto the porch, lit a lantern, and held it up.

"Son," he said, "how far can you see?" "I can see halfway to the barn," the boy said. The father gave his son the lantern and said, "Walk halfway to the barn." When the boy reached the halfway point, the father called out, "How far can you see now?" The boy said, "I can see the barn." "Good," said the father, "walk to the barn door." When the boy called back that he had reached the barn door, the father said, "Open it and tell me what you can see." The boy open the door and shouted back, "I can see the horses!" "Good," said the father, "now feed them."

That story makes an excellent point. The lantern didn't light up the whole barnyard. It lit up only a part of the path leading to the barn. But that was enough to get the boy started down the path. And as the boy walked down the path, he found the rest of the way himself.

Like the boy, we all need to get started down the path... the path of accepting the challenge of becoming partners in God's work on earth. To do this we need two things: the light of Christ and the courage to follow where this light leads. If we have this light and this courage we will be able to overcome our fears and fulfill our service to the Lord. What is our path? Where is the Lord trying to lead us?

## **Pittsburgh Benefit Luncheon**

**October 22 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Peter and Paul parish, Ambridge, PA**

Please join Bishop Bohdan Danylo to support your Eparchy at the Benefit Luncheon

### **Proceeds will help:**

Educate Seminarians and Priests

Assist Small and New Parishes

Expand Ministries

Build an Endowment for the Future



**August 27, 2023**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 4; Our Venerable Father Pimen

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## **Announcements:**

### **Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!**

On Saturday, September 2, we will have this year's children's outing to the Kennywood Park for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at the Park at 10:30 a.m. We have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. If you are planning to go, put your name on that sheet along with the number attending. 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.

### **St. George's Parish Picnic**

Please start marking your calendars for our St. George's Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, September 10th following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our St. George's Church School. Every year this has been a happy event for our parish family so please plan to be here, to have fun and to enjoy that Christian fellowship.

### Akathist Hymn for Children

As the children will be returning back to school, we will be offering during the month of September the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Nurturer of Children". This beautiful Prayer Service will be offered on Thursday of August 31 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to come and to offer prayers for your children, grandchildren, god-children, etc.

### Nativity of the Theotokos

On Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Nativity of the Mother of God. To honor and celebrate the birth of our Lady we will have on Thursday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup> a Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m. Please come to celebrate one of the most ancient Feasts.

### Church School Registration

As we prepare to begin the new school year for our St. George's Church School, registrations are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per a child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. All children 4-14 years of age are to be registered for our catechetical program. Remember that it is important that our children receive the proper Eastern Christian Formation. This formation is offered to them here at St. George's. We are blessed with a wonderful catechetical program and instructors. As a Church, let us pray for our children because they are the future of our parish family.

### Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

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

The total for Sunday of August 13, 2023 was **\$1,115.86**

(Collection: \$743.00, Loose & other: \$80.00, Pyrohy: \$298.00, Reimb.: \$292.86)

The total for Sunday of August 20, 2023 was **\$1,182.25**

(Collection: \$1,162.00, Loose & other: \$25.25, Pyrohy: \$324.00)

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

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another..."

In this parable, the vineyard is Israel. The owner is God. Israel is hedged around with natural borders. The winepress is the altar, the tower is the Temple. The tenants are the Jews. The servants are those sent by God, the prophets and holy ones who reminded the Jews that Israel was not theirs but God's. But what did the Jews do? They beat and stoned and killed first the servants and then the heir, the Son of God. Why? Because they wanted everything for themselves. And so they ceased to be God's people, they ceased to be Israel and were cast out of their land and scattered over all the face of the earth. Israel was given to others: the New Israel, the Church, was born.

However, this parable is also addressed today to us Christians of the New Israel. The vineyard is the planet where we Christians live. It is hedged around by the presence of the Church. The wine-press is the altar. And the tower is the Church. And the servants are the saints. And we should ask ourselves what we have done with God's saints who have been sent for our repentance?

We, Christians, are the new people of God, and God wants us to bear the fruits of justice and holiness. On this particular Sunday we are to ask ourselves: Do we care to build the Kingdom of God as we care to build our material houses? Do we take care of God's vineyard as he took care of us? Are we growing in Christian stature? Are we more forgiving than we were in the past? Are we giving more to the Lord's work in our Churches? Do we attend Divine Services more often than in the past? Are we more concerned about other people than we used to be? Listen to what St. Paul says about the fruits of the Spirit: "*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*" (Galatians 5:23-24). What are the fruits we are bearing in our families, in the society and in the Church? Are we spreading love or hatred? Are we peacemakers or trouble makers? Are we patient, kind, faithful, gentle with each others or always fighting each other? Let us remember always in every thing we do that we are responsible of the creation of God. Let us live up to this responsibility. Amen.