

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICE

Saturday, Sept. 9 Saturday before Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

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

Sunday, Sept. 10 Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Picnic

Supplications will be offered for +Michaylo & Alexandra Kozak, given by Pyptyk's.

Supplications will be offered for +Mary Konyk, given by Marta Shchur.

Thursday, Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Corl. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11. 13-21.25-27.30-35

6:30 P.M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Repose of +Lillian Chlibun, given by Pyrohy workers.

Saturday, Sept. 16 Saturday after Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

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

Sunday, Sept. 17 Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

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

Supplications will be offered for +Michael & Pauline Mosur,

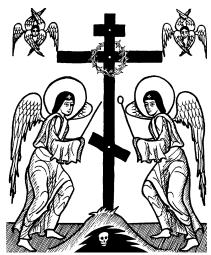
given by Michelle & Kevin Seabolt

Supplications will be offered for +Sue Siweckyj &+ Sandy Winghart, given by Mary Siweckyj.

Jesus taught His disciples about what would happen to Him in the future. They didn't like what they heard! What would Jesus do?



Answer each problem, then fill in the spaces using this code.



Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Lord said, No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

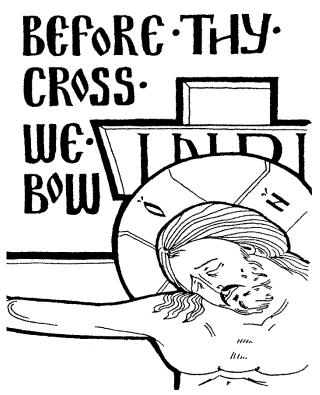
John 3: 13-15

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is chosen in preparation for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which we will celebrate on September 14th. Our Lord refers to an event that happened in the Old Testament. The Jews during their journey in the desert

were bitten by serpents, as we read in the Old Testament Book of Numbers: "With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses: 'Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food'. In punishment the Lord sent among the people serpents, which bit the people, so that many of them died." To heal the people, Moses, following God's order, made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered (Numbers 21, 5-9).

So comparing His Cross to the serpent of bronze lifted up by Moses, Jesus tells us today that all those who are bitten by the "serpent of sin" can be healed by a look of faith to the Lifegiving Cross. The moment a sinner does that he is saved, just as God said to Moses: "if anyone who has been bitten looks at the bronze serpent, he will recover". Anyone who has been bitten; no matter how far the poison had advanced in its progress to a fatal issue, if he but looked he should live. Such is the Gospel declaration: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die, but may have eternal life". Whoever: there is no exception! Not sin but unbelief can bar the sinner's way to the Savior.

On this Sunday as we prepare ourselves to elevate the Holy Cross, let us remember that in the Holy Eucharist we look at Jesus Christ crucified for our salvation and risen for our holiness, we unite with Him, and from Him we receive the Holy Spirit, as we sing after the Communion: "We have seen the true light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith, we worship the undivided Trinity for having saved us".



September 10

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross, Tone 6; Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God; Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora (303-11)

<u>Changeable Parts:</u> Pages 2-3 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts Small white book)

Announcements:

This Sunday: St. George's & St. John's Parish Picnic

Following the Divine Liturgy, we will have today annual Parish Picnic. Join us for this happy event that brings us together as a parish family.

Exaltation of the Cross

On Thursday, September 14th, we celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross which took place in Jerusalem in the year 326, we will have on Thursday evening, September 14th, a Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m. at St. George parish. Please remember that according to the Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA a <u>strict fast</u> is prescribed on this day (Art. 475). This strict fast is prescribed for us in order to honor the suffering of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday, September 14th, 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 21st. 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.

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 26th. 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.

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 \$268.00 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 August 27, 2023 was \$1,547.00

(Collection: \$1,460.00, Loose & other: \$37.00, Pyrohy: \$268.00, Donation: \$50.00)

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



From the Prayer of Pope John Paul II for the victims of 9-11

Almighty Father, we commend the victims of this shocking tragedy to Your eternal love. We implore Your comfort upon the injured, the families and friends involved, and all who are doing their utmost to rescue survivors and help those affected. We ask You, Father, to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial...Immaculate Mary, Humble Virgin, Mother of our Church, and Protectress of our nation, we ask you to go before the Throne of the Holy Trinity and intercede for the United States at this critical juncture in our history. Gently place your mantle upon our land, upon our people, upon our allies, upon our fighting men and women, as you once wrapped our Savior in swaddling clothes in a manger.



Pittsburgh Benefit Luncheon

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

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

