



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 12

The Holy martyr Probus, Tarachus & Andronicus

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Lk. 8:5-15

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

Sunday, Oct. 13

Sunday of the fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Lk. 8:5-15

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Patricia Della Ragione (By Luigi & family)**

Health and wellbeing of Annie Adams, by Char Rumsky

Thursday, Oct. 17

St. Hosea, Prophet (St. George)

Readings: Col. 4:2-9; Lk. 9:49-56

6:30 P.M. Adult Religious Class

Saturday, Oct. 19

The Holy Prophet Joel

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Lk. 16:19-31

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

Sunday, Oct. 20

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Lk. 16:19-31

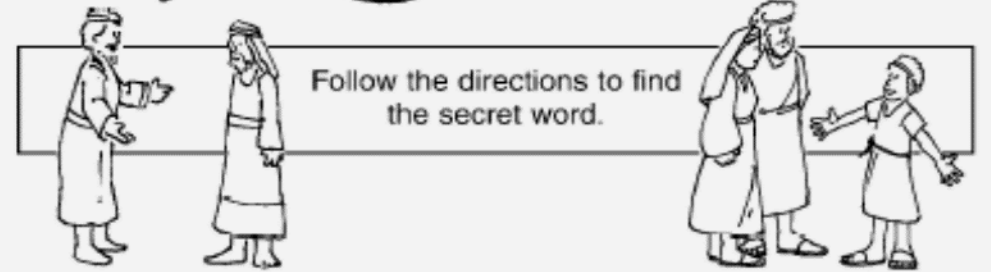
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Yiriy Hordunsky (By mother Marta)**



This news about Jesus spread.
Through what region did it spread?



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N

1. Cross out all the vowels.

2. Switch the J and the C, and the D and the F.

3. Delete the 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th letters.

4. Add the letter "U" between the J and F.
Delete the final letter.

5. Delete the 1st letter and switch the D and F.

6. Change the "F" to an "E", the "C" to an "A", and delete the last letter.



The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, and the importance of an Icon Corner in our homes...

Today our Holy Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasios. The Council of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos.

This Council decreed that the veneration of Icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (Jn 1:18).

Since this Council, the use of Icons has been an important aspect of our prayer lives till this very day. In our Eastern Church we have inherited the practice of having an Icon corner in our Domestic Churches-our households. The Icon corner should be part of every Eastern Christian home in order to enhance daily prayer.

It is customary to have an Icon corner located in a special place. It is a graphic proclamation that the family is committed to the Christian life and the life in the heavenly kingdom. This is the place where the family Icon is enshrined and where the family gathers for prayer. This is a reminder that the home is a Domestic Church.

Usually, the Icon corner faces east so that when we pray facing the Icons, we are facing east, the direction of the rising sun – the direction of Christ's Light. Prominent are the Icons of Christ and the Theotokos. These are sometimes surrounded by Icons of the patron Saints of the parents and of the children.

Since Icons are sacred images revealing the special presence of the holy ones depicted in them, a votive lamp, traditionally suspended from the ceiling, or a candle placed on a shelf before the Icon is usually burning before the Icon, especially during prayer. The face of a true Icon is written in such a way as to reflect the light of the candle or lamp and remind us of the way the person depicted reflected the grace of the Holy Spirit within them.



Oct. 13, 2024

Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

Octoechos Tone 4.

Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papyllas and Agathonicus.

Changeable Parts: See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

Announcements:

October: Cancer Awareness (St. George)

During the upcoming month of October, we will be celebrating, on Thursday evenings, at 6:30 p.m., the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer." The Akathist will be served on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Since the month of October is dedicated in our country to National Breast Cancer Awareness, we invite all to this Prayer Service who are in need of the healing touch of the Queen of Heaven. The hymns of this particular Akathist Service will console anyone who is suffering from cancer, or who has loved ones that are ill. Come and bring a friend for this Divine Service that gives strength and hope during a time of suffering and pain.

Mark your calendar: The second Adult Religious Class is on October 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please also mark the other scheduled classes: Nov.14. Special thanks to Mr. Don Fontana for coordinating this.

Coffee Social

In the end of every month, after Children's Divine Liturgy, we are planning to have a coffee social. We need sponsors for upcoming coffee socials. If a family or group of individuals wishes to sponsor a coffee social, please let Fr. Igor know.

Sarris Christmas Candy sale!

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due November 9. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 15 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. **Make checks payable to St. John Church.** Thank You!

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

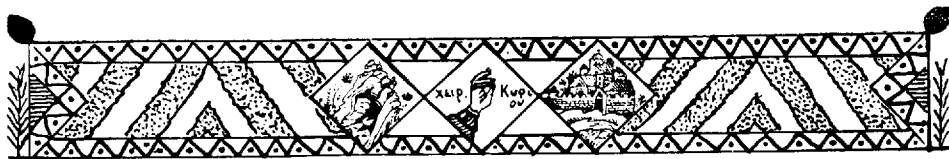
Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week's sale was **\$633.00** Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

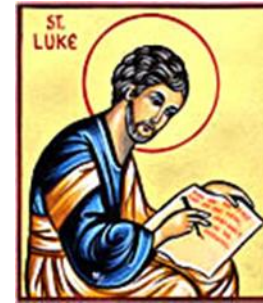
The total for Sunday, Oct.6, 2024, was **\$1,408.00 + \$633.00**

(Collection: \$1370.00, Loose & other: \$38.00, Pyrohy: \$633.00)

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



The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, October 18



O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

The holy apostle and evangelist Luke was born in Antioch. In his youth, he excelled in his studies of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. During the ministry of the Lord Jesus on earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Savior face to face, heard His saving teaching and was witness to His miraculous works. Coming to belief in the Lord, St. Luke was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, and was sent out to preach. With Cleopas, he saw the Resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul and traveled to Rome with him, converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. *"Luke, the beloved physician, greets you"*, writes the Apostle Paul to the Colossians. (Colossians 4:14).

At the request of Christians, St. Luke wrote his Gospel in about the year 60. Following the martyrdom of the great Apostle Paul, St. Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and other regions. He painted icons of the Most-holy Theotokos-not just one, but three-and icons of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Hence, St. Luke is considered to be the founder of Christian iconography. In old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt. From Egypt he returned to Greece, where he continued to preach and convert many with great zeal despite his old age. In addition to his Gospel, St. Luke wrote the Acts and dedicated both works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia. Luke was eighty-four years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Boethia. The miracle-working relics of this wonderful saint were transported to Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine. If you look at our Icon-screen you will see the Icon of St. Luke on the Royal Doors. What is interesting is that behind St. Luke we see a calf, which is the third symbolical beast mentioned in the Book of Ezekiel (1:10), which is also the symbol of Christ's sacrificial and priestly office, as Saint Irenaeus says. The calf became the emblem of St. Luke because he also begins his Gospel with the announcement of John's birth to the righteous Zacharias who was a priest in the temple of Jerusalem where sacrifices were offered before God.