



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Nov. 9

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion

Readings: Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 10:25-37

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

Sunday, Nov. 10

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 4:1-6; Lk. 10:25-37

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Thursday, Nov. 14

St. Philip, Apostle

Readings: 1 Cor 4:9-6; Jn. 1:43-51

6:30 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel

Saturday, Nov. 16

St. Matthew, Apostle-Evangelist

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 12:16-21

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

Sunday, Nov. 17

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 12:16-21

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Michajlo Pyptyk (By family)**

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

What happened next?

Add or subtract letters to find out.

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

A

C-2

Q+2

D-3

K+2

B-1

S-1

G+2

V-2

C-2

L+2

R+1

D-3

V+1

J-2

H+1

N-1

B-1

P-2

C+1

S+1

M+2

Q-2

J+1

O+1

L-3

S+1

W+2

Q-2

M+1

K-3

G+2

L+1

F+2

G-2

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N+1

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J+1

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Then Jesus asked,
"Which of these three
do you think was
a neighbor to the man
who fell into the hands
of robbers?"



What is the 40th Day Commemoration-Memorial for the Departed?



In the Eastern Church it is customary to remember our departed brothers and sisters in a special way on the fortieth day after their death. We recall that after Christ our Savior rose from the dead, destroying death and conquering Hades, He appeared on many occasions to His disciples, especially to “the eleven,” i.e. the holy Apostles. On the fortieth day He called them to the holy mountain, commissioned them to “Baptize all nations”, and to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Confession. Then, before their very eyes, He was taken up bodily into heaven where He is “enthroned at the right hand of the Father.” His last words to us were:

“Behold, I am with you always - even to the end of the ages.”

Recalling His glorious Resurrection and the fulfillment of His promise to remain with us through the Holy Church, the same Church calls us, after forty days, to put off mourning. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the priest leads the faithful in prayers for the forgiveness of the sins of the departed servant(s) of God, and asks the Lord to admit his or her soul into the heavenly mansions.

There is a venerable custom to prepare a special dish called *kolyva*. This special dish is blessed in remembrance of the departed, to be shared by the faithful in his or her memory. This dish is made of whole wheat berries, boiled, sweetened with honey, flavored with rose water and spices, and decorated richly. The wheat serves as a reminder of the Good News of Christ our God regarding death - that “unless the grain die and fall to the ground, it will not bring forth new life.” The rose water reminds us that Christ taught that the flowers of the field are arrayed more beautifully than the mightiest king - yet we, His little ones, are more precious than they. The sweetness reminds us of the delights of heaven awaiting all those who follow the narrow way and live the life of a faithful Christian in this world.

Our Church tradition is replete with many such customs. If we do not understand them, they easily become superstitious practices, or social occasions. Understanding them, they become for us a rich treasury from which we draw strength and knowledge to deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church, our only salvation.

·THE GOOD SAMARITAN·



November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Octoechos: Tone 8

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

Announcements:

Philip's Fast-Advent

As a parish family we will begin the pre-Nativity Fast (Pylypivka) on Friday, November 15th. This Fast lasts until the eve of the Nativity of Christ (December 24) inclusively. The regulations for this Fast are far more lenient than for the Great Fast. **During this time we are to observe Wednesdays and Fridays as a day of “Simple Fast”, that is, no meat is to be eaten.** As it has been a tradition in the past, we will celebrate one evening during the week the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel, which is a special Prayer Service in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. I encourage you to come and dedicate an evening during this Philip's Fast-Advent to attend this beautiful Prayer Service. The first one will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14th. Please come!

Last religious class of this year: The third Adult Religious Class is on November 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Special thanks to Mr. Don Fontana for coordinating this.

Children's Liturgy

On the last Sunday of each month, we will have a Children's Liturgy. Children will read the Epistle and collect your offerings. The Homily will be directed to the children, but will contain a message for all. Please make an effort to bring your children to this special liturgy.

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma Protection of Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults Bulletin Announcement

Please, be advised that any instance of sexual abuse of a child, a youth or a vulnerable adult by a cleric (other than a bishop), lay employee or lay volunteer within the boundaries of our parish should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services or a department that deals with vulnerable adults of the county, the pastor of the parish and the Chancery of St. Josaphat Eparchy. A sexual abuse report form is available in church and the parish office in English and Ukrainian. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat, P.O. Box 347180, Parma OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, Victim Assistance Coordinator of St. Josaphat Eparchy (412-215-5372). To report abuse by a bishop, please use the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service (CBAR): <https://www.reportbishopabuse.org/> or call 1- 800-276-1562. For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures as well as other pertinent info, please go to: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of October 27, 2024 was **\$603.00 + \$1510.00**

(Collection: \$565.00, Loose & other: \$38, Pyrohy \$1510.00)

The total for Sunday of November 3, 2024 was **\$510.00 + \$1082.00**

(Collection: \$1186.00, Loose & other: \$33.00, Pyrohy \$1,082.00)

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

Twenty-Six Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday, a young lawyer comes to Our Lord and asks: "What must I do to gain everlasting life?" Jesus answers: "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole strength, your whole mind and your neighbor as yourself." Then our Lord tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. Whenever I read that particular Gospel from Luke, it reminds me of a story I heard many years ago.

One day an old priest went to a younger confrere and said: "I hear Father that you want to love God more deeply. You desire to love the Lord with your whole heart, your whole soul and your whole mind." And the young priest said: "You know, Father, I keep the Rule. I eat very little, I pray and I am silent. I work with my hands and I share my bread with the poor. I purify my heart. What else should I do in order to love God?" Then the old priest stretched out his arms in the form of a cross and from his fingers shot tongues of fire, and he said: "If you want, and only if you want, you can become a living fire."

To become a living flame, that is, the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus. That is what St. Paul became. That is what many saints who have preceded us have become, people whose minds changed with the powers of Christ, people whose minds and hearts burned with the glory of the Lord.

When we consider a person such as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, we would call her a "living flame." She, whose eyes are alight with the same fire whether she looks at an abandoned baby or at Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It's the same fire. It is simply love. It is the love of God with one's whole heart, mind and strength, which enables us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Love is the fire that the Son of God came to cast on the earth. It's not some weak, sentimental type of love but one that bears the cross. This love is the fire that the Risen Lord pours into the hearts of those who follow Him, who hear His voice. It is the Holy Spirit who pours God's love into us and makes us living flames enabling us to pour out our lives for others.



Father Eugene J. Fulton