



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Nov. 16

St. Matthew, Apostle-Evangelist

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

6:00 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)**

Thursday, Nov. 21

Entrance of the Theotokos

Readings: Heb. 9:1-7; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

6:30 P.M Adult Religious Class

Saturday, Nov. 23

St. Amphilochius and Gregory, Bishops

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 13:10-17

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

Sunday, Nov. 24

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 13:10-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Bob Novak (By family)**

But God spoke to the rich man.



Use the code to find the letters.

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| ■ = B | ▵ = G | ⊗ = L | ▨ = Q | ◻ = V |
| ▨ = C | ▢ = H | ⊕ = M | ⊗ = R | ◻ = W |
| ▨ = D | ▢ = I | ▨ = N | ⊗ = S | ◻ = X |
| ■ = E | ▴ = J | ▨ = O | ◉ = T | ⊗ = Y |
| | | | ◉ = Z | |

God said, " _____ !



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Dear Ukrainians and our American Friends!



Thank you very much each and every one for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation several days ago. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from Russian aggression.

Many of our friends ask how they may help.

First, your continued **prayers**. This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS.

Second, your **donations**. Our Eparchy invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

A. You can donate through the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by making checks payable to "St. George Ukrainian Catholic" with memo "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine", and sending to 3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or through <http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org> PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website <https://stjosaphateparchy.com> and click on Donate through PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

3. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.

4. Additionally, what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine.

May God bless our Heroes! May God Bless Ukraine! May God bless All of Us!



November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympus, Rodion

Octoechos: Tone 1

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

Announcements:

Christmas Fast Project

As a parish family we have a wonderful tradition of reaching out to those who are needed most during the penitential season. This year, as we continue our journey of the Christmas Fast, we will begin with our parish project during which we will reach out and help Ukrainian Soldiers to survive this winter. I received a request from the military chaplain Fr. Oleh Zabolotnyj for a power generator. Total goal is \$1,500. Please, donate as much as you can. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy on November 24, 2024

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.

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.

Pittsburg Sports Giveaway raffle tickets benefit Central Catholic Crew Team.

First Draw – Two Club Seats to Steelers vs Bengals on January 5, 2025, Second Draw – two seats to Penguins vs Ottawa senators on January 11, 2025, Third draw – Two seats to Pirates vs Yankees on Sunday, April 6, 2025. Drawing on December 14, 2024. Donation \$10.00 For more info see Fr. Igor.

Pyrohy

As you know in the past, we cancel our Pyrohy Festival instead we decided to concentrate on a Christmas sale. So, we are planning every week to make extra, freeze it and have it ready for pre-Christmas sale. Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!

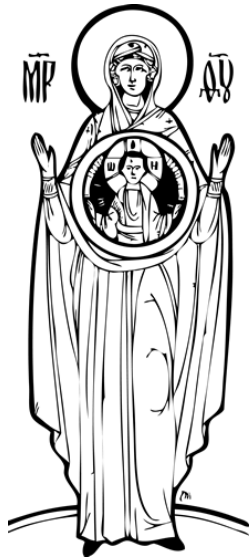
Our total income from last week's sale was **\$916.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of November 10, 2024 was **\$733.00 + \$916.00**
(Collection: \$690.00, Loose & other: \$43.00, Pyrohy \$916.00)

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

WHEN DID THE NATIVITY FAST ORIGINATE?



We do not know precisely at what date the observance of the Nativity Fast (Advent) was introduced into the Church. Documents establish that, towards the end of the fourth century, the Nativity of Christ was celebrated by some on December 25th and by others on January 6th.

The Council of Saragossa, in Spain, decided (in the year 380) that, from December 17th until Theophany-Epiphany, no one could absent himself from Divine Services. In Gaul (modern day France), in the sixth century, a sort of Lent was observed from November 11th until Christmas. Advent was celebrated in Rome, under Pope St. Gregory the Great, towards the end of the sixth century.

The Nativity Fast seems to have come into the practice of the Churches of the Byzantine rite a little later when in the ninth century the Greeks fasted from November 15th through Christmas.

Tuning To The Lord



Today Jesus speaks about the attitude his followers should have regarding wealth and possessions. To those who had an abundance of wealth He spoke this parable of a rich fool. The question here is: does the possessor control his wealth or does the wealth control the possessor? There is no other parable in the Gospels which is so full of the words, I, me, my, mine. Instead of finding his happiness in sharing and giving to others, the fool tried to keep his harvest for himself as though his prosperity would never end or he would never have to die. The ancient Romans had a proverb which said that money was like sea water; the more a man drank the thirstier he became.

So long as a man's attitude is that of the rich fool his desire will always be to get more and more - and this attitude is the reverse of the way of Jesus. No possession will ever save us from illness, catastrophe or death. No possession will ever put its arm around us when we are in pain and say, "I care about you - I will stay with you throughout this time of pain and support you." Only a loving person will be there and no one can be paid to love or care.

Jesus sees life and living as far more than possessions. Wealth and possession inherently have the capability of luring a person into a false sense of security. This is directly opposed to the faith that Jesus says is necessary for entry into the kingdom of God. Faith means that one places one's security in God alone. Faith trusts God in difficult circumstances for one cannot totally rely on persons (even a skilled doctor), institutions or on one's own strength. Fools, Jesus points out, invest their time and energy in amassing property. The only possessions worth striving for are those which death cannot take away. Wealth can corrupt the best of persons because the possessions can craftily come to possess the possessor and can turn God's world of values upside down. God created mankind in his image in order that mankind might reflect God's creative love to all persons. If one is absorbed in gaining things, persons become manipulated, unimportant and meaningless.

It is tragic beyond words that one may discover too late that one's life has not only been wasted on acquiring things but that there is now no way to change. The cost of foolishness is the loss of eternal life.

Father John Krenzke