



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb 17

Miracle of the Great-Martyr Thodore

Readings: Heb. 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn. 1:43-51

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

Sunday, Feb. 18

First Sunday of the Great Fast

Readings: Heb. 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn. 1:43-51

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Yuriy Hordynskij, given by mother Marta**

Supplications will be offered for **+Antonii, Anthony, Anna Fedyna**

Thursday, Feb. 22

Finding of the Relics of Martyr Eugenia

Readings: Gen. 5:1-24; Prov. 6:3-20

6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North Side)

Saturday, Feb. 24

Second All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12

10:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty

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

Sunday, Feb. 25

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

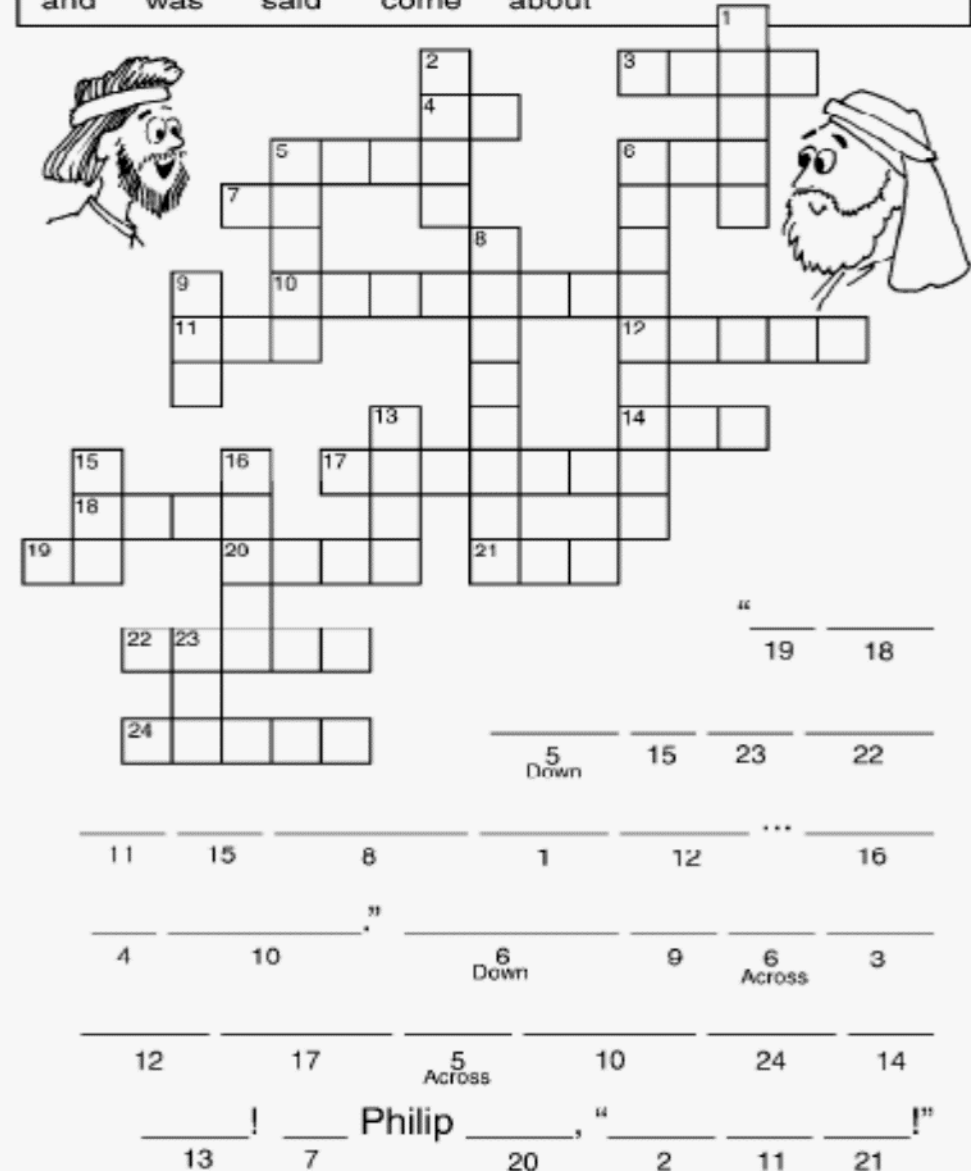
Supplications will be offered for **+Willow Fuchs, given by Mary Siweckyj**

Supplications will be offered for **+John Pyptyk, given by family**

Philip found Nathanael. What did Philip say?

Fit the words into the puzzle. Fill the blanks with the words.

so the see good Jesus being prophets
of one not sure wrote Moses Nazareth
we any from have found about someone Nathanael
and was said come about



2024 Lenten Regulations

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of Lent, the following minimal Lenten regulations are in force in our Eparchy of St. Josaphat.

1. **Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of Lent (Feb. 12, 2024) and on Good Friday (March 29, 2024).**
2. **Abstinance from meat only on all Fridays of Lent as well as Holy Saturday (March 30, 2024). We also recommend voluntary abstinance from meat on all Wednesdays of Lent.**
3. **Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the Paschal Season (from the onset of Lent, Feb.12, 2024 to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday, May 8, 2024)**



Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in very hard physical labor. Prayer and almsgiving oblige all!

In the authentic tradition of the Church, we also fast from the glorious celebration of the Divine Liturgy on the weekdays of the Great Fast. Only the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated in all our Churches on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week.

Let us set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ Our God, and with great spiritual gladness to behold His Holy Passover.
(Forgiveness Vespers)



February 18, 2024

First Sunday of the Great Fast. Octoechos Tone 5. Our Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome (461).

Changeable Parts – Pages 13-14
in the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate today the First Sunday of the Great Fast which is also called the Sunday of Orthodoxy in commemoration of the victory of orthodoxy-true faith in controversy over Holy Icons in the year 843. As part of this commemoration, the blessing of Icons will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. If you have any Icons, Crosses, religious items you would like to have blessed, please place them on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church.

Next Coffee **Social and Children Liturgy** is Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. If you would like to sponsor April 28, please let Fr. Igor know.

Mark your calendar: Next Adult Religious Class on: March 14, 2024, at 6:30pm. Also, please mark other scheduled classes: Apr.18, May 16, and June 13, 2024.



Flowers for the Cross

On Sunday, March 3rd, we will celebrate the Third Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Savior. According to our Liturgical tradition the Cross is carried from the altar on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the congregation so that we may pay homage to the symbol of our salvation. The beautiful flowers surrounding the Cross signify the fragrance, sweetness and beauty that it has added to life. If you wish to sponsor flowers for the Holy Cross on this upcoming Third Sunday of the Great Fast, you may do so in honor or memory of a loved one. We ask that you use the special envelopes that are available for this purpose in the Church vestibule. Please print the names of your loved ones on this envelope and circle the proper prayer intention.

Sarris Easter Candy – It's not too late to order Sarris Easter candy for home delivery. You can go online at www.sarris.com and enter Group code: 10-0223. Free delivery for orders over \$75.00 All proceeds will benefit St. George.

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, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$965.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 11, 2024, was **\$1,617.00 + \$965.00**
(Collection: \$1,392; ml.00, loose & candles: \$27.00, Energy: \$225.00)

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



Do you have an Icon Corner in your home?



On this First Sunday of the Great Fast, as we celebrate the restoration of holy images ICONS in our Churches, let me ask the following: Do you have an Icon Corner in your home?

Remember that the Altar is to a Church what an Icon Corner is to a home. The home is our domestic Church. The Icon Corner is a reminder of who we are: We are children of God. Just as we have photo albums full of pictures of family members, we should also have pictures of our God and the Saints to remind us who we are and who we are to become. The Icon Corner in each

home also provides a place where the family can come together to pray. *The family that prays together stays together.*

Our homes are to be a place of prayer; therefore each Christian home should have an "Icon Corner". This constitutes the Home Altar or Family Shrine. It serves as the focal point for prayer. The Icon Corner usually consists of a table, stand or shelf with a linen or other cloth covering. Over the table are the Icons of Our Lord (on the right) and Our Lady (on the left), often with a crucifix in-between. Other Icons of personal choice may and should flank the Icon Corner. A perpetual candle can be burned if it is not a safety hazard. Otherwise, candles are lit during times of prayer. Placed on the table are normally the following items: a Festal Icon depicting the season; the Bible; prayer books; holy water; blessed candles; the blessed palms and willows from Palm Sunday; flowers from the Feast of the Dormition and a prayer rope (chotki). The Icon Corner is placed in a prominent room, such as the living room or the family room. Traditionally, it faces east, if such an arrangement is possible.

Remember that the Icon Corner consecrates the entire household and everyone living in it to the service and glory of God. The many Icons of the Icon Corner remind us of the great Cloud of Witnesses who make intercession before us at the Throne of Almighty God. They recall to us that we are never alone as members of the Body of Christ, that even death cannot separate us, not now, not ever. Our Home Church reminds us that, as Christians, our main priority in life is to live to God's Glory. On this Sunday of Orthodoxy let us remember that the Icon Corner is a powerful way of making present to us the Icon or Image of God the Father Who is our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through our pious use of this spiritual treasure, we are ourselves, little by little, made Icons and Temples of the Holy Spirit!