

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

- Saturday, March 9Fourth All Souls Saturday
Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-310:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, March 10Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. John Climacus, Venerable
Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk. 9:17-31
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for +Fr. Lev, Anna and Oleh Lubynsky,
given by Marta Lubynsky
- Thursday, March 14St. Basil and others, Bishop Martyr of Cherson
Readings: Gen. 10:32-11:9; Prov. 13:19-14:6
6:30 P.M. Adult Religious Class
- Saturday, March 16Akathistos SaturdayReadings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-36:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, March 17Fifth Sunday of Great Fast/St. Mary of EgyptReadings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-459:10 A.M. Third Hour;9:30 A.M. Divine LiturgySupplications will be offered for +Ivan Salo, by Andy Salo

Here is something else the angel told Mary.





Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

On this Sunday Our Lord says to the father: "Bring him

to me". One of the great secrets of life is to be found in these few words...Bring him to me! When we have a sickness or a problem, we as followers of Christ always have someone to whom we can go. We recall the words of Our Lord: "Come to Me all you who are tired from carrying your heavy burdens and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). How many cries for help we hear every day! If we try to help alone, we are helpless. But if we believe in Christ, it is our mission to bring them to the true Helper, the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies. As parents, friends, employers, fellow workers, we can be Our Lord's helpers. But before we can bring others to Christ, we must bring ourselves to Him. We must let Our Lord strengthen our faith. We must let him break the power of sin in our lives and set us free.

Our Lord performed two miracles today. He not only healed the epileptic boy; He also increased the father's faith. From saying: "If you can do anything", the desperate father reached the point where he would say: "I believe!" His one sentence prayer; "I believe; help my unbelief!" showed that he did not possess complete and absolute faith. He expressed and acted on the faith he had, but he did not hide his doubt. He was honest with Christ. No person believes perfectly. But the important thing is whether we let ourselves be controlled by the faith by the faith we have or by our doubts. Miracles happen not because of perfect faith, but rather of imperfect faith in the perfect Christ.



March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. Octoechos Tone 8. The Holy martyr Condratus and Those with Him (249-51)

<u>Changeable Parts</u> – Pages 20-22 in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)



Announcements:

Today: 4th Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Forth Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor our venerable father, John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. This Sunday's theme is St John's witness to the real spiritual struggle needed for entrance into God's Kingdom. It also is an encouragement for the faithful to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, for according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:13).

Palm Sunday: Order of Confession

As part of our preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection – Pascha, we will have on Palm Sunday Fr. Andrew Clarke, who will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confession. If you have not availed yourself of this life-giving Sacrament, please be sure to do so on that Sunday as we will celebrate the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem. Let us remember that as frequent communicants we should make a confession during this and all penitential periods, and whenever the conscience is burdened. Mark your calendar: The next Adult Religious Class is on March 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Also, please mark other scheduled classes: Apr.18, May 16, and June 13, 2024.

Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **+Kate Wyko** who was buried from our Holy Church on Thursday, March 7th, 2024. *May the Lord commit her soul to the place where the just repose and may her memory be eternal- Вічная Память!*

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, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

<u>Pyrohy</u>

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1,316.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this Lenten Season. Due to the great number of orders, we ask you to place your orders in advance. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday, March 3, 2024, was **\$5,579.00** (Collection: \$5,036.00, loose: \$25.00, haluski, soup, mac & cheese: \$181.00, Ukraine Aid: \$167.00, Carol Chulack' s craft sale: \$70.00, \$100.00, by Marta Schur in memory of her son Yuriy)

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



Church Mice



SERVICES FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Great and Holy Monday, Annunciation of the Theotokos, March 25

6:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy & Holy Mystery of Anointing (St. George, North Side)

Great and Holy Tuesday, March 26

6:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing (St. John, McKees Rocks)

Great and Holy Thursday, March 28

11:00 A.M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (St. George)6:30 P.M. Office of the Twelve Passion Gospels-Strasti (St. John)

<u>Great and Good Friday, March 29</u> *Strict Fast* 6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Burial – Plashchanitsa (St. John, McKees Rocks)

Great and Holy Saturday, March 30

7:30 p.m. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins (abbreviated), Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (St. George, Pittsburgh)

<u>The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ,</u> <u>March 31, 2024</u>

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (North Side) 11:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (McKees Rocks)

> Bright Monday, Monday, April 1 6:30 P.M. Agape Vespers (North Side)