



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, March 16 Akathistos Saturday
 Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-3
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday of Great Fast/St. Mary of Egypt
 Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Ivan Salo, by Andy Salo

Thursday, Mar. 21 St. James of Catania, Bishop-Confessor
 Readings: Gen. 49:33-50:26; Prov. 31:8-31
6:30 P.M. Liturgy of Presentified Gifts

Saturday, March 23 Lazarus Saturday
 Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Great Fast
 Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Easter workshop
 Supplications will be offered for +Kasia Wyko, given by friends



The other 10 disciples were angry with James and John for what they had asked Jesus. What was Jesus' answer?

Write all the number 1 letters in order on the lines below.
 Then write all the number 2 letters in order,
 then the number 3 letters and so on.

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3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
T	N	V	R	O	G	E	I	G	T	B
2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
G	R	O	E	H	A	T	E	T	N	H
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
N	O	T	O	P	R	T	S	R	L	H
4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
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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. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (St. George)
6:30 P.M. Office of the Twelve Passion Gospels-Strasti (St. John)

Great and Good Friday, March 29

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)

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, March 31, 2024

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)



March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast.
Octoechos Tone 1.
Our Venerable Father Alexius,
Man of God

Changeable Parts – Pages 22-25

in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)



Announcements:

Today: 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor our venerable mother, Mary of Egypt. As part of our Lenten journey, we focus today on the life of St. Mary of Egypt and realize that it is never too late in life, or in Lent, to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him with sincere repentance.

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 April 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Also, please mark other scheduled classes: May 16, and June 13, 2024.

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. Specially, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

Pyrohy

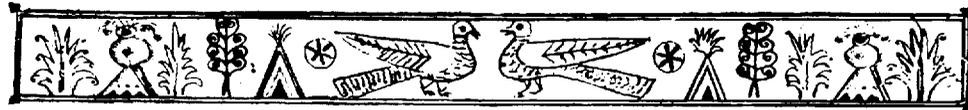
Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1,372.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this Lenten Season. Due to the great number of orders, we ask you to place your orders in advance. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday, March 3, 2024, was **\$1,363.00 + \$1,372.00**

(Collection: \$1,055.00, loose & candle: \$22.00, halushki, mac & cheese & soup: \$186.00, \$100.00, by Michael & Vicki in memory of Kasya Wyko)

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



Easter Cookie Workshop



Following the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, March 24th, we will have an Easter Cookie Workshop in our Church Hall. There will be a session for adults and children. Be part of this exciting workshop. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet available at the church vestibule.

Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt



The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent is dedicated to a most amazing young woman who became one of the most penitent Saints in our Holy Church. Her name is Mary of Egypt who lived in Alexandria (northern Egypt) during the reign of Emperor Justinian (527-565). During her young life, Mary of Egypt was an unbeliever and spent much of her time pursuing the pleasures of life. She was a very beautiful young lady and was much sought after by the young men of Egypt. One year she visited Jerusalem on September 14th (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross) accompanied by several of her admirers. As she was about to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the place where Christ was buried) she suddenly discovered that it was impossible for her to enter. An unseen power kept her from entering this Holy Church. A sudden

change came over Mary of Egypt and taking this as a personal sign from God, she was cut to the heart by a profound awareness of her own sinfulness. She repented of her sins and begged the Blessed Virgin Mary to help her. Embracing the monastic life, our venerable mother Mary of Egypt remained in the desert for some forty years, until she peacefully fell asleep in the Lord near the Jordan River. Her fame spread through the land as the penitent Saint of the Church, and she became known for her inner spiritual beauty. The Church dedicates this Sunday to her memory to remind us of the wonderful Christian virtue of repentance.



What is REPENTANCE? Repentance is the act of turning from one's sin and reorienting one's entire life toward God. The aspects of repentance are three: contrition, confession, and satisfaction. Contrition is sorrow and perfect grief of the heart, which comes about in a person who, on account of the sins committed, disappointed God and transgressed His divine Law. Related to contrition is affliction, which is also a sorrow and imperfect grief of the heart, which comes about, not because a person disappointed God by his sins, but because that person was deprived of divine grace, lost Paradise, and gained hell.

