



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, August 17 Post-feast of the Dormition; St. Myron, Martyr
 Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, August 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for **+Petro Hodowanec,**
given by Olech & Motria

Saturday, August 24 St. Eutyches, martyr
 Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, August 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for **+Fred Bilyk,**
given by Magdalena Cheresnovsky.

What will the owner of the vineyard do?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

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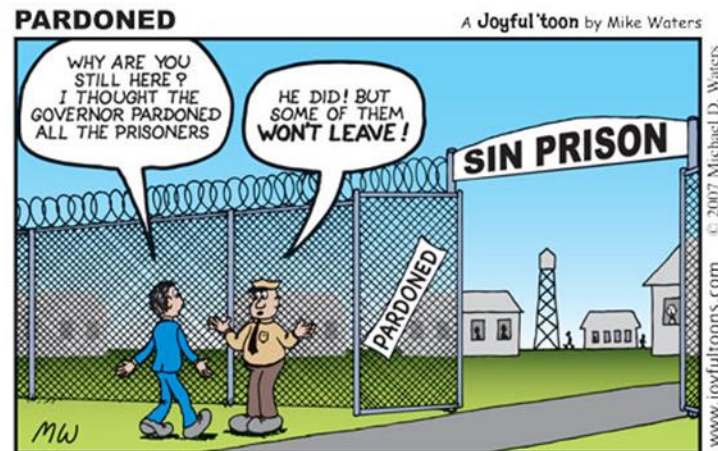
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Forgiveness and Sacrificial Love

In “The Christian Leader,” Don Ratzlaff retells a story Vernon Grounds came across in Ernest Gordon’s *Miracle on the River Kwai*. The Scottish soldiers, forced by their Japanese captors to labor on a jungle railroad, had degenerated to barbarous behavior, but one afternoon something happened. A shovel was missing. The officer in charge became enraged. He demanded that the missing shovel be produced, or else. When nobody in the squadron budged, the officer got his gun and threatened to kill them all on the spot . . . It was obvious the officer meant what he had said.

Then, finally, one man stepped forward. The officer put away his gun, picked up a shovel, and beat the man to death. When it was over, the survivors picked up the bloody corpse and carried it with them to the second tool check. This time, no shovel was missing. Indeed, there had been a miscount at the first check point. The word spread like wildfire through the whole camp. An innocent man had been willing to die to save the others! . . . The incident had a profound effect.

The men began to treat each other like brothers. When the victorious Allies swept in, the survivors, human skeletons, lined up in front of their captors (and instead of attacking their captors) insisted: “No more hatred. No more killing. Now what we need is forgiveness.” Sacrificial love has transforming power.



He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. — Col. 2:13-14 NIV



Aug. 11, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Post-feast of the Dormition;

The Holy Martyrs Florus & Laurus

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

Announcements:

Today: Blessing of flowers

As we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God, we will have the Blessing of Flowers today, at the end of the Divine Liturgy. If you have brought flowers to be blessed on this special occasion, please place it in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod. Festal Anointing-Mirovanya will take place following the Dismissal.

St. George’s Parish Picnic

Please start marking your calendars for our St. George’s Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, September 8th following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our St. George’s Church School. Every year this has been a happy event for our parish family so please plan to be here, to have fun and to enjoy that Christian fellowship.

Cleaner Needed

Sheptytsky Arms is looking for a cleaner to work 3 hours per week cleaning common areas of the building. The candidate must have insurance. The position offers excellent pay and flexible days and hours. Extra cleaning and cleaning of vacant units will result in additional compensation.

One Bedroom Apt.

St. George Close will have a one-bedroom unit available for occupancy on September 1, 2024. Contact Char for more information at 412-766-8802.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday Aug. 11, 2024 was **\$891.00 + \$150.00**

(Collection: \$585.00, Loose & other: \$106.00, Pyrohy: \$150.00,
Donation in memory of Robert Novak: \$200.00)

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



Christian Attitude



The proper attitude of a follower of Jesus Christ is clearly written on every page of the New Testament: To be a servant to one another. As fallen human beings we have a desire for others to treat us with respect, honor, and deference. Jesus taught us by His own sublime example, that this is wrong. He taught us that in His Kingdom the one who considers himself least is the greatest!

What is a servant? A servant is someone who is concerned about the needs of others rather than his on needs and who seeks not to receive respect but to give it to others. The paradox is that in this self-emptying (which we call metanoia) that we receive the highest possible honor: the Imitation of Christ our Savior!



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another..."

In this parable, the vineyard is Israel. The owner is God. Israel is hedged around with natural borders. The winepress is the altar, the tower is the Temple. The tenants are the Jews. The servants are those sent by God, the prophets and holy ones who reminded the Jews that Israel was not theirs but God's. But what did the Jews do? They beat and stoned and killed first the servants and then the heir, the Son of God. Why? Because they wanted everything for themselves. And so they ceased to be God's people, they ceased to be Israel and were cast out of their land and scattered over all the face of the earth. Israel was given to others: the New Israel, the Church, was born.

However, this parable is also addressed today to us Christians of the New Israel. The vineyard is the planet where we Christians live. It is hedged around by the presence of the Church. The wine-press is the altar. And the tower is the Church. And the servants are the saints. And we should ask ourselves what we have done with God's saints who have been sent for our repentance?

We, Christians, are the new people of God, and God wants us to bear the fruits of justice and holiness. On this particular Sunday we are to ask ourselves: Do we care to build the Kingdom of God as we care to build our material houses? Do we take care of God's vineyard as he took care of us? Are we growing in Christian stature? Are we more forgiving than we were in the past? Are we giving more to the Lord's work in our Churches? Do we attend Divine Services more often than in the past? Are we more concerned about other people than we used to be? Listen to what St. Paul says about the fruits of the Spirit: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control"* (Galatians 5:23-24). What are the fruits we are bearing in our families, in the society and in the Church? Are we spreading love or hatred? Are we peacemakers or trouble makers? Are we patient, kind, faithful, gentle with each others or always fighting each other? Let us remember always in everything we do that we are responsible of the creation of God. Let us live up to this responsibility. Amen.