



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 24

St. Eutyches, martyr

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John)

Sunday, Aug. 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.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos;

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 22:35-46

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John)

Sunday, Sept. 1

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning of the Indiction, that is, the New Year;

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 22:35-46

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Stephania Kukish,**
given by Iryna Yehorova.

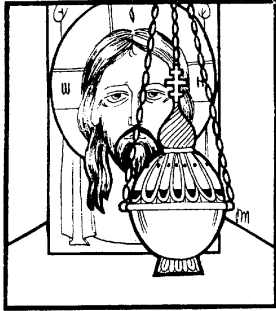
The Parable of the Wedding Dinner

Jesus told a parable – a story that teaches a lesson.

Use the graph to fill in the blanks.

♥	marriage	people	invitations	feast
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A _____ gave a _____ for
 his son. He sent his _____ to deliver the
 _____. The _____ would not
 come. The _____ sent the _____ out
 again with the _____. The
 _____ still would not come. So the _____ sent
 his _____ to gather in _____ the _____
 they could from the streets – good or bad! The hall of
 the _____ was full!



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

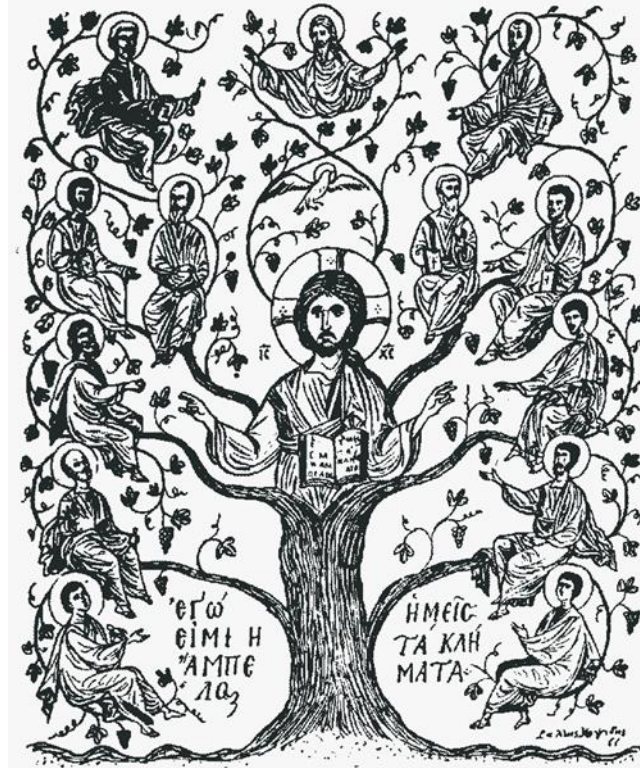
“Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

“Many are called, few are chosen”. At first this may seem to us to be a hard saying. And yet when we look around in this country and many other countries and see half-empty or even totally abandoned Churches, then we can see that this is true, for all are called to come to Church, but few choose to come and worship Christ. Today’s Gospel reading of the marriage-feast remains as true today as when it was first spoken.

If we ask those who do not come to Church why, they will give various answers... Some hide behind excuses, which mean only that their faith is not a priority for them: I’m too busy. I’m too tired. I’m seeing someone. I don’t like the other people. I’m buying a new car. Others at least have the merit of being honest: **I have lost my faith!** But whatever the reason given, ultimately there is only one reason why people do not come to Church - because they are ignorant of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Comforter, and the Spirit of Truth.

Every Sunday we are invited to a banquet, the banquet of the Kingdom of God, the Eucharistic meal, in which we are united in a sacramental way to the risen Christ, for our personal sanctification and the building of the Church. That is why we start our Liturgy by saying: “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. And at the Great Entrance with the gifts, the priest says: “May the Lord God remember in his Kingdom...” And prior to receiving Holy Communion we pray: “Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom!”

We can find many excuses not to come to this banquet. But if we really love the Bride, and if we really love one another, all these excuses become nonsense. When the priest invites the people to the Communion, he says: “With faith and deep reverence for God, approach!” We come to the Eucharistic banquet full of reverence, faith and love. So that, after the Holy Communion, we can sing with joy and thankfulness: “May our mouths be filled with your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of your glory, for you made us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us in your holiness that we may meditate on your righteousness all day long. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!”



Aug. 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The return of the relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew; The Holy Apostle Titus

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

Announcements:

St. George’s/St. John’s Parish Picnic

Please start marking your calendars for our St. George’s/St. John’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.

Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday, September 14th, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Thursday, September 21st. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

Church School Registration

As we prepare to begin the new school year for our St. George's Church School, registrations are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per a child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 22th. All children 4-14 years of age are to be registered for our catechetical program. Remember that it is important that our children receive the proper Eastern Christian Formation. This formation is offered to them here at St. George's. We are blessed with a wonderful catechetical program and instructors. As a Church, let us pray for our children because they are the future of our parish family.

Mark your calendar: The first Adult Religious Class is on September 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Please also mark the other scheduled classes: Oct.17 and Nov.14. Special thanks to Mr. Donn Fontana for coordinating this.

One Bedroom Apt.

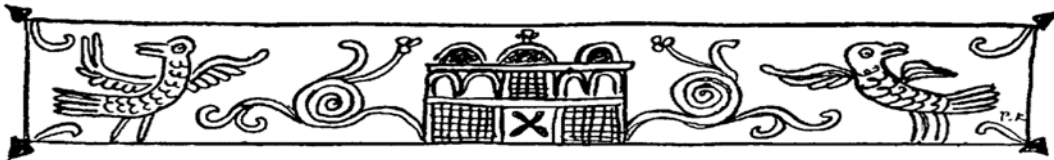
St. George Close will have a one-bedroom unit available for occupancy on September 1, 2024. Contact Char for more information at 412-766-8802.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024, was **\$947.00 + \$170.00**

(Collection: \$850.00, Loose & other: \$97.00, Pyrohy: \$170.00)

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



RICHES IN CHRIST

"I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them and that is faith in Jesus Christ. If they had that and I had not given them a single shilling, they would have been rich; and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor indeed."

Patrick Henry.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

August 29



As forerunner of our Lord's birth, preaching and death, the blessed John showed in his struggle goodness worthy of the sight of heaven. In the words of Scripture: "Though in the sight of men he suffered torments, his hope is full of immortality." We justly commemorate the day of his birth with a joyful celebration, a day which he himself made festive for us through his suffering and which he adorned with the crimson splendor of his own blood. We do rightly revere his memory with joyful hearts, for he stamped with the seal of martyrdom the testimony which he delivered on behalf of our Lord...Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

In Matthew 14:1-12 we read about the cruel death of John the Baptist. John had publicly reprimanded King Herod for taking his brother's wife as his own, so Herod had him imprisoned. Although Herod really wanted John dead, he feared the many people who believed John to be a prophet. Indeed, we consider him to be the last of the Old Testament prophets. During his riotous birthday party, Herod was so pleased with the dancing of his wife's daughter Salome that he promised her anything she wanted. Her mother prompted her to say, "The head of John the Baptist on a platter." Even though Herod regretted his promise, he had to abide by it because his guests had heard him. So, he commanded that John be beheaded and that the head be given to Salome, who in turn, gave it to her mother.

In the Eastern Church we keep this day as a strict fast day, (i.e. no meat, fish, dairy, wine or olive oil) as reminders that we are to live a different style of life that Herod. In memory of this event, it is a pious custom amongst our faithful to not use dishes on this day, since John's head was served on a dish/platter. Instead, only bowls are used. Also, the food that is served on this day should not require the use of a knife, since a sharp instrument was used to behead him.

Thus, we are given three ways to remember St. John's beheading: a strict fast, using bowls, eating food that is not cut. This year, incorporate at least one, if not all, of these customs to help you (your family) learn the meaning of this feast day.