



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**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.**

**Saturday, Sept. 7**

**Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross**

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

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

**Sunday, Sept. 8**

**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Birth of the Theotokos**

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Health & wellness of **Mary Siweckyj, given by Helen Pyptyk**

Health & wellness of **Kelly Askey, given by Char Rumsky**

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question. What was it?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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The Pharisees replied: “ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jesus said, “ \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **The Nativity of the Mother of God**

*We extol you, O Most Holy Virgin, and we venerate the holy ancestors of God, and we celebrate your glorious Nativity!*

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make

an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

### **From the Prayer of Pope John Paul II for the victims of 9-11**

*Almighty Father, we commend the victims of this shocking tragedy to Your eternal love. We implore Your comfort upon the injured, the families and friends involved, and all who are doing their utmost to rescue survivors and help those affected. We ask You, Father, to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial...Immaculate Mary, Humble Virgin, Mother of our Church, and Protectress of our nation, we ask you to go before the Throne of the Holy Trinity and intercede for the United States at this critical juncture in our history. Gently place your mantle upon our land, upon our people, upon our allies, upon our fighting men and women, as you once wrapped our Savior in swaddling clothes in a manger.*



**Sep. 1, 2024**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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



***Happy Labor Day!***

***On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your Name.***

***We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.***

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 22<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024, was **\$4,630.00 + \$110.00**  
(Collection: \$4620.00, Loose & other: \$10.00, Pyrohy: \$170.00)

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

## The Prophet Zachariah.

Saint Zachary and Saint Elizabeth were the father and the mother of Saint John the Baptist, the last and the greatest of the prophets and the precursor of Our Lord. Saint Zachary's story is beautifully told in the first chapter of Saint Luke. Saint Zachary spoke one of the three canticles of the New Testament, which is known as the *Benedictus*. It is recited in the prayers of priests as part of their liturgical worship. Saint Zachary was inspired by God through an angel to give Saint John the Baptist his name. Saint Zachary was martyred in the Temple of Jerusalem by the Jews. The martyrs of the Old Testament run from A to Z, from Abel, the son of Adam and the first martyr that ever was, to Zachary, the father of John the Baptist and the last martyr of the Old Testament.

Saint Elizabeth was the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was to her that Mary went in haste after she had conceived her Child, and after she learned that Elizabeth had conceived hers. The second phrase in the *Hail Mary*, "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb," was given us by Saint Elizabeth. And so, her memory is beautifully kept in the Rosary, where this phrase is mentioned fifty-three times. Saint Elizabeth's first greeting to Our Lady, when she saw her standing in her doorway was: "Whence is this to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me!" This was a sheer and unequivocal way of proclaiming Mary, her own cousin, to be the Mother of God.

With Elizabeth's as the central greeting, the Angel Gabriel's as the first and that of the Council of Ephesus as the last, this is the full *Hail Mary*:

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

