

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

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

Sunday, Sept. 15 Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Michaylo Lwiwski, by Pyptyks
Supplications will be offered for +Susan Siweckyj and +Sandy Windhart,
by Mary Siweckyj

Saturday, Sept. 21 Saturday after Exaltation

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

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

Sunday, Sept. 22 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Bob & +Bill Novak**,

by Cathy Novak and family

Jesus taught His disciples about what would happen to Him in the future. They didn't like what they heard! What would Jesus do?



Answer each problem, then fill in the spaces using this code.





Sep. 15, 2024

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross. Octoechos Tone 8. © The Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas.

<u>Changeable Parts:</u> See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

Announcements:

Thank You!

Last Sunday we were blessed with great weather for our parish picnic. Thank you all for coming and being part of this happy parish event. We had great food, and a wonderful time for Christian fellowship. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your hard work (kitchen, set-up, clean-up), for all the food donations and financial support for our parish picnic. It is always a great joy when we come together to celebrate our faith and love. Thank you!

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.

<u>Mark your calendar:</u> The first Adult Religious Class is on September 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please also mark the other scheduled classes: Oct.17 and Nov.14. Special thanks to Mr. Don Fontana for coordinating this.

<u>Fall Youth Retreat</u> is slated for October 12th & 13th at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA. Mark your calendar and plan to take advantage of what has proven to be a very enjoyable, as well as rewarding, time. The theme for the retreat is, "Getting to know the Lord through His work". For more information see Michael Spak or see a flier in today's bulletin.

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, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla, Darrell Chulack and Rose Shedno.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, Sep.8, 2024, was \$654.00 + \$824.00

(Collection: \$590.00, Loose & other: \$64.00, Pyrohy: \$824.00)

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



Prayer to the Holy Cross



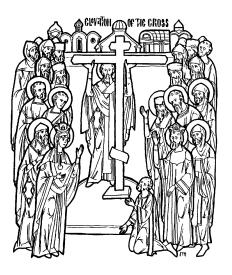
Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee from His presence. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; and as wax melts from the presence of fire, so let demons perish from the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the sign of the Cross and say in gladness: Hail, most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, for You drive away the demons by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified on thee, Who went down to Hades and trampled on the power of the devil, and gave us His venerable Cross, for driving away all enemies.

O most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, help me, with our Holy Lady, the Virgin Mother of God, and with all the Saints throughout the ages. Amen.

The Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14

It was of Your own free will that You were raised upon the Cross. * Generously bestow Your mercies upon Your new community named for You, O Christ God! * By Your power gladden the faithful * and let them triumph over every evil, * for Your Cross is their ally and their weapon is peace, * assuring unfailing victory.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in Jerusalem in the year 355 to commemorate the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection. When the true Cross of Jesus was found shortly afterwards,



this event was commemorated on the same day. In time, the Feast of the Exaltation supplanted the feast of the dedication.

In 395, St. John Chrysostom wrote of three crosses which were discovered beneath Golgotha by the Empress Helena. Many other writers speak of miracles which occurred through contact with the true Cross. It was through one of these miracles that the true Cross was recognized The Holy Cross was kept in the Basilica of the Resurrection in Jerusalem until 614, when the Persians conquered the city and burned the Church. In 628, Emperor Heraclius III defeated the Persians and returned the Holy Cross to Jerusalem. A portion of the Cross was taken to Rome in the seventh century by Sergius I, a Pope of Byzantine origin.

As we celebrate this Major Feast let us remind ourselves that the power of the Cross is given to each and every Christian. But just as a soldier must learn to properly wield his weapons in battle, so a warrior of Christ must learn how correctly to make the sign of the Cross. A shield has no effect if carelessly waved about in the air. Likewise, there are many who receive no benefit from the sign of the Cross because they make it mechanically or haphazardly.

The Cross, once a tool of death, has become a means to life, an instrument of our salvation; it gives strength to resist temptation, to refrain from gossip or harsh words and it dispels fear. Amen.