



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

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. NO SERVICE (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

Saturday, Sept. 28 St. Chariton, Venerable-Confessor
Readings: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9; Lk. 6:31-36
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Sept. 29 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9; Lk. 6:31-36
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Bohdan Hubar, by daughter Inna Hohosha**
Supplications will be offered for **+Natalia Humenetska, by Iryna Yehorova**



Simon Peter, James and John left their boats on shore and followed Jesus. What did Jesus mean – they would “catch people”?

Add or subtract letters to find the correct ones to write on the lines.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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J+2 L-7 F-5 L-8



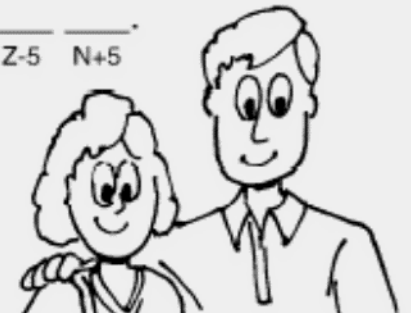
K+4 Y-5 C+5 J-5 I+9

V-6 I-4 H+7 J+6 H+4 L-7



Q+3 F+9

B+8 I-4 O+4 Z-5 N+5



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished...

As we can see in today's Gospel reading, Jesus can bring out the very best that is in people. The Lord can make you your best self. No one else and nothing else can accomplish this. Look at Simon Peter at the Sea of Galilee. If Christ had not crossed Peter's path, he would have lived and died a fisherman. People who lived along the lake saw Peter a big-hearted good fellow, nothing more. Christ saw in him a leader, who would one day speak to three thousand people and get them to be baptized and become Christians. Look at some of the other Apostles and leaders of Christ's Church. St. Matthew as we know was a tax-collector. Most people looked upon him as a traitor and a thief, for the people of Israel disliked those in the employ of the Roman government, and beside this, the collectors often exacted more money from the people than they were supposed to. The crowd had no use for Matthew. But Jesus saw in him the desire to right all wrongs, the desire to serve God, and Christ called him to become a great Apostle and Evangelist. Down through all the centuries of the Church you can find examples of this kind of transformation, in which Christ brings out the best in people. Saul, the persecutor of the Lord, became Paul the chosen vessel of God and the great Apostle and missionary; James and John left their nets by the sea to become also great Apostles and missionaries for the sake of Christ.

Of course, this is not something that worked in the past only; it works today. It can work in us. There are many people today whose lives have been touched by the Lord, and who have, as a result, been transformed into radiant Christians serving their Lord and their neighbor. Peter shows us the process of this transformation. First of all, he confesses his weakness. When he came to the realization of Who Christ was, he fell on his knees before the Lord in worship. Then he left his old way of living and followed the new way of the Lord.

Let us become aware of Christ's greatness and our smallness, of His holiness and our sinfulness, and then let us bring the light of Christ into our life to transform it to the best.



·CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES·



Sep. 22, 2024

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

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

Announcements:

Mark your calendar: The next Adult Religious Class is on October 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please also mark the other scheduled classes: Nov.14. Special thanks to Mr. Don Fontana for coordinating this.

Fall Youth Retreat is slated for October 12 & 13 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.

Coffee Social

At the end of every month, after Children's Divine Liturgy, we are planning to have a coffee social. We need sponsors for upcoming coffee socials. If a family or group of individuals wishes to sponsor a coffee social, please let Fr. Igor know.

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 and Rose Shedno and Darrell Chulack.**

Pyrohy

Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week's sale was **\$696.00** Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, Sep.15, 2024, was **\$688.00 + \$696.00**

(Collection: \$605.00, Loose & other: \$43.00, Ukr. aid: \$40.00)

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



Challenge of the Lord's Prayer

I cannot say **OUR** if I live only for myself. I cannot say **FATHER** if I do not endeavor each day to act like His child. I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN** if I am laying up no treasure there. I cannot say **HALLOWED BY THY NAME** if I am not striving for holiness. I cannot say **THY KINGDOM COME** if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful event. I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE** if I am disobedient to His word. I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN** if I will not serve Him here and now. I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD** if I am dishonest or seeking things by subterfuge. I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES** if I harbor a grudge against anyone. I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION** if I deliberately place myself in its path. I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL** if I do not put on the whole armor of God.



A Pattern in Making Disciples



- 1) Christ teaches the Word of God, and the Word of God stirs listeners to initial faith.
- 2) Christ involves the new believer in a specific challenge, and the new believer personally experiences the grace of God; he or she feels unworthy, yet amazed.
- 3) Christ calls the new believer to become a permanent disciple and co-worker with God. The new believer freely and totally gives over his or her life to the Lord and has a new sense of mission as Christ's disciple.

We too, are called to DISCIPLESHIP and to lower our nets for that "great catch". Consider, for a moment, the state of the world around us. Consider this city we are in, and the cities and towns nearby. Consider the frightful nature of the world, of the overflowing cup of evil all around us. Consider the huge numbers of confused and frightened people, darting this way and that, like frightened fishes in a great dark sea. Some, though perhaps not all, would doubtless find peace and joy if they could but find Christ, in the fullness in which we find Him in our Holy Church. We need only lower our nets, as Christ bids us, and we can catch them for Him. How do we do this?

We can do it by witnessing for Christ through the lives that we lead. If we are kind, patient, and generous towards our neighbors, that in itself is the beginning of our witness. If we are models of Christian piety in our lives, praying, keeping the fasts, attending Liturgy, and remaining close to the Church, that too is a witness and will attract a larger catch. Finally, we must not be ashamed of Christ's Church by hiding it from those around us. If neighbors or friends or acquaintances have no religious life, or if they are dissatisfied in their current religion, we can invite them to attend Divine Liturgy and introduce them to our Holy Church and our community of faithful. So, let us not be apprehensive in sharing the beauty of our Eastern Church with others. Let each of us strive to follow in the footsteps of the holy apostles Peter, James, and John, by becoming catchers of souls for Christ. Let each of us also put aside all those things that distract us from our real purpose in this life, let us leave those things, as the Gospel says, and, like the apostles, follow Christ. Amen.