



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

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**

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Protection of the Theotokos

Readings: Heb. 9:1-7; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

6:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing on all parishioners (By Fr. Ihor)

Saturday, Oct. 5

St. Charitina, Martyr

Readings: Gal. 1:11-19; Lk. 7:11-16

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

Sunday, Oct. 6

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

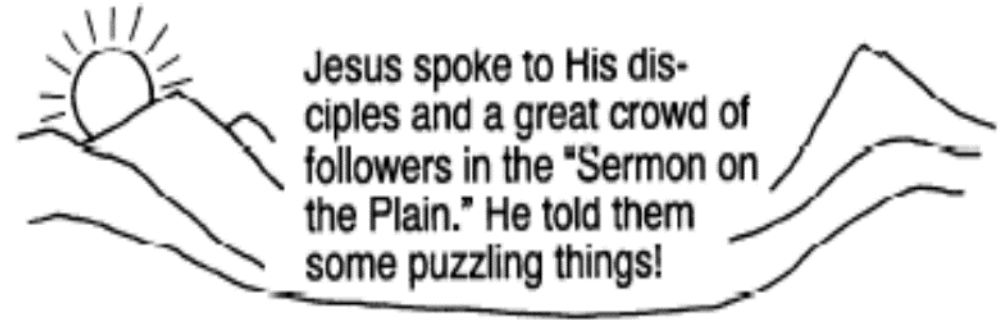
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9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Maria Pyptyk (By family)**

Supplications will be offered for **+Patricia Della Ragione (By Luigi & family)**



"Blessed are you 1,5 2,5 2,5 3,5, for yours is

the 1,6 4,5 2,6 3,6 4,6 2,5 1,7 of

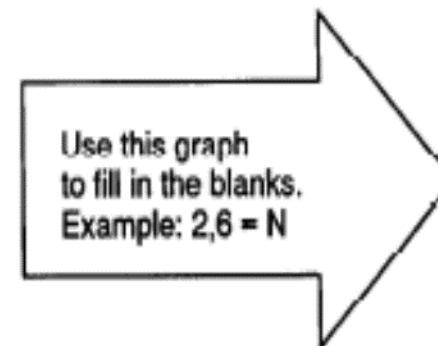
2,7 3,7 4,7 1,8 3,7 2,6. Blessed are you that

2,7 2,8 2,6 3,6 3,7 3,5 now for you shall be

3,8 4,7 4,8 4,5 3,8 1,9 4,5 3,7 4,6

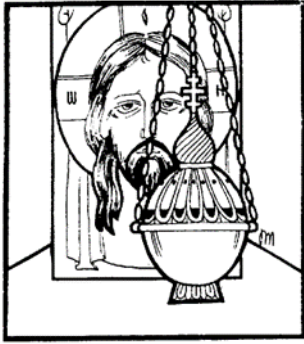
Blessed are you that 2,9 3,7 3,7 1,5 now, for

you shall 3,9 4,7 2,8 3,6 2,7"



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High...

On this Sunday Our Lord calls us to live up to our divine potential. The whole of what that means is summed up here: *Love everyone and do good for them, even our enemies and give without expecting anything in return.* Then we will begin to resemble our Father in heaven and the world will know that we are His children.

Divine compassion is unlimited and shows no discrimination. A spiritual teacher once wrote, “If you do not show compassion toward your enemy then toward whom can you practice it?” The meaning here is more than one might think at first. “Practice” in this context means to nurture and increase one’s capacity for compassion by expanding the ability through deeper and deeper application. Thank God, then, for the “enemy” because he offers the chance for an increase in virtue.

If we have a deep, rich spiritual practice, the reservoirs of our hearts will be filled to overflowing with compassion and love. We will store up patience to share when it is most needed, and tolerance for the despised and rejected when we encounter them. The stronger our daily practice, the more we have to give. If we practice our spiritual discipline daily with commitment and perseverance we will always have enough and more to spare in time of need. If our daily practice is weak, then we will not have enough even for ourselves. A healthy spiritual practice is a gift we can give. Every effort we make to increase in virtue, enlightenment and deification touches everyone and everything. The fruit of our spiritual labors will help bring salvation to all.

To achieve such greatness takes PRACTICE. It takes perseverance and courage and devotion. If we are to develop the same unlimited compassion as our heavenly Father shows us, then we must do all we can to nurture and develop the seeds of goodness and virtue in us. Seeing our determination, the Lord will add to us blessing after blessing to share. Remember on this Sunday that living the spiritual life with intensity is possible in every situation, whether married or unmarried, in or out of a monastery, in any job or life situation imaginable. All it takes is desire and training. If we have the desire, the Lord will move heaven and earth to teach us what we need to know.



Sep. 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 2. ☩ Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite.

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

Announcements:

The Protection of the Theotokos-Ποκροβα On Tuesday, October 1st, we will celebrate the Protection of the Mother of God, or traditionally called “Pokrova”. To celebrate this feast day, we will have Tuesday, October 1st, Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm at St. George parish. On this feast of the Protection come and implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven to protect us and our nation under God from every evil.

October: Cancer Awareness

During the upcoming month of October, we will be celebrating, on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 p.m., the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God “Healer of Cancer.” The first Akathist will be served on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Since the month of October is dedicated in our country to National Breast Cancer Awareness, we invite all to this Prayer Service who are in need of the healing touch of the Queen of Heaven. The hymns of this particular Akathist Service will console anyone who is suffering from cancer, or who has loved ones that are ill. Come and bring a friend for this Divine Service that gives strength and hope during a time of suffering and pain.

Mark your calendar: The second 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 12th & 13^h 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

In 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.

Church School Registration

Registration forms are now available in the Church vestibule for our St. George's Church School. We ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per child). 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.

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, Rose Shedno and Darrell Chulack.**

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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 **\$561.00** Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, Sep.22, 2024, was **\$428.00 + \$561.00**
(Collection: \$375.00, Loose & other: \$53.00)

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



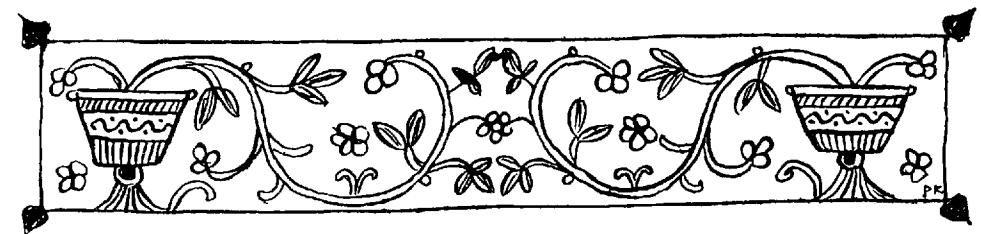
St. Thekla the Protomartyr & Equal-to-the-Apostles

You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, Thekla, and your faith was confirmed by Peter, O Chosen One of God. You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, by entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. For when you accepted the Cross of Christ, the demonic powers were frightened away. O all-praised one, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

On September 24th we honor Saint Thekla, a contemporary of Saint Paul who became an evangelizer, as the apostle Paul was, after hearing his teachings. She was born to a rich family in Iconium, a town in Asia Minor. She was expected to marry, and marry well. In fact, her mother had a young man picked out for her. He had an excellent position, and could offer Thekla a secure life. This was important in Thekla's day.

But something happened to St. Thekla that made her turn away forever from her mother's dream. The apostle Paul, who had been in Antioch, traveled to Iconium and began teaching at a house near Thekla's. She sat in her open window for three days and nights, listening as St. Paul spoke about the blessings of giving everything to God. Thekla decided not to marry, and to devote her life to Jesus Christ. Her fiancé Thamyris was furious, and complained to the local governor that Paul was a bad influence. Because Thamyris was so prominent, St. Paul was arrested and imprisoned.

Late at night, St. Thekla secretly went to the prison, bribed the guards, and stayed to hear Paul's teachings. When her family found her, they turned her and St. Paul over to the authorities. The apostle Paul was driven from the city, and St. Thekla was sentenced to death. Her mother was so angry at her daughter's disobedient "madness" that she wouldn't intervene. St. Thekla was tortured, but God delivered her from death. She found her way to



Antioch, and soon met the apostle Paul there. She helped him preach, and together they did good work for the Lord. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.