



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 11

Saturday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Mt. 4:1-11

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

Sunday, Jan. 12

Sunday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Mt. 4:1-11

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for Wasil & Pavlina Hawrycej,
given by Pyptyks

Supplications will be offered for Patriacia Della Ragione,
given by Luigi & family

Saturday, Jan. 18

St. Athanasius & Cyril, Archbishops

Readings: Col. 3:12-16; Lk. 18:18-27

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

Sunday, Jan. 19

Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Rose & +Peter Drahucz,
given by Marian Russo & Michael Drahucz



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity

and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Vanity

Tennis star Boris Becker was at the very top of the tennis world -- yet he was on the brink of suicide. He said, "I had won Wimbledon twice before, once as the youngest player. I was rich. I had all the material possessions I needed ... It's the old song of movie stars and pop stars who commit suicide. They have everything, and yet they are so unhappy. I had no inner peace. I was a puppet on a string."

Becker is not the only one to feel that sense of emptiness. The echoes of a hollow life pervade our culture. One doesn't have to read many contemporary biographies to find the same frustration and disappointment. Jack Higgins, author of such successful novels as "The Eagle Has Landed", was asked what he would like to have known as a boy. His answer: "That when you get to the top, there's nothing there."

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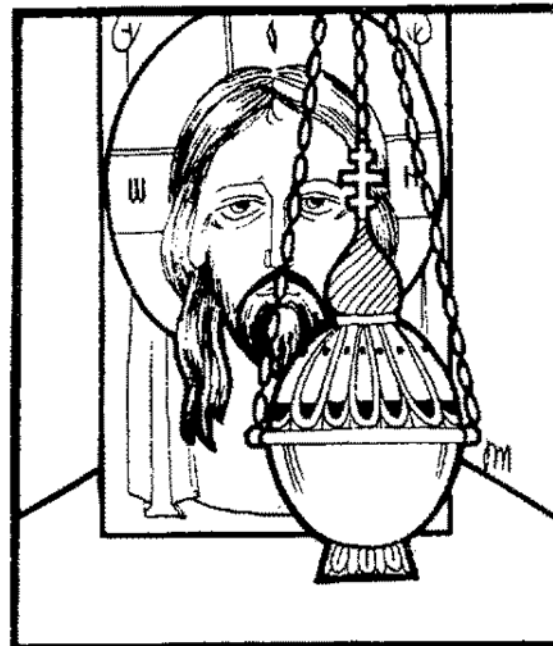


WEEDS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.
- MARK 4:19 NIV



January 12, 2025

Sunday before Theophany

The Holy Martyr Tatiana

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



Announcements:

Holy Water

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is available in the center of our Church. I ask that you please be careful when you are filling your containers so to not spill it on the floor. Remember that this Holy Water is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so that we, by partaking of it, may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Statement of Contribution

If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Envelopes 2025-Calendar 2025

The Church offering envelopes for the year 2025 and the Church Calendar 2025 are ready for distribution. They are available now in the church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2025. Should you not see your envelopes, please let Father Igor or Ms. Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2024. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: *Многая Літа!*

MALANKA

All are invited to a Malanka on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club, 302 Mansfield Blvd In Carnegie, PA. The hours are 7PM to 12:30 AM. Adults: \$25 Presale/\$30 at the door. Students: \$15. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at: Ukrainian Selfreliance of WPA, 700 Washington Ave in Carnegie or call: (412) 888-6545 or by Venmo: ODFFUChapter21. For additional info see the fliers posted in the vestibule above the bulletin baskets.

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, Dorothy Waslo and Msgr. George Appleyard** (The Willows, 1215 Hulton Rd, Oakmont, PA 15139).

Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, December 29, 2024 was **\$1,863.00**

(Collection - \$1575.00, Loose & candles - \$28.00, Ukrainian Aid: \$260.00)

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



Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord



From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

After Christ was baptized, the first words that He said were: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". Why? Because after we have been baptized, we are always tempted and the only way to end temptation is to repent. But what exactly do these words mean? What is repentance? What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

In order to understand the meaning of the word repentance, we must first understand the nature of the opposite of repentance, the reason for repentance - sin. Sin comes to us in three stages.

First, we have a thought, a temptation towards evil. Secondly, we entertain that thought and imagine its attraction until it becomes irresistible. Thirdly we act on that thought that we have entertained. These are the three stages of sin...Repentance also has three stages...

First, our consciences are pricked, we have the thought that what we have done is bad. Secondly, we entertain that consciousness and develop it until action becomes irresistible. Thirdly, we act. These are the three stages of repentance.

Repentance then is not just an idea, a thought; it is above all an ACTION. Repentance is a change of mind which leads to a practical and visible change in our way of life.

Yes, it is true, that often we seem to come to Confession with the same sins as before. Yes, it is true, that often we seem to make no progress, that although we have done wrong yet again, we have no tears, no depth of repentance to make us change our way of life. However, this should not mean that we lose hope, that we despair. That would be to fall to another temptation of the demon, the thought that we are unable to repent and that all our efforts are futile. Merely coming to Confession and saying that we are weak, that we have done wrong yet again, that our repentance lacks depth, is an act of repentance in itself. As the Gospel says, we must forgive even unto seven times seventy. Moreover, by continued repentance and the determination to repent, eventually depth of repentance and tears will come to us. On this Sunday we ask Almighty God to grant us the desire for that repentance. Amen.