



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 11

The Holy Martyr Charitina

Readings: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11; Lk. 7:11-16

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 12

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Readings: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11; Lk. 7:11-16

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Perkun, given by children**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Msgr. Michael Rewtiuk, given by Mary Zaliszchuk**

Thursday, Oct. 16

St. Longinus, Martyr

Readings: Phil. 1:20-27; Lk. 9:7-11

6:30 P.M. Adult Religious Class

Saturday, Oct. 18

St. Luke, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/The Holy prophet Joel

Readings: 2 Cor. 11: 31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +**Ann Adams, given by Char Rumsky & Bella**

Supplications will be offered for +**Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family**

Eternal light Candle offering for October 12, 2025

Blessed memory of +**Sophie Hlovchiec by Patti Barr**



1. Cross out all the vowels.

2. Switch the J and the C, and the D and the F.

3. Delete the 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th letters.

4. Add the letter "U" between the J and F.
Delete the final letter.

5. Delete the 1st letter and switch the D and F.

6. Change the "F" to an "E", the "C" to an "A", and delete the last letter.



The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

Kontakion: O Thomas, full of wisdom and grace, you were a disciple and faithful servant of Christ. You cried out in the sincerity of your repentance: You are my Lord and my God!

The feast of the Holy Apostle Thomas is celebrated on October 6th, commemorating the life, faith and martyrdom of this fisherman from Galilee. Thomas, one of the 12 Apostles, known also as Didymus, is recognized for his unwavering faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Despite his doubts, Thomas’s encounter with the risen Christ led him to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!" T his act of faith is a testament to Thomas's deep belief in Christ's divinity and the resurrection. His life and death are celebrated in various Christian traditions, particularly in the Orthodox Church, where he is honored for his missionary work and his unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel. According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], Thomas was locked up in prison, tortured, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.



4th Quarter Wedding Anniversaries- Happy Anniversary to All!

- DJ and Lori Barr, 10/9
- Peter and Mary Beth Parks, 10/21
- Roger and Jacque Adamiak, 10/23
- Dave and Patti Barr, 10/23
- Oleh and Motria Hodowanec, 11/21
- Michael and Belinda Spak, 11/25
- Bill and Anna Marshall, 12/17
- Jim and Ann Kaltreider, 12/24



October 12, 2025

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, Tone 1

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



Announcements:

Coffee Social

We are going to restart a practice that we had in the past. Coffee socials after Sunday Divine Liturgy will be restarted on the Sundays we have the Children's Liturgy. Our first coffee social will be on October 26 immediately after Liturgy. Please plan on attending to enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

Sarris Christmas Candy sale!

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due October 18-19. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 7 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. **Make checks payable to St. George Church.**

Mark your calendar:

We are planning to restart Adult religious Classes. The second Adult Religious Class is on November 13, 2025. Special thank you to Don Fontana for coordinating these classes and parishioners for attending.

October: Cancer Awareness

During this month of October we will be celebrating on Thursday evenings the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God “Healer of Cancer.” Please come for the first celebration of this Prayer Service on Thursday, October 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. We invite all to come 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. As part of this Akathist Service Holy Anointing will be administered to those who wish to receive it.

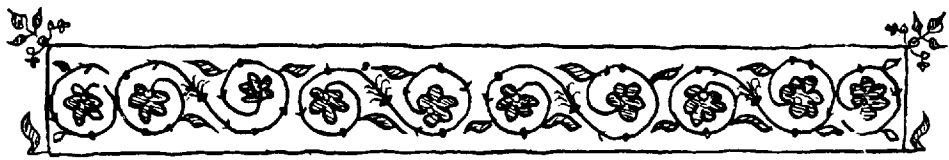
A Benefit Luncheon for the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat will take place on this Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge. There will be a reception at 12:30pm and the Luncheon will begin at 1:00pm. Bishop Bohdan will be attending. This is an important opportunity to support our Eparchy. **Everyone is invited to attend or to support this event in some way.** You may register via the invitation you should have received in the mail, or online at the Eparchy’s website (stjosaphateparchy.com). For more information, please see the Pastor or send an email to stjosaphatstewardship@yahoo.com, or call 440-888-1522. Please support this important event for the Eparchy!

As a parish family, **we extend sympathies** to Patti and Dave Barr and DJ, Lori, Madison, Mackenzie and Lucy Barr on the passing of Ms. Jacqueline L. Barr. May her memory be eternal.

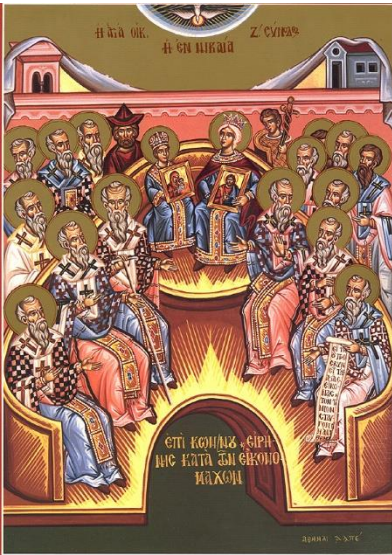
Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of September 28, 2025, was **\$2,186.00 + \$778.00**
(Collection: \$1,745.00, Loose & candles: \$25.00, Pyrohy: \$778.00, Chippewa festival: \$166.00,
Online donation: \$250.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius.

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

As the second of the Ten Commandments says, “Thou shalt not make unto thee any idol, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth” (Exodus 20:4), the Iconoclasts considered the Christian use of holy icons as a breach of this commandment, and for this reason wanted to rid the churches of all iconography. How, then,

can our churches be filled with images of Christ?

The answer is simple. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). While God, The Father, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, since God is invisible and incomprehensible “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18), the Council upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. Therefore, what is depicted on the sacred icons is the divine-human person of Christ, in which the human and divine natures are united hypostatically, without division into two persons, nor mixture into a single nature - in other words, without compromising our salvation.

The question of icons, then, was not simply a question of whether certain objects were proper for use in worship, nor a question of religious art. These were not “foolish questions...unprofitable and vain” (Titus 3:9) such as those the Apostle Paul advises us to avoid in today’s Epistle reading. On the contrary, it was a question directly linked to our salvation, and with all the decisions of the previous ecumenical councils. This is why the hymns we heard at this morning’s matins made mention not only of iconoclasm, but all the different heresies, and this is why the 7th Ecumenical Council concluded that the liturgical use and veneration of sacred icons was not only acceptable, but necessary.