

# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, June 28 Translation of relics of Cyrus and John

Readings: Rom. 2:10-16; Mt. 18:15-23

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

**Sunday, June 29** Third Sunday after Pentecost

**SS. Peter and Paul Prime Apostles** 

Readings: Rom. 5:1-10 & 2 Cor. 11:21-12-9; Mt. 6:22-34

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Social

Supplications will be offered for+ Philip Perkun, given by family.

Supplications will be offered for+ Walter Siweckyj, given by Mary Siweckyj.

Saturday, July 5 Our Venerable Father Sisoes the Great

Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13

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

**Sunday, July 6** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine

Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Robert Novak, given by family.



# When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. What did He say?

#### Use this code to find out.

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#### The Iconostasis



Our Holy Church-House of Worship is divided into three sections: the Narthex, the Naive, and the Altar area (Sanctuary). The Naive and the Sanctuary are separated by the Iconostasis or Icon Screen. Yet, the Iconostasis in the Eastern Church exists not to divide the two sections, but to

show the unity that exists between the faithful and Christ, His Mother, the Saints, and all the Angels.

Originally, the Iconostasis was no more than a low rail or stand decorated with Christian symbols and/or Icons. Around the 14th century, the Iconostasis was raised, boasting numerous Icons. This is the style of Iconostasis that is most prevalent amongst Eastern Christians in the world today.

The Iconostasis may be either large or small depending on the size and design of the Church. However, even with such variations, many of the Icons follow a prescribed pattern: the Icon of Christ is depicted to the right of the Royal Doors; the Icon of the Virgin Mother is first next to the Royal Doors on the left; the Icon of the patron saint is placed next to the Icon of Christ; and the icon to the left is traditionally (Slavic tradition) that of St. Nicholas of Myra. The Icons of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel are placed on the deacon's doors although particular deacons from the Eastern Church tradition may find themselves placed in these locations. The Icons that run the length of the Iconostasis depict the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church with the insertion of the Icon of the Mystical Supper that is placed over the Royal Doors.

The Iconostasis is the ancient "divider" between the Naive and the Sanctuary in the Eastern Church tradition, developing from its humble starts into the beautifully constructed, often ornate screens of today. Although it divides space in the House of Worship, it serves a greater purpose of uniting humanity with the Divine. For it is in this unity, that creation rejoices together with the Virgin Mother, the saints and the angels, proclaiming Christ to be the Savior of all!





# June 29, 2025

## **Third Sunday Pentecost**

The Holy Glorious, All Praiseworthy and Chief Apostles Peter and Paul

#### **Changeable Part:**

See the special insert available in the church vestibule.





## Happy Independence Day!

Heavenly Father, on this holiday weekend we give thanks to You for the gift and blessing of the freedom we enjoy in our great nation. We praise You, Lord, for inspiring and guiding our founding fathers as they struggled to build our country and create a new way of living with the goal of freedom and

justice for all. We thank You, Lord, for the courageous self-sacrifice and generous spirit of countless people who have given their life's blood in the defense of freedom and for the pursuit of justice. Keep us faithful to the tradition and example we have inherited; may we leave for the next generation a better world, prepared for the dawning of the Kingdom of Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

# **Announcements:**

<u>Candle Offerings:</u> Many of our parishioners light candles each week as an expression of faith and prayer. Due to significant cost increases, we kindly ask for a *minimum donation* to help offset expenses. At the Panahida table, taper candles are \$1.00. In the vestibule large candles are \$5.00 and small candles are \$1.00. Suggested donation amounts will be posted near the candles. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and continued support.

**Eternal Light Candle:** Several parishioners have expressed interest in sponsoring a central candle which is before the icon screen above the place where priest reads the gospel. in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. We are pleased to offer this opportunity for a **\$15 weekly donation**. If you would like to participate, simply use one of your blank pink envelopes to indicate your intention for that week. Additional envelopes and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the vestibule. Completed envelopes may be submitted to Patti Barr, Debbie Label or Vicki Senko.

July Birthdays! Happy Birthday to the following parishioners:

Mark Spikula 7/7

Shannon McElrath 7/21

Michael Spak 7/16

Mary Beth Parks 7/19

Don Rubolino 7/24

Inna Hohosha 7/27

#### **Happy Third Quarter Anniversaries:**

Fr. Ihor and Inna John and Stacey Alston Don and Erin Fontana Mark and Dottie Spikula

May God grant all of our July birthdays and 3rd Quarter anniversary couples many happy, healthy and blessed years ahead!

#### **Collection- May God bless you...**

The total for Sunday of June 22, 2025 was \$**524.00**. **+** \$**530.00** (Collection: \$445.00, Loose & candles: \$79.00, Pyrohy: \$530.00)

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



# In a Week, the Synod Begins in Rome: His Beatitude Sviatoslav Calls the Faithful to Prayer

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, has called on the faithful to pray for the upcoming Synod of Bishops

of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which begins on June 29. He also renewed his invitation to participate in the Jubilee Pilgrimage of the UGCC to Rome, taking place on June 28. The Primate described the upcoming events as "very special and historic for the life of our Church and our people."

"This week, delegations from all our communities—from the entire Ukrainian diaspora around the world—are traveling to Rome, to the Eternal City," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav on Sunday, June 22, following the Divine Liturgy at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv.

On Saturday, June 28, a global pilgrimage of UGCC faithful to the tomb of the Apostle Peter will mark the Jubilee Year of Hope. Then, on Sunday, June 29, the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, the next session of the UGCC Synod of Bishops will begin with a concelebrated Divine Liturgy with Pope Leo XIV.

The central theme of the ten-day Synod—held at the Ukrainian Pontifical College of St. Josaphat—will be family ministry during wartime. His Beatitude Sviatoslav outlined the mission before the bishops: "Our bishops from around the world will make every effort to ensure that we, as a Church, can support Ukrainian families wounded by war."

He also stressed the importance of spiritual support: "I earnestly ask all of you—pray for the Synod of our bishops, for the grace of the Holy Spirit, the visible sign of His presence in the Church."

His Beatitude emphasized that the main purpose of the pilgrimage to Rome is to pray for peace. "Not only do we want to convey our pain and suffering to Rome, the Vatican, and the world, but also the heroism of our people, our resilience, and our strength. We want the world to hear us and to stand with us," he said.

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