



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 6

Miracle of the Archangel Michael

Readings: 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26

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

Sunday, Sept. 7

Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Vovk, given by grandson Fr. Igor.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Volodymyr Tymiak, given by sister Natalia.**

Saturday, Sept. 13

Miracle of the Archangel Michael

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

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

Sunday, Sept. 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Joseph & Pavlina Havrycej,**
given by Pyptyk's.

Supplications will be offered for+ **Orysia Barshowski, given Pyptyk's.**

Eternal Light Candle Offering for September 7, 2025

For the health and well-being of Marty Romah, Requested by Michael and
Vicki Senko

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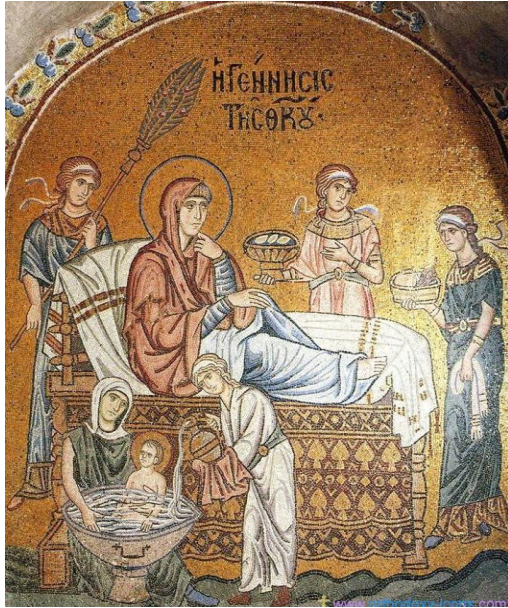
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The Fore-Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God

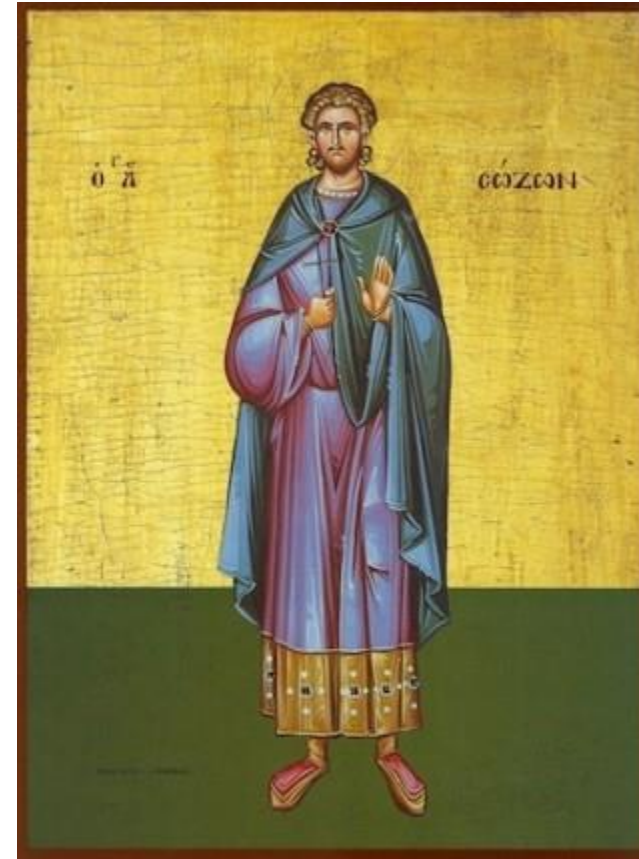


On September 8th, we celebrate the feast of the Nativity of Mary, Our Blessed Mother! Christians of East and West can express their gratitude for this feast to brought to our awareness by Eastern monks. It was in the seventh century, that the feast of Our Lady was celebrated by Greek Christians. The narrative of Mary's Nativity is not testified to in sacred Scripture but known only from apocryphal sources. By the end of the seventh century this feast gained acceptance in the Diocese of Rome.

“What then should we offer to the Mother of the Word other than an oration? Let the whole of creation make festival and sing of the most holy birth-giving of the holy Anna. For she bore for the world an inviolable treasury of blessings.” (St John Damascene, On the Nativity of Mary)

The mystery of Mary, the Theotokos, the Birth-giver of God, is united with the mystery of Jesus our Lord, the Giver of Life to all. Every feast is a celebration of the one Paschal Mystery, how through his death on the Cross (“by death trampling upon death”) the Son of God bestowed life upon the whole world, and how, therefore, in our humiliation, in giving ourselves in love to God and, through him, to each other, we find glory in God. Joachim and Anna were humbled and desolate, barren of children, and yet, “from infertile ground, the fertile ground is born. From her has grown the Gardener (see that Mary Magdalene mistakes the risen Christ for a gardener) of all fruit, the flower bringing life, who by the will of God nourishes the universe” (1st Troparion, Ode 3, Matins of the Pre-feast).

Today, we chant that “Joachim and Anne were freed from the reproach of childlessness.” This mystery must be re-lived in the life of Christ, the child born of Mary, who dies on the Cross in desolation, so that all the universe may be freed from the “despair of death,” and find life in God.



September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross, Tone 4
Forefeast of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God
Holy Martyr Sozon the Shepherd**

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

Announcements:

Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross the Cross on Sunday, September 14th, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church for public veneration. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

St. George's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 21st following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our St. George's Church School. **As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask that you provide side dishes, and desserts. Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule.**

Church School/Registration

As we prepare to begin our St. George's Church School, registration forms are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 14th. 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. 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.

A Benefit Luncheon for the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat will take place on 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!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of August 31, 2025 was **\$1,034.00 + \$60.00**
(Collection: \$420.00, Loose & candles: \$149.00, Eternal candle: \$ 15.00, Pyrohy: \$60.00,
Online donation: \$450.00)

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



September Birthdays!

Andy Salo, 9/8

Lori Barr, 9/19

Sara Hildebrand, 9/29



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country..."



Today's Gospel reading tells us that God created a whole beautiful wonderful world, fenced it with His might and His providence, prepared everything in it so that it could be the place of God's Kingdom, that is the Kingdom of mutual love, the Kingdom of joy. But we know what we, people, have made of this world: a place where people are afraid to live, where there is bloodshed, where inhuman, cruel acts are committed, and not only on a world-wide scale, but on a family scale, a parish scale, and even among the closest friends.

From generation to generation the Lord has sent His messengers: patriarchs, prophets, angels, preachers, the Forerunner John the Baptist; and finally He came Himself to remind us that the world was created for love. And as in the parable the workers led the son out of the vineyard and killed him, so mankind treated the incarnate Son of God. And when I say "mankind", I am speaking not of others, but of us ourselves, because life is entrusted to us to make of it a triumph of love, harmony, faith and joy, and we do not do so, because we think only of ourselves. In response to everything that God has done for us, created us, revealing Himself to us, pouring out all His love on us and finally giving us the life and death of His Son, we produce hardly anything but a brief "Thank you" and instantly forget.

We must come to our senses. We are saved because God loves us; yet not by the love of God only, but by our response to this love. If our wish is merely to reap the fruits of the Cross, of the crucifixion, of the days of the passion, and return nothing to God, and give nothing to our neighbor for whom God died, except a momentary thought, we are alien to everything that God accomplished for us.

Let us therefore stand before the warning, the reminder in today's Gospel reading and face the question, 'where is my gratitude? Do I embody it not only in words, which are rare enough but in deeds?' Let us pass judgment on ourselves and start a new life. Gratitude to God consists in being a joy to Him, and to our neighbor a support, and a joy. Let us begin today to bear the fruits of what we have just learned from God through Christ. Amen.