ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 24 **The Holy martyrs and notaries Mercian and Martyrius**
Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Lk. 16:19-31
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

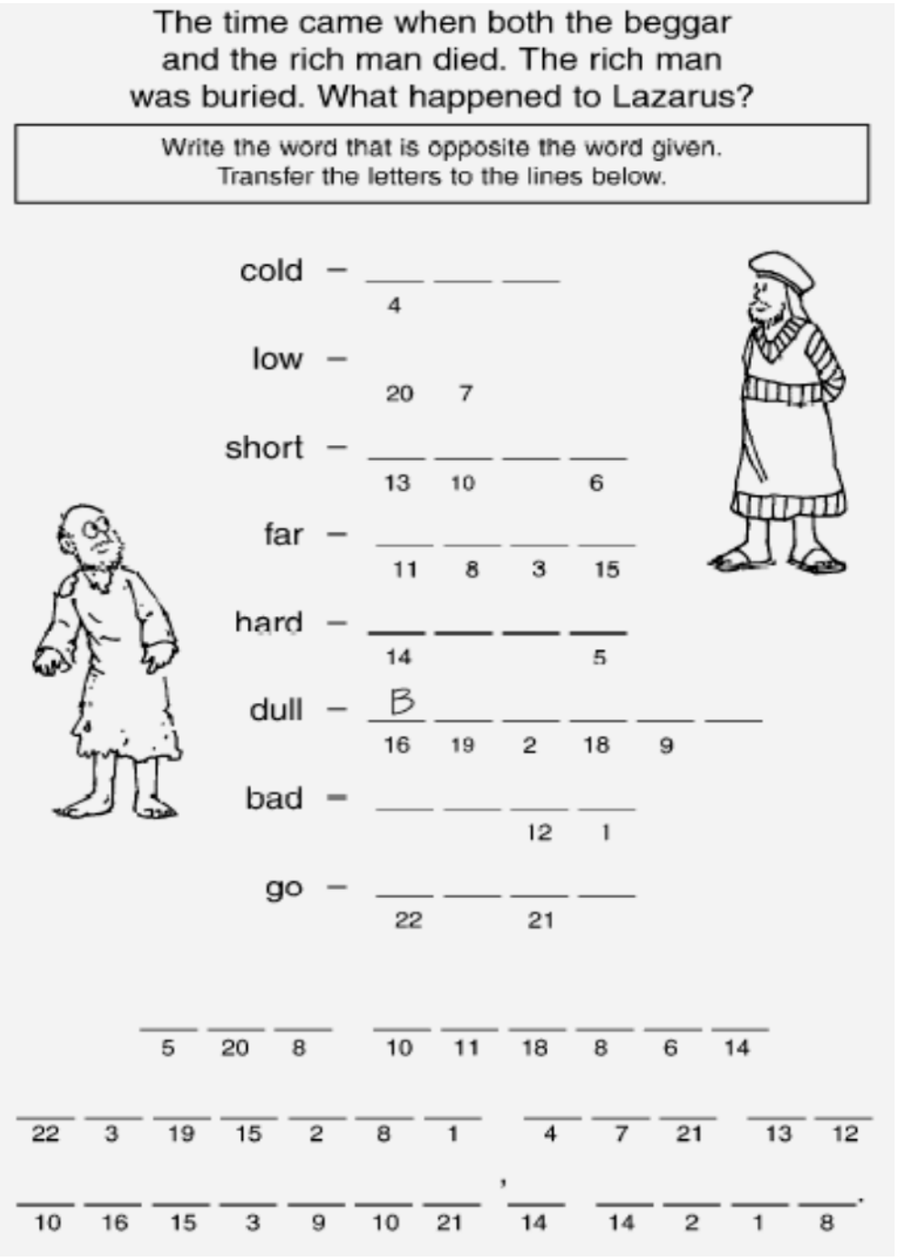
Sunday, Oct. 25 **Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost**
Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Lk. 16:19-31
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy for children
Supplications will be offered for **+Joseph Salo, 10th anniversary of passing to etarnal life, given by Maria, Stefanii, Mark, Shelli, Camden & Natalya**
Supplications will be offered for**+Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family**

Thursday, Oct. 29 **St. Anastasia, Venerable Martyr**
Readings: 1 Thess. 2:9-14; Lk. 11:14-23
6:30 P.M. Adult Religion Class"

Saturday, Oct. 31 **The Holy Wonderworkers & Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian**
Readings: Eph. 2:4-10; Lk. 8:26-39
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Nov. 1 **Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost**
Readings: Eph. 2:4-10; Lk. 8:26-39
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for **+Olha Siweckyj, +Susan Siweckyj and+ Sandra Winhart, given by Mary Siweckyj**

Eternal Candle:
In loving memory of +Frank Mikovitz requested by Ann Kaltreider.



Practical Application (continue from previous page)

- Check your priorities: Are you more concerned with your own comfort or with the suffering of others?
- Live with mercy: Compassion is not optional; it is a sign of a heart aligned with God.
- Repent before death: The parable warns that after death, there is no second chance — repentance and faith must be lived now.
- Avoid spiritual blindness: Wealth can blind us to the needs of the poor; humility is essential

In Closing: This parable is both a mirror and a warning; it shows the spiritual poverty of the rich man and the hope of Lazarus. It calls us to choose the side of mercy, humility, and faith before it is too late**.**

Sources: The Orthodox Path, Wikipedia, Fr. Brian Kelty of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Melbourne Australia, You tube

Are you alive in Christ?, asks the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man



In the parable, the Lord compared the priests of the people with him who was clothed in purple. Nothing is more honored than purple clothing. He compared the disciples of the cross with Lazarus. There were none more lowly than Lazarus was. He revealed the names of his beloved ones through Lazarus, his beloved one. He also wished to reveal the name of his enemies through the words, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets."

It is not the case that all those living are alive, or that all those buried are dead. (St. Ephrem the Syrian)

October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius

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



Announcements:

Coffee Social:

This is a Coffee Social Sunday! Please stay after divine liturgy for coffee, snacks and fellowship.

Pyrohy Project:

Even though it is only October, we are starting to prepare and stock up for the Christmas season. If you have time spare, come join us as we make our delicious pyrohy! We will continue pyrohy production this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. We are grateful for our wonderful volunteers. We have fun and fellowship while supporting our major fundraiser.

Mark your calendar:

We are planning to restart Adult religious classes. These classes will be focused on the study of the Bible. The first class is on Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 pm. Special thanks to Victoria Fedora for coordinating these classes.

Time change:

It's time to fall back and get an extra hour of sleep! Please remember to turn your clock 1 hour back next Sunday, November 1st, Standard Time Resumes!

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Halloween is right around the corner. RaiseRight gift cards can help you get what you need. Order a Giant Eagle gift card so you can get candy for the kids in your neighborhood or just treats for yourself. You can download the RaiseRight app on your phone and purchase gift cards for immediate use at a restaurant or store? There is also a local dining option that gives back 5% to St. George. See if your favorite restaurants are part of this program. Every gift card purchased helps St. George! You can set up an account easily at: https://www.raiseright.com/ The St. George code is: M2MGCVH7NH2P. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

Nut roll Sale:

It's that time of year again… We have our delicious homemade nut rolls for sale at $12 each.

Parishioner's Prayer List: Our parish's listing for people IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS who might be suffering illnesses – especially, but not only, if they are unable to attend church services because they are shut-in either at home, or in hospitals and nursing homes. The names we have received are: Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla, Dorothy Waslo and Msgr. George Appleyard (The Willows, 1215 Hulton Rd, Oakmont, PA 15139).

Collection- May God bless you…

The total for Sunday of October 18, 2026 was $**663.00 + $1,502.00**

(Collection: $630.00,Loose & candles: $33.00, Pyrohy: $1502.00)

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

Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.



Luke 16:19-31 Parable Reflection

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is a stark warning from Christ about indifference to suffering, the danger of wealth, and the eternal consequences of ignoring God's call to mercy.

In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus tells of a man who lived in luxury, ignoring the poor man named Lazarus at his gate. When both die, Lazarus is carried by angels to Abraham's bosom, while the rich man suffers in Hades, begging for water from Lazarus. The rich man is told that a great chasm separates them and that even if he could be heard, he could not be helped. Jesus concludes that the "prophets and the law" are the only hope, and that the dead cannot be changed.

Key Themes

Fr. Brian Kelty of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia notes that this parable is not about wealth itself, but about how wealth shapes our priorities and compassion, and emphasizes that spiritual poverty is often deeper than material poverty.

The rich man's "indifference" is the central sin — he enjoyed comfort while neglecting the suffering at his door.

Fr. De Are you alive in Christ? – The Lord compared the priests of the people with him who was clothed in purple. Nothing is more honored than purple clothing. He compared the disciples of the cross with Lazarus. There were none more lowly than Lazarus was. He revealed the names of his beloved ones through Lazarus, his beloved one. He also wished to reveal the name of his enemies through the words, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets." It is not the case that all those living are alive, or that all those buried are dead. (St. Ephrem the Syrian)nis Lemos, in his homily "The Collateral Damage", frames the parable as a warning about the consequences of ignoring the needs of others. The "collateral damage" is the moral and eternal harm caused by selfishness and lack of mercy. It calls the faithful to live with humility, generosity, and active compassion.

This parable is often linked to the spiritual state of the soul after death. As Orthodox and Catholic teaching notes, death is the separation of soul and body, and the "middle condition" between physical death and the Resurrection is a time when the soul's choices are fixed. The rich man's refusal to heed the "prophets and the law" shows a final rejection of God's mercy, making salvation impossible.