



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, March 21 Akathistos Saturday
 Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk: 7:31-37
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. Mary of Egypt, venerable
 Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk: 9:17-31
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Nicholas Mikovitz, given by sister Ann Kaltreider.
 Supplications will be offered for +Walter Hnatow, given by Andrew Salo.
 Supplications will be offered for +Sophia Hodowanec, given by Oleh & Motria.

Tuesday, March 24 Prefeast of Annunciation of the Theotokos
 Readings: Heb. 2:12-18; Lk. 1:24-38
6:30 P. M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy
 God's blessing on all parishioners

Saturday, March 28 Lazarus Saturday
 Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday of the Great Fast
 Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Confession/Myrovanya/Coffee Social
 Supplications will be offered for +Philip Perkun, given by children.
 Supplications will be offered for +Kathlyn Kaltreider, given by parents Jim & Ann.
 Supplications will be offered for +John, +Julia & +Dolores Lozer, given by Nancy Richards.

Eternal light Candle offering for March 22, 2026

Blessed Memory of +Dr. Carlos Vims requested by Jim Papinchak.



The other 10 disciples were angry with James and John for what they had asked Jesus. What was Jesus' answer?

Write all the number 1 letters in order on the lines below.
 Then write all the number 2 letters in order,
 then the number 3 letters and so on.

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E	Y	T	M	L	H	M	E	O	A	Y
3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
T	N	V	R	O	G	E	I	G	T	B
2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
G	R	O	E	H	A	T	E	T	N	H
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
N	O	T	O	P	R	T	S	R	L	H
4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
E	E	E	E	F	P	F	S	O	A	T
3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
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Prayers in Support of Serving Others

Loving Father, thank you for the gift of life and the people You place in my path. Fill my heart with compassion that sees beyond my own needs. Give me hands ready to help, ears willing to listen, and words that bring comfort. Teach me to serve with humility, without seeking recognition and to love even when it's inconvenient or costly. Strengthen me to be patient, kind, and faithful in every act of service, so that my life reflects Your grace and goodness.

Heavenly Father, guide me as I seek avenues to serve. In prayer, I surrender my plans and ambitions, asking for Your divine direction. Open doors of opportunity where I can make a meaningful impact. Grant me discernment to recognize the needs that align with Your will, and the courage to step forward in faith.

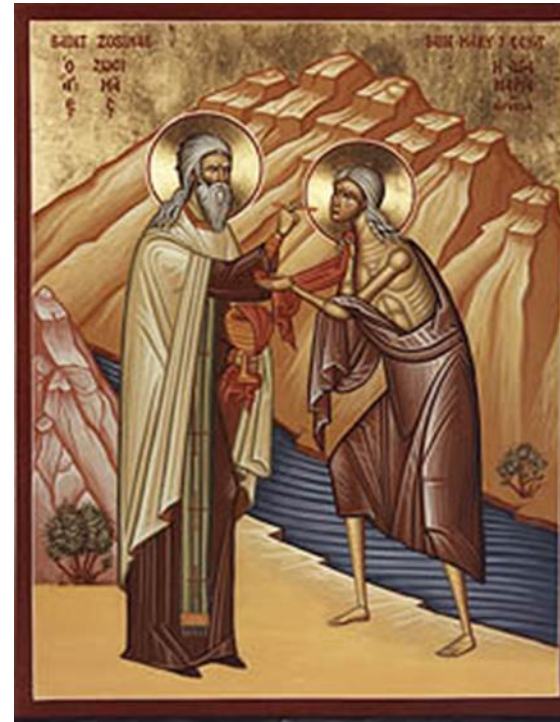
Dear God, Give me the strength to serve others when I feel weary, the endurance to give my time, energy, and resources without counting the cost. Fill me with Your Spirit, that I may be a light to those in need, and may I serve with joy, knowing that in helping others, I am serving You.

Prayers in Support of Repentance

Lord, I come before You with a heart laid bare. I confess the ways I have turned from Your path - in thought, in word, in deed, and in silence. Wash me clean from the stains I have carried, let my sorrow be more than regret - let it be the seed of a changed life.

Heavenly Father, Thank you for being faithful to forgive my sins when I confess them to you. Thank you for the gift of repentance and forgiveness. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, I'm able to fight against sin. I pray you'd help me turn away from the sins I'm struggling with in my life. Forgive me for committing these sins.

Faithful Father, I repent of neglecting consistent prayer. Forgive me for relying on my own strength instead of seeking Your guidance. Revive my desire to commune with You daily. Remove distractions that steal time meant for Your presence. Teach me discipline and devotion in prayer. Let repentance renew my commitment to seek You continually. May my life be marked by dependence on You in every circumstance. Strengthen my spirit as I draw near through prayer.



March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent when we commemorate Mary of Egypt

Octoechos Tone 8

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

Announcements:

Today: 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor our venerable mother Mary of Egypt. As part of our Lenten journey we focus today on the life of St. Mary of Egypt and realize that it is never too late in life, or in Lent, to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him with sincere repentance.

Pysanky Workshop, Sunday, March 29th at 11 AM in the Church Hall. All supplies will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Come and learn the fine art of pysanky making and learn about traditional Ukrainian designs. **Please sign up by March 22nd.**

Coffee Social:

Next Sunday, March 29th is our Coffee Social. Thanks to Anna Kuncik who has volunteered to host the March Coffee Social. Hope you can join us for the Pysanky Workshop and the Coffee Social.

Our Lenten project:

This week we have delicious mushroom-barley, potato-cheese and vegetable-barley soup for sale at \$10 per quart. We also have our home-made halushki available. Your support in purchasing these items is much appreciated.

Lenten mission:

Our parishioner, Marta Shchur Is going to Ukraine next month. Marta works closely with the military and they have asked for donations of bandages and first aid supplies. We have chosen this our Lenten Mission for 2026. if you are interested in supporting this project, please make your check payable to: St. George Ukrainian Church. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Pyrohy Project:

Last week we had some excitement and challenges when the power went out but this did not stop our dedicated crew. Everyone stayed until each pyrohy was pinched! This coming Wednesday will be our last week of production before our Easter break. If you are able to help our pyrohy project, we would love to have you join us. Pyrohy production starts at 9 a.m. This project is our main fundraiser which greatly supports our church. This week, we will have fresh potato/cheese. We also have frozen potato/cheese, sauerkraut and loaded baked potato pyrohy available.

PARISHIONERS' PRAYER LIST:

Please make an effort to pray for the following people IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS 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).

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

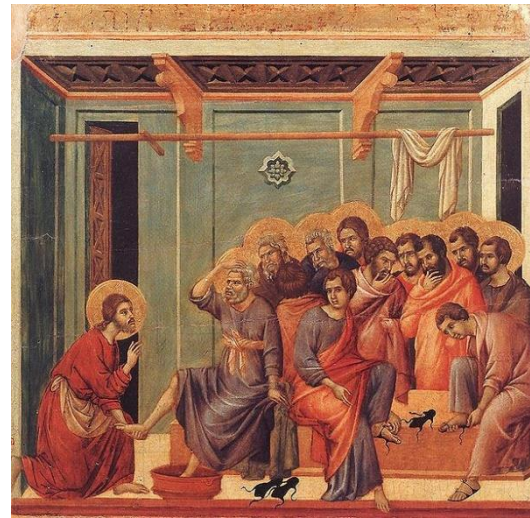
Consider signing up for a RaiseRight account. EX: If you buy a Giant Eagle (GE) gift card through Raise Right, you can then use that Giant Eagle gift card to buy an Amazon card if you are an Amazon shopper or you can use that Giant Eagle gift card for any other card. Every dollar earned helps St. George! 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.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of March 15, 2026 was **\$569.00 + \$2,179.00 + \$1,110.00**
(Collection: \$455.00, Loose: \$64.00, Lenten project: \$50.00, Soup & Halushki: \$1110.00
pyrohy: \$1,846.00, pyrohy sale at Assumption parish: \$333.00)

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



OUR LORD'S TEACHING ON TRUE GREATNESS

5th. Sunday of Lent - Mark 10: 32-45

Today's gospel reading describes Jesus' ascent to Jerusalem before His Passion. Jesus takes the twelve apostles aside and starts to tell them that he will be betrayed, condemned and put to death, and that He will rise again from the dead. His disciples are fearful.

At the threshold of Holy Week will we allow ourselves to be 'taken aside' by the Saviour for a talk in which he explains to us, personally, the mystery of Redemption? Will we ask the Master to help us understand at greater depth what is taking place for our sake on Golgotha? Do

we make it possible for Jesus to meet us in secret? Do we seize opportunities to be alone and quiet with the Lord?

It is at this time that the sons of Zebedee come to Jesus and ask him to let them sit with him in his glory, one on his right and the other on his left – preoccupied with seeking favors for glory and honor. Jesus told them they didn't really understand what they were asking. This verse can apply to each one of us today too. We expect and ask Jesus for human glory, wealth, ease, pleasures, power over others, etc. and actually expect the world to be able to offer us truth, happiness, security, comfort, peace.

Jesus tells us that with Him it is the complete opposite. He didn't come on a throne, to be bowed to but to give us His love, His comfort, His forgiveness. In this gospel reading, the Master explains to His disciples that true glory lies in serving others.

What is true greatness? True Christian dignity (greatness) is not based on receiving the highest honors at celebrations, on being the best dressed or having the best car or house but rather, greatness is based upon the humble, loving service a Christian gives to others. Christ is completely indifferent to the number of high-society, popular, famous people we know; have talked to, dined with; were invited to meet or got autographs from.

We are numbered amongst the first when we visit those who are 'not famous' who lie in hospital alone; when we soften someone's hurt with our words, our company, our prayers; contribute to feed the poor.

Supremacy in God's eyes is not people waiting on us, serving us, but us waiting on others; serving them in love of Jesus. He came as He said: 'Not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.' We must realize who we are – God's children – and why we are here – to be used by Him as His instruments. God works through us. God uses people – to feed, teach, comfort, heal, clothe, visit His children.

God does not always give us something great to do for Him – but always something that needs to be done. It may be little to us but is great to God if done with love and for his glory.

"God is seeking to carry out His mission on earth in us, through us, He needs each one of us."
St. Cyprian