



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, June 27

Commemoration of Bishop Nykolai (Nicholas) Charnetsky and the Twenty-Seven Other New Blessed of the Church of Rus'-Ukraine
 Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, June 28

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13
11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Monday, June 29

Ss. Pater and Paul, Prime Apostles
 Readings: 2 Cor. 11:21-12:9; Mt. 16:13-19
7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy (St. George at North Side)
 Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., **given by Katherine Fedyna**

Saturday, July 4

Athanasius of Mount Athos/ Independence Day
 Readings: Rom. 12:6-14; Mt. 9:1-8
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: Rom. 12:6-14; Mt. 9:1-
11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Eternal Candle:

Blessed Memory of +Robert Novak given by Kathy Novak.

Write the words from the pigs on the lines below.

14 6 26 16 27

12 26 5 13 19

17 2 15 8 10 1

26 21 26 10

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26 25 26 7 11

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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 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4
Transfer of the Relics of Cyrus and John

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

Announcement:

Today: Peter's Pence

On this Sunday, we will have, in our parish, the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a special collection for the works of the Holy Father. This collection enables our Holy Father Francis to respond to requests for emergency funds from the most disadvantaged throughout the world. Special envelopes for this collection are attached to the bulletin.

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul

Tomorrow, Monday, June 29th, we will honor the Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. George for both parishes. Remember, that this feast, honoring the praiseworthy leaders of the apostles Peter and Paul, is a holy obligation day.

Coffee Social and Exhibit this Sunday:

We hope you can stay for the coffee social and second part of the exhibit on the life of St. Carlo Acutis. Thanks to Karen Rubolino for bringing this informative exhibit to St. George. Also, thanks to Jane and Karen Rubolina for sponsoring this month's coffee social.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Do you need a graduation gift or a Father’s Day gift? If so, check out the convenience and selection of gift cards on RaiseRight. 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.

Shoe Project:

Our neighbor church, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church, is collecting shoes for a shoe drive. The purpose is to send these shoes to Africa so people can learn to repair and make shoes to provide learning and employment opportunities. There is a collection box in the church hall. If you have any shoes you no longer need, please consider donating to support this worthwhile effort.

July Birthdays! Happy Birthday to the following parishioners:

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| *Mark Spikula | 7/7 | *Shannon McElrath | 7/21 |
| *Michael Spak | 7/16 | *Don Rubolino | 7/24 |
| *Mary Beth Parks | 7/19 | *Inna Hohosha | 7/27 |

Happy Anniversary!

- *Fr Ihor and Inna *Sara and Stephen Hildebrand
- *John and Stacey Alston * Mark and Dottie Spikula
- *Don and Erin Fontana

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 14, 2026 was **\$10,263.00 + \$310.00**
(Collection: \$10,245.00, Pyrohy: \$310.00, Loose & candles: \$10.00)

The total for Sunday of June 21, 2015 was **\$829.00 + \$965.00**
(Collection: \$510.00, Pyrohy: \$234.00, Loose & candles: \$145.00, father’s candle: \$174.00)

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



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

In today’s Gospel reading, Christ comes to the land of the possessed; there, He is neither idle, nor passive, nor absent: He acts, He heals the possessed men; and what happens, what is the response of the people? They are in terror because they have seen the power of God manifested in such a way that fills them with fear, not with awe. And they ask Christ to be gone: Leave our realm, go away!.. The fact that Christ has acted, that He has healed, that He has saved the men, matters nothing; what matters, is that they have to pay the cost for it: their pigs.



Isn’t it again something which we happen to do? We ask God to come into our lives; and suddenly we discover that God is not coming in the way in which we want Him to be! He is not coming into our lives simply to order things according to our view; He transforms the dead orderliness of our life into a chaos, but a chaos with possibilities - but we don’t want this! We want what we had: an orderly life, without problems, without anything great happening, also without anything tragic happening.

Last week we read the story of the centurion to whom Christ said, ‘I will come to your house and heal the servant’. And he said, ‘No, Lord, there is no need for you to come, I trust you, it’s enough for you to say a word - and everything will be right’. Christ need not come; and in our lives, how often has He said the word: the whole Gospel is Christ's word addressed to us; the whole Gospel is made of words that can give us life eternal. You remember the passage when Christ has spoken incomprehensible words to those who surrounded Him, and many of His disciples left; and He turned to the twelve, and said, ‘Are you also going to leave Me?’ - and Peter said, ‘No - where should we go? You have the words of life eternal’. Christ has never spoken of life eternal, never given descriptions of it; the words of life eternal were words that awoke eternal life within those who heard, who had ears, good will to hear. ‘Say a word - and my servant will be healed’, Christ is speaking: why isn’t that we, His servants, are not healed? Because we don’t want to listen!

Is that the way we respond to the Gospel? Let us think of Peter, his awe because he had seen the act of God; and let us think of these people who have also seen the act of God. On this Sunday ask yourself: Who are we: Peter, or the Gadarines?