



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 22

The Holy Priest-Martyr Irenaeus of Lyon

Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42

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

Sunday, Aug. 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-4

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Eva Salo**, given by Andrew Salo

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko**, given by Victoria Senko

Saturday, Aug. 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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

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

Sunday, Aug. 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko**, given by Debbie Label

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michaylo Lwiwsky**, given by Pyptyk's

Eternal Candle:

Blessed Memory of +Diane Lubynsky requested by Martha Lubynsky.



What happened next?
To find the end of the story,
change the letters listed below.

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Gospel Reflection: Matthew 21:33-42 (continue)

To be sure, the context is different, but the message is the same. We have become stewards of His vineyard. He is our Master and we are His servants. The fruits that He commands us to bring forth are the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control.

Brothers and Sisters, the Church places before us the parable of the Master's vineyard for two reasons:

First, so that we might understand what happened so many years ago, how the once chosen people of God fell from their high calling and were cast out of the Lord's vineyard and utterly destroyed because they sought

to seize the vineyard for themselves. They sought to make the Temple a place of merchandize, they had no desire to bring forth fruits of repentance, and they even crucified the Master's Son – the Lord Jesus Christ.

And second, so that we might realize that what happened to the Jewish nation could easily happen to us. It could happen to us if we try to make the vineyard our own, forcing our ways upon the Church, rather than submitting to the ways of God. It could happen to us, if we do not show ourselves as good stewards of the Lord's vineyard by rendering Him spiritual fruits, by accepting His prophets, those who fulfill the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, and by receiving Christ as the True Vine who desires to be firmly implanted into the soil of our hearts.

The Scripture says very clearly, "now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire." Let us resolve then to abide in Christ, the True Vine, and through Him bear good fruit. And let us recommit ourselves to becoming good stewards of the Lord's vineyard, learning and keeping His ways, and helping one another to bring forth fruit in abundance.

Reflection by Fr. John Parsells (edited), posted to orthodoxdelmarva.org, 9/10/2006

Matthew 21: 33 – 42

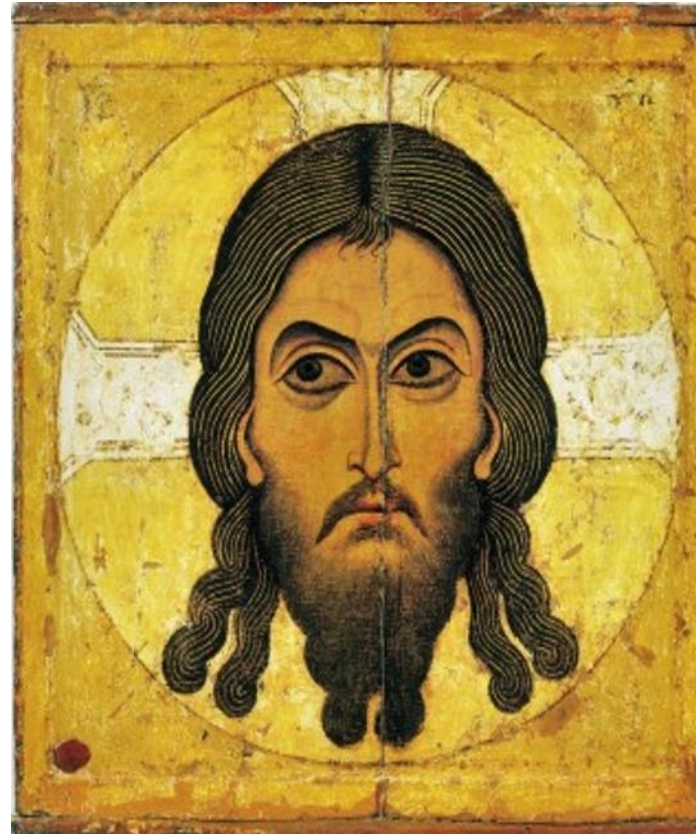


In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants who refuse to give the vineyard's fruit to its owner. Instead of welcoming the servants sent to collect the harvest, they reject them and even kill the owner's son. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that God patiently calls His people to bear good fruit, yet He also respects our freedom to accept or reject His invitation. He concludes by declaring that the stone rejected by the builders has become the

cornerstone—pointing to Himself as the foundation of our salvation.

This Gospel invites us to examine how we respond to God's gifts. Everything we have—our faith, talents, time, and opportunities—has been entrusted to us by the Lord. He asks us to use these blessings to love Him and serve others, bearing fruit that reflects His goodness. Sometimes we resist God's will because it challenges our comfort, pride, or desire for control. Yet when we welcome Christ as the cornerstone of our lives, He gives us the strength to build our lives on a foundation that will never fail.

Source: St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, Winnipeg, CA webpage.



August 23, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost; Leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Octoechos Tone 4;

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

Announcement:

New Altar Server:

We welcome our new altar server, Caroline Manasterski. Caroline has been attending St. George with her father, Greg and her sister, Tara, one of our cantors. We are so pleased to have Caroline support our divine liturgy.

Parish Picnic:

Our annual parish picnic is **Sunday, September 20th** after divine liturgy. The church will supply the hamburgers and the hot dogs. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule over the next few weeks. We hope you can attend for fellowship, good food and a good time!

Pyrohy across Pennsylvania:

There was a recent article on the Fast Food Club web page about 9 Pennsylvania restaurants serving pyrohy that are worth driving across the state. At #3 there was a mention about all the churches that sell pyrohy and there was a picture of St. George. Very nice to see! We know our pyrohy are the best in the 'burg!

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Did you know that 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.

Folk Festival update:

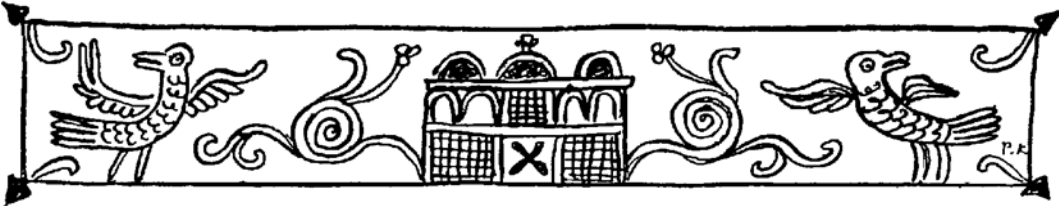
Debbie Label and Vicki Senko attended the Taste of Pittsburgh Folk Festival feedback meeting. This was the first Folk Festival in 10 years and the first festival in 61 years that the Festival Committee made a profit so they can continue this tradition of highlighting the ethnic heritage of Pittsburgh. We learned so much from attending this event and were glad we could participate and offer our delicious Ukrainian food. The next Folk Festival is already planned for July 30th and July 31st at the same location, Our Lady of Victory Church in Beechview. Early next year we will start to plan this event and will be looking for ideas and for volunteers!

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 Aug. 16, 2026, was **\$455.00 + \$132.00**
(Collection: \$365.00, loose & candles: \$90.00, Pyrohy: \$132.00)

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



Gospel Reflection: Matthew 21:33-42



The Lord spoke today’s parable to the Pharisees, the chief priests, and rulers of the Jewish nation, soon after He had entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and was going to His voluntary Passion and Death on the Cross.

We recall that after entering the city, the Lord cleansed the Temple, casting out all those who sold and bought therein, overthrowing the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves, and delivering the chastisement, “My house shall be called the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.”

We know how the Lord then continued on walking with His disciples, and finding a fig tree, which had no fruit, He said to the fig tree, “Let no fruit grow on you forever.” And immediately, in the sight of the marveling disciples, the fig tree withered away.

And then, only after cleansing the Temple of those who made it a den of thieves, after causing the fig tree to wither away because it bore no fruit, and after delivering the parable about the Father’s vineyard and His obedient and disobedient sons, did the Lord finally speak the parable in today’s Gospel.

Without a doubt, the Lord was telling the Jewish leaders, that the time of their rule was about to come to an end. They had been entrusted with the responsibility of cultivating the Lord’s vineyard, that is, of helping God’s chosen people bring forth fruits of righteousness, love, and gratitude for their Master. But instead, they turned the Temple into a place of merchandise and thievery, and they rejected their Master, God Himself, who had sent to them His servants, the prophets, and even His own Son, the Word of God Incarnate.

Yet, as terrible as this all is, the Jewish religious leaders, did do one thing right. For, as the Gospel of Matthew records, “when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they knew that He spoke of them” – they recognized that they were worthy of rebuke. To be sure, they were angry that the Lord had spoken this parable against them, but at least they did not justify themselves, at least they were as the Scriptures say “cut to the heart”. At least they experienced what St. Paul would later write to the Hebrews, that “the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword... and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

When the Lord spoke the parable of the vineyard to the Jewish leaders in the city of Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago, He spoke to them within a certain context – He spoke to them within the context of their stewardship under the Old Covenant – a covenant which they had broken, a covenant which would be reestablished with a different people in a new and better way, a covenant which they would no longer take part in, a covenant to which we ourselves have become heirs.

Yet, this was not the last time the Lord spoke this parable to His chosen people. For the Lord continually speaks this parable to the new stewards of His vineyard – to us, the new Israel, the Church of God.

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