



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 12

Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 13

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Diane Lubynsky, given by Marta Lubynsky.**

Monday, Sept. 14

Exaltation of the Holy & Life-giving Cross

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

St. George

6:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for deceased pyrohy workers, **given by friends.**

Saturday, Sept. 19

Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:6-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

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

Sunday, Sept. 20

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:6-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +**Michael Senko, given by Marie & Daniel Winschel.**

Supplications will be offered for +**Patriacia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family.**

Eternal Candle:

In loving memory of +John and +Joseph Pyptyk requested by Helen and Irene Pyptyk.

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

Find out about Nicodemus.



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God sent His Son into the world as an instrument of His presence. Where the divine acted, there was no condemnation, simply because evil would flee. God's initiative, however, demands a response of faith.

Why does God the Father decide to sacrifice His only-begotten Son, and why does Christ accept suffering this sacrifice? The Lord Himself gave us the original answer in today's Gospel: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (verse 16).

But we must remember something important that the Lord points out. The Son of God died for the salvation of all, but not everyone is saved! As in the Sinai desert, those who faithfully looked upon the copper serpent on the wood were saved, so also those who with faith look towards Jesus Christ hanging on the Cross are saved. The Lord emphasized: "...whoever believes in the Son of God.... will have everlasting life."

My brothers and sisters, what happiness we can gain if we feel deep within us this infinite love Christ has for us! We obtain this happiness when we constantly and faithfully turn our soul's gaze to Christ. Let us live our life in such a way that we can say the words of the Apostle Paul, "the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Facebook page reflection from Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church (Manchester, NH), posted Sunday, September 13, 2020.



Prayer to the Holy Cross

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee from His presence. As smoke vanishes, let them vanish; and as wax melts from the presence of fire, so let demons perish from the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the sign of the Cross and say in gladness: Hail, most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, for You drive away the demons by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified on thee, Who went down to Hades and trampled on the power of the devil, and gave us His venerable Cross, for driving away all enemies.

O most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, help me, with our Holy Lady, the Virgin Mother of God, and with all the Saints throughout the ages. Amen.



September 13, 2026

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross, Octoechos Tone 7; Commemoration of the Dedication of the Holy Church of the Resurrection of Christ Our God (335); Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; the Holy Priest-Martyr Cornelius the Centurion

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

Announcement:

Exaltation of the Cross

On Monday, September 14th, we celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross which took place in Jerusalem in the year 326. We will have on Monday evening, September 14th, a Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at St. George The Great Martyr, North Side of Pittsburgh. Please remember that according to the Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA a strict fast is prescribed on this day (Art. 475). This strict fast is prescribed for us in order to honor the suffering of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross.



Pyrohy Project resumes – September 16th:

Let the pinching begin.....Pyrohy production will resume at 9:00 am on Wednesday, **September 16th**. It will be wonderful to see our dedicated and hard-working volunteers back making our delicious pyrohy. If you have time to spare, please come and join us. No experience necessary. Whether it's for a few hours or a few Wednesdays each month, we can always use the help. This is our main fundraiser that supports St. George.

St. George's Parish Picnic:

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 20th following the Divine Liturgy. 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 in the Church vestibule.

St. John the Baptist Church (South Side):

St. John the Baptist Church is holding a Ukrainian Bazaar and Flea Market on Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 8am to 7pm. There will be a flea market, auction baskets, a 50/50 raffle and of course delicious Ukrainian food and desserts.

Holy Trinity Church Festival:

Holy Trinity Church in Carnegie is holding their annual Food Festival on October 10th. This cultural event will celebrate all things Ukrainian - food, desserts, music, entertainment and a marketplace.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

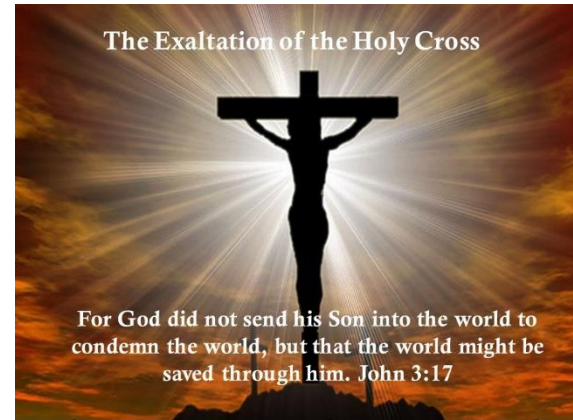
Did you know there are special gift card bonuses offered every week? Or, you can download the RaiseRight app on your phone and purchase gift cards for immediate use at a restaurant or store? There is also a local dining option that gives back 5% to St. George. See if your favorite restaurants are part 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.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of September 6, 2026 was **\$1,043.00 + \$770.00**

(Collection: \$895.00, Loose & candles: \$68.00, Donation in memory of Michael Senko: \$50.00,
Donation for catechetical program: \$30.00, Pyrohy: \$770.00)

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



Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; St. John 3: 13-17

Today is the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and along with the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross, it provides an opportunity for the faithful Christians to honor the precious and life-giving Cross and to become immersed in the mystery of our Lord's sacrificial crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Christ foretells us about His

Crucifixion. He tells us that the same way Moses raised the snake in the desert, He too must be raised and sacrificed in order for all of those who believe in Him to obtain eternal life. Christ uses this example from the Old Testament, in order to help His disciples, understand the events that will follow, His passion and ultimately His Crucifixion.

Jesus painted an interesting parallel between two striking images: the bronze serpent and the cross. Both were symbols of horrible death and evil. Just as the serpent symbolized Satan, the cross made the evil of the Roman empire very personal. Both images were cast in colors of damnation.

The bronze serpent, which Moses set up on a pole was established by God to cure those who had been bitten by the poisonous serpents in the desert. Jesus compares this with His crucifixion, to show the value of His being raised up on the cross: those who look on Him with faith can obtain salvation. We could say that the good thief was the first to experience the saving power of Christ on the cross: he saw the crucified Jesus, the King of Israel, the Messiah, and was immediately promised that he would be in Paradise that very day.

The Son of God took on our human nature to make known the hidden mystery of God's own life and to free from sin and death those who look at Him with faith and love and who accept the cross of every day. But in the eyes of faith, both images became symbols of life. In the hands of Moses, the serpent image saved the Israelites from death. When the Son of Man was raised up, the cross image became a sign of God's activity. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him might not be destroyed but might have eternal life. For God did not send the son into the world that He might judge against the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.