



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**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  
**10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Picnic**  
Supplications will be offered for +**Michael Senko**, given by **Marie & Daniel Winschel**.

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

**Saturday, Sept. 26**     **The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Wife;**  
Readings: Gal. 2:6-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1  
**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

**Sunday, Sept. 27**     **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Readings: 2 Cor. 9:6-11; Lk. 5:1-11  
**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**  
Supplications will be offered for+ **Russell Adamiak**, given by **Roger & Jacque**.  
**Health and welness of sr. Lorita Kristufek**, given by **Char Rumsky**.

**Eternal Candle:**

In loving memory of +**Stepan Shchur** requested by **Marta Shchur**.

Jesus taught His disciples about  
what would happen to Him in the future.  
They didn't like what they heard!  
What would Jesus do?



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***Sunday after the Universal Exaltation  
of the Holy and Life-giving Cross***



As we continue to honor and remember the Holy Cross, we must pay particular attention to what Divine Love is. As we come to venerate the Holy Cross in the center of our Holy Church we realize that God so loved the world that He gave His Only-Begotten Son unto death, so that no-one, no-one should be forgotten and left aside.

But if that is true, how should we look at one another and treat one another? If each of us is so meaningful to God,

if He loves him/her to such an extent that His life is given, His death is accepted - how should we treat our neighbor?!? There are people whom we love in a natural way, who are similar to us in mind, in emotion, in so many ways - but is that love? Does that mean that we love this person as the most precious person in the eyes of God and the most precious person in my eyes, because I want to be with God, share His thoughts, His attitude to life?

And how many there are whom we treat with indifference: we wish them no evil - they basically don't exist for us! Let us look around, here, in our parish congregation, now and week after week, and ask ourselves, "What does this person mean to me?" - Nothing; just someone who attends the same Church, who believes in the same God, who receives the same Communion - and we forget that those who have received this same Communion have become part of the Body of Christ, that God Himself lives in them, and that we should turn to them, look at them and see in them the temples of the Holy Spirit.

On this Sunday let us ask ourselves severe, important questions about the way in which we treat our neighbor and we see our neighbor. Let us devote a whole week perhaps to thinking of one person after the other and ask ourselves, "Is there any love in me for this person?" Not a sentimental love, but the kind of love which in the light of God makes this person precious, - precious to the point that I should be prepared, ultimately, yes, to give my life for this person. This is not asked day after day, but what is asked is that we should give some warmth, some compassion, some understanding, and some recognition to the existence of this person. And when we come to Holy Confession, let us bring that, among other things, to God: does my neighbor exist for me? Who is that person to me? To God that person is everything...if he or she is nothing to me, where do I stand before God?



**September 20, 2026**

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Octoechos Tone 8; Holy Great-Martyr Eustathius and Those with Him (276-82); Holy Martyrs and Confessors for the Faith, the Grand Prince Michael, and His Nobleman Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernihiv (1245)

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

**Announcement:**

**This Sunday: St. George's Parish Picnic**

This Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy, we will have our annual St. George's Parish Picnic. Join us for this happy event that brings us together as a parish family. Today we will also have the official opening of our St. George's Church School. I ask all children to please come forward at the end of the Divine Liturgy to receive a special blessing. If you have not yet submitted the registration form for your child, please do so today. If any of the parents have any questions regarding our catechetical instructions or registration, please see Fr. Ihor following the Divine Liturgy or call the parish office.

**Pyrohy Project:**

Pyrohy production will resume at 9:00 am this Wednesday. If you have time to spare, please come and join us. No experience necessary. We have fun and fellowship while supporting our major fundraiser.

**Pyrohy Price Increase:**

Due to increases in the cost of supplies, utilities, and insurance, it is necessary to increase the price of our pyrohy to \$12 per dozen. We appreciate your understanding and continued support of our church pyrohy project. Thank you for helping us continue this important ministry!

**St. John the Baptist Church:**

St. John the Baptist Church is holding a Ukrainian Bazaar and Flea Market on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 September 13, 2026 was **\$1,480.00 + \$154.00**  
(Collection: \$1170.00, Loose & candles: \$51.00, picnic donation: \$100.00, Pyrohy: \$154.00)  
*Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!*



**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross  
(Mark 8:34-38; 9:1)**

From the Cross, in this terrible moment, when humanity says “No!” to God, God says His final and definitive “Yes!” to us.  
From the Cross, He forgives us our sin.  
From the Cross, He looks at the Apostle who betrays Him, the faces of the disciples who abandon and deny Him, the Jewish officials who prosecute Him, and the Roman who mock, beat, condemn and crucify Him and without reservation forgives.  
From the Cross, He accepts the repentance of the thief and opens Paradise not only to him but to us as well.

From the Cross, and despite all of our sins, He doesn’t turn away from us, who turn away from Him. He doesn’t betray us who daily betray Him. He doesn’t abandon us, who abandon Him.  
From the Cross, He stretches out His arms and embraces us with love.  
This is why when we look at the Cross, we see not our shame but His Glory.  
This is why when we look at the Cross, we don’t see Hell’s victory but Jesus’ victory over Hell.  
This is why when we look at the Cross, we see not the death of God but His Resurrection.  
This is why when we look at the Cross, we break into a song of praise:  
Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death,  
And upon those in the tombs  
Bestowing life!  
On the Cross, in this terrible moment, when we say “No!” to God, God says “Yes!” to us.  
On the Cross, when it seems that everything has come to an end, Jesus says “It is finished!” and now through His mercy, we are freed from fear and shame.

On the Cross, God overcomes the power of sin and death.  
On the Cross, God’s mercy and love, make forgiveness a reality and restores hope to our lives.  
On the Cross, God says that sin and death never have the last word in our lives. It isn’t our “No!” to Him that matters but His “Yes!” to us.  
On the Cross, God says “Yes!” to us.  
Let us now take up our cross and say “Yes!” to Him Who takes up His Cross and says “Yes!” to us.  
Let us now take up our cross and follow Him as His disciples and witnesses.  
Let us now take up our cross and announce to the world the mercy and love of God.  
Let us now take up our cross and say “Yes!” to Him Who has from all eternity and through the Cross says “Yes!” to us.