



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, July 7

Our venerable Father Thomas of Maleum

Readings: Acts. 28:1-31; Jn. 21:15-25

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 8

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Rom. 15:1-7; Mt. 9:27-35

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Kozak, given by Alexandra Kozak**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Antoniv, given by Jim & Olga Keiser**

Wednesday, July 11

St. Euphemia, Martyr

Readings: 1 Cor. 10:12-22; Mt. 16:20-24

9:30 A. M. Roman Missal

Rest of Anthony, Antoni, Kateryna Fedyna

Saturday, July 14

Our venerable Father Thomas of Maleum

Readings: Acts. 28:1-31; Jn. 21:15-25

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 15

Fathers of the six Ecumenical Council / St. Vladimir the Great

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Eva Hlovchic, given by Michael Petrushka**



Jesus was sending His disciples out to do special work among the people.

Jesus prepared the 12 disciples to go out to the people of Israel. He gave them some specific instructions to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy and drive out demons.

Then He said,

Use this code and write what Jesus said on the lines below.

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Christ the Pantocrator



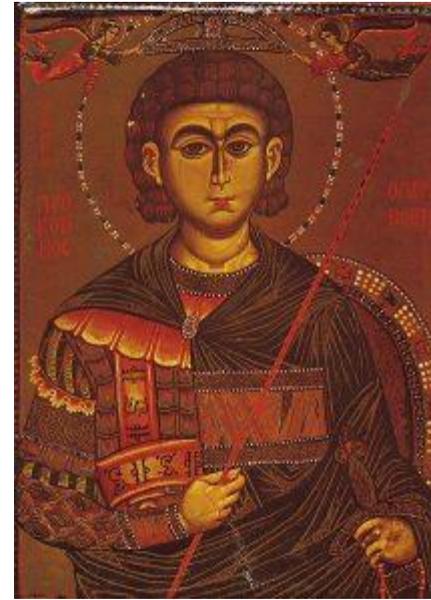
The icon placed in the highest point of the Church depicts the Lord Almighty, the Pantocrator. It is the iconographic image of Revelation 1:18: *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Pantocrator”* (Rev. 1:18). And, as such, He reigns over the entire universe; His eyes though, fixed upon children as we worship Him in faith.

It is interesting to note that if He sees those who pray in His house of worship, He also sees those who come late to worship and those who are absent. Fr. Coniaris writes, “One of the greatest heartaches must be to see how many of His children do not come to be with Him on His day, the Day of the Lord.” This is written, not to instill guilt, but to teach as does the icon that regardless of how “good” an excuse may be for family, friends, and/or even ourselves, we remain ultimately accountable to God.

It is no wonder that the icon depicts the Gospel book closed. He and we both know what is inside: the good news of God’s love, the destruction of sin and death, and of life everlasting. Yet, there will come a time in each of our lives when the book will be closed and we will be put to the test as to whether we have read and understood His message and lived our lives accordingly.

So, why a face with such a profound expression? Because as they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. In this case, the face of our Lord suggests the spectrum of emotions; from love and compassion to judgment and condemnation. Each Sunday, let us prayerfully “lift up our hearts” to the Lord Almighty, the Pantocrator. It can be a very sobering experience; an experience that can help us remember the presence of God throughout the week. For if we fail to lift our eyes to the heavens, we may fail to realize that we belong to the Lord Almighty!

To You, the Champion Leader and Lord, the Conqueror of Hades, I, Your creature and servant, offer a song of praise, for You have delivered me from eternal death. But as You have ineffable loving-kindness, deliver me from all dangers that can be, that I may cry to You: Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!



July 8, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost,
Tone 6; Holy Great-Martyr
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Changeable Part: Pages 7-8
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts

Announcements:

Protection of Children and Youth revised Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct are available in Ukrainian and English on our eparchy website: www.stjosaphateparchy.com. “Accordingly I hereby mandate that the provisions of these revised documents have the force of law beginning on July 1, 2017” **Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo**.

Blessing of Vehicles

In our Holy Church, it has been a nice tradition to bless vehicles in commemoration of the prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. He is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. This year the blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.) will take place on Saturday & Sunday, July 21st & 22nd, following Divine Liturgy. Just as we have our homes blessed each year, everyone is encouraged to bring their vehicles for this Blessing.

Children’s Outing-Sign-up sheet!

On Saturday, August 18th, we will have this year’s children’s outing to the Sandcastles Water Park at West Homestead for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at the Park at 10:00 p.m. We have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. If you are planning to go, put your name on that sheet along with the number attending. We are accepting donations for this trip. Thank you all for your generosity and support of our St. George’s and St. John’s children.

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Mary Sahayda, Alice Hooze, Barbara Fedora, Thomas Orr, Patricia Della-Regione, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, Arlene Grzybowski and Rose Shedno.**

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of July 1, 2018 was **\$3,327.00**

(Collection: \$2,290.00, Loose & candle: \$23.00, Pyrohy: \$1,014.00)

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



Are you planning to travel during the summer months?

Remember to contact the Parish Office for locations of Ukrainian Catholic Churches and any Eastern Catholic Churches across America or in the world.

Those who have access to the internet go to: www.parishesonline.org

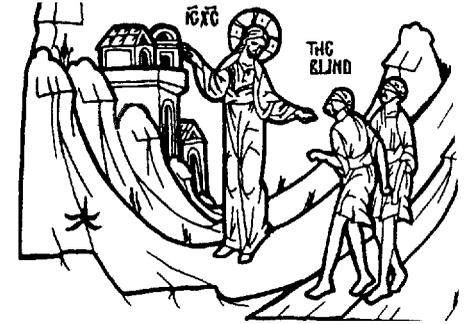
Or you may try: www.masstimes.org



Quarterly Reminder (3rd qrt. 2018): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."



In today's Gospel reading, we hear of three persons being healed of their infirmities, two men who are blind and one who is mute and possessed by a demon. The healing of these people are signs that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one, who has come to save the world.

According to the prophecy of Isaiah, the messianic age will be introduced when "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped" (Is. 35:5 and Is. 29:18, 42:7). Our Lord heals the blind men and allows them to see again; He heals the mute, whose lack of speech is usually caused by deafness.

The two blind beggars in today's reading were probably very needy individuals, both materially and emotionally. They wanted desperately to be healed of their blindness. From what they had heard about Our Lord, they realized that Jesus was their only hope. They believed that he could heal them and so they came to Him, begging for mercy. Jesus is given the title "Son of David". Why? These words express the faith and belief of the blind men when He enters their house. They immediately accept Jesus as Lord, and upon touching their eyes, Christ opens them. Not only are they opened for seeing the world, but also open for believing in Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of David and Son of God.

At the moment of healing the blind man, Jesus used the phrase "let it be done to you." This reminds us of the command of God at the creation of the world (Gen 1:3), and the phrase "Thy will be done" in the Lord's Prayer that we use every day. Jesus asked these men only one question: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" The one essential for a miracle is faith. There is nothing mysterious or theological about this. No doctor can cure a sick person who goes to him in a completely hopeless frame of mind. No medicine will do a man any good if he thinks he might as well be drinking water. The way to a miracle is to place one's life in the hands of Jesus Christ, and say, "I know that you can make me what I ought to be." Amen.