



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 25

Return of the Relics of Bartholomew
 Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Aug. 26

Fourteents Sunday after Penetcost
 Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14
9:10 A.M. Third Hour
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Anastasia Malanczuk, given by Pyptyk family**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Sophie Kozak, given by family friends**

Tuesday, Aug 28

Beheading of John the Baptist
 Readings: Acts 13:25-33; Mk. 6:14-29
7:00 P.M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy
 Repose of **Anthony, Antony, Kateryna Fedyna**

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Ss. Alexander, John & Paul, Patriarchs
 Readings: Gal. 3:23-4:5; Mk. 6:30-45
7:00 P.M. Sunday school teachers meeting

Saturday, Sep. 1

Beginning of the Church Year/St. Simeon, venerable
 Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Sep. 2

Fifteenth Sunday after Penetcost
 Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 22:35-46
9:10 A.M. Third Hour
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Eric Fuchs ; Health and wellbeing upon Casey & Fred Latini on their 1st wedding anniversary , given by Mary Siweckyj**

The Parable of the Wedding Dinner

Jesus told a parable – a story that teaches a lesson.

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A _____ gave a _____ for his son. He sent his _____ to deliver the _____ . The _____ would not come. The _____ sent the _____ out again with the _____ . The _____ still would not come. So the _____ sent his _____ to gather in _____ the _____ they could from the streets – good or bad! The hall of the _____ was full!



Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist August 29

On this upcoming Friday, August 29th our Holy Church remembers the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Beheading is a gruesome act. It was used in the time of the St. John the Baptist and still occurs today. Who was responsible for the death of this great prophet, forerunner and baptizer of Our Lord? We read about this tragic event in Mark 6:14-29 in which we read how Herod, Herodias and Salome had John the Baptist silenced because of the truth!

After the murder of St John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. But the judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of St John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of St John the Baptist, a feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Eastern European cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

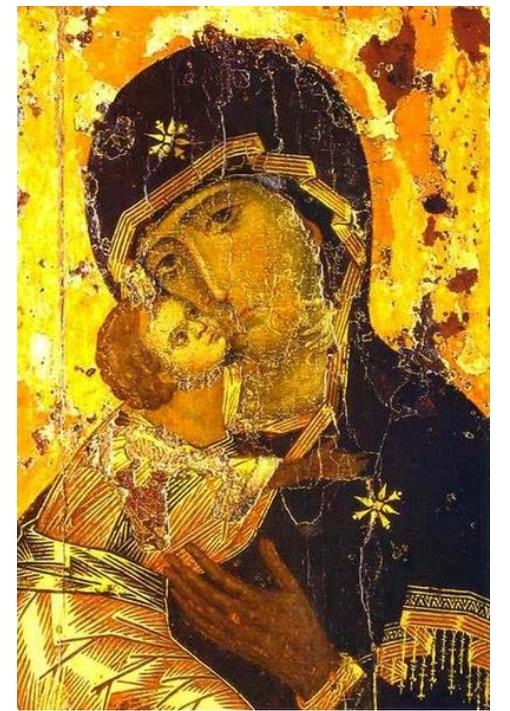
The glorious beheading of the Forerunner, became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; the Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia (286-305); Vyshhorod Icon of the Mother of God (“Our Lady of Vladimir”)

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Announcements:

St. George Catechism Meeting

In preparation for the opening of the new school year, the meeting of our catechists will take place on this Thursday, August 30st at church rectory. I ask our catechists to please be present for this important meeting. Thank you.

St. George's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 16th following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our **St. George's**. 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 provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule. The set-up of the tables, chairs and all the food preparations for the picnic will take place on Saturday, September 15th, at 10:00 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

Akathist Hymn for Children

As the children will be returning back to school, we will be offering during the month of September the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Nurturer of Children". This beautiful Prayer Service will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist's 26th Annual Garage Sale to be held August 24-25. There will be baby items, home accessories, kitchenware, books, CD's, DVD's, clothing, and much, much more! There will be hundreds of items under a buck! Our ethnic food kitchen will also be open (eat-in or take-out). Come Friday, August 24th & Saturday, August 25th from 9am to 3pm each day. Cash only – rain or shine – no early birds – "look for the gold domes" – 2688 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15212 – please call 412-748-0148 with any questions.

"Ridna Shkola" (School of Ukrainian Studies) welcomes students ages 6 and older to this 2018-2019 school year. At school, the students study the Ukrainian language, Ukrainian literature, the history of Ukraine, Ukrainian tradition and ethnicity, and have singing lessons. Classes will be held every Saturday from 10 am- 1 pm in the hall at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, which is located at 730 Washington Ave, Carnegie, PA 15106. Registration for this school year will be on the first day of school, September 8, from 9 am to 10 am at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Olexandra Korenovska at (412) 708-1260 or email "Ridna Shkola" at ridnashkolla.pgh@gmail.com.

Eparchy of St. Josaphat Pilgrimage will be Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Shrine of the Holy Cross Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, (526 West Rayen Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502) starting at 11am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 12:30pm lunch, 2:30 pm Akathistos in honor of the venerable and life-giving Cross of our Lord. For more information, call 330-744-5820, yngholytrinity@att.net, www.holytrinityucc.com.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$660.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this summer. **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity as preparation for our Pyrohy Festival!** Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

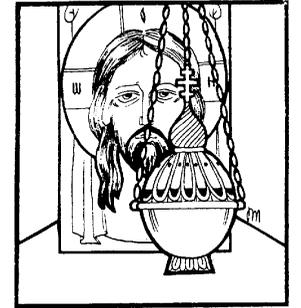
The grand total for Sunday of Aug. 19, 2018 was **\$2,377.00**

(Collection: \$1,560.00, loose & candles: \$57.00, Pyrohy: \$660.00,
Special donation: \$100.00, by Iryna Bidocko & family in memory of her father Yuriy Tsepak)

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."



"Many are called, few are chosen". At first this may seem to us to be a hard saying. And yet when we look around in this country and many other countries and see half-empty or even totally abandoned Churches, then we can see that this is true, for all are called to come to Church, but few choose to come and worship Christ. Today's Gospel reading of the marriage-feast remains as true today as when it was first spoken.

If we ask those who do not come to Church why, they will give various answers... Some hide behind excuses, which mean only that their faith is not a priority for them: I'm too busy. I'm too tired. I'm seeing someone. I don't like the other people. I'm buying a new car. Others at least have the merit of being honest: **I have lost my faith!** But whatever the reason given, ultimately there is only one reason why people do not come to Church - because they are ignorant of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Comforter, and the Spirit of Truth.

Every Sunday we are invited to a banquet, the banquet of the Kingdom of God, the Eucharistic meal, in which we are united in a sacramental way to the risen Christ, for our personal sanctification and the building of the Church. That is why we start our Liturgy by saying: "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". And at the Great Entrance with the gifts, the priest says: "May the Lord God remember in his Kingdom..." And prior to receiving Holy Communion we pray: "Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom!"

We can find many excuses not to come to this banquet. But if we really love the Bride, and if we really love one another, all these excuses become nonsense. When the priest invites the people to the Communion, he says: "With faith and deep reverence for God, approach!" We come to the Eucharistic banquet full of reverence, faith and love. So that, after the Holy Communion, we can sing with joy and thankfulness: "May our mouths be filled with your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of your glory, for you made us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us in your holiness that we may meditate on your righteousness all day long. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!"