



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 29

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19:1-10

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy/Coffee social

Supplications will be offered for+ **Stella Shedno (by Michael Petrushka)**

God's blessing, health and wellbeing upon **Roman, Stanislav, Nikolay, Tatiana, Paige, Vadym,**
by **Halyna Sibruk.**

Wednesday, Feb. 1

St. Tryphon, Martyr

Readings: 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mk. 12:28-37

9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., Katherine Fedyna

**Sheptytsky Arms
Social Hall**

Thursday, Feb. 2

Feast of Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna

Readings: Heb. 7:17-17; Lk. 2:22-40

7:00 P. M. Divine Liturgy /Blessing of candles

God's blessing on all parishioners

Saturday, Feb. 4

The Holy Martyr Agatha

Readings: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18:10-14

5:00 P.M. No Great Vespers

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

Sunday, Feb. 5

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Readings: 2 Tim. 3:10-15; Lk. 18:10-14

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Joseph Salo (by Ksenia & Anna Ploks)**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Paul & Victoria Glinski (by Myron & Patty Rodzay)**

Jesus referred to Zacchaeus as something. What was it?

Fill in the blanks with words that match the clues. Then transfer the letters in boxes to the lines below.

clothing for your feet _ _ _ _

what you open a door with _ _

makes the sound "ribbit" _ _ _ _

use this when you are lost _ _

a long, yellow fruit _ _ _ _ _

a slanted plank of wood _ _

what you use to drive a nail _ _ _ _ _

lights a fire _ _ _ _ _

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Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord

Many years before the coming of Christ there lived a very pious and saintly man called Simeon. He was one of the most intelligent Jewish scholars of his day. Simeon found himself praying for the day that the Savior would come and deliver all Israel (and the world) from sin. Simeon waited for many years, and finally one evening as he knelt in prayer, he heard the voice of God saying to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Simeon was filled with great joy and fervently prayed each day that the Messiah would come into the world. Holy Tradition tells us that Simeon was over 150 years old when the Promise of God was fulfilled. Holy

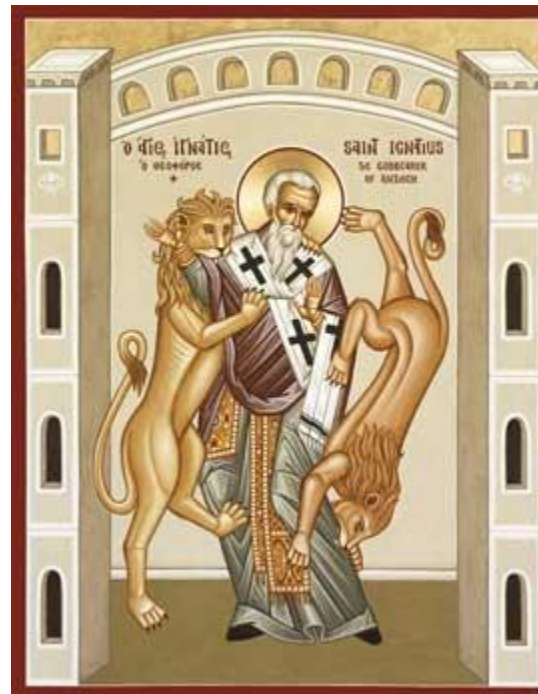
Scripture tells us that finally on February 2nd, forty days after the birth of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary brought the Christ child to the Temple for Presentation. It was common Jewish practice to bring the first-born male child to the Temple and offer him to the service of the Lord. It was here that Simeon waited patiently that day as he had done for so many years. The Virgin Mary presented the Christ child to Simeon, who took the infant child in his trembling hands and recited the following beautiful prayer which is chanted in the Eastern Church every evening during the Vesper services: *“Lord now let Your Servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared in the presence of all people, a light to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”*

Candles in our Holy Church



For the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord it is a pious and venerable tradition in our Holy Church to bless candles. It is impossible to imagine an Eastern Church without burning candles. Candles made of beeswax are used in our Holy Church as a form of sacrifice and devotion to God or Saints. They are used in various Divine Services and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is “the Light of the World.” When we see so many candles everywhere, we know that Christ is everywhere in the whole church, our homes, and He is in us, too. According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures

of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body).



January 29, 2017

Sunday of Zacchaeus,

Octoechos Tone 4;

The Transfer of the Relics of the Great-Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (of Antioch)

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Announcements:

This Sunday: Oles Chren (Cataract Press) from Parma, Ohio is visiting our parish on Sunday, January 29, 2017 with a large selection of Ukrainian books, both in Ukrainian and in English, including religious, academic, history, literature, dictionaries, arts and crafts, and children’s. D-V-Ds, C-Ds, Greeting cards, scarfs and embroidery are also available. These are displayed in the church hall (or at the entrance to the church).

A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our parish. We encourage our members and guests to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.

Encounter of Our Lord

On Thursday, February 2nd, we will celebrate the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To celebrate this Feast day we will have Thursday evening, February 2nd , Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Candles at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to have your candles blessed, please place them on the Tetrapod in the center of our Church. Remember to come and to celebrate this Feast Day that has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the fourth century.

Bethany Ministry at St. George parish

Bethany Ministry is an organized way for parish members to reach out to offer support and practical assistance to those who are homebound, experiencing illness, bereavement, or other difficulties in life. The ministry contributes to the mission of the church: to teach, preach, and heal and is a way for individuals to live out the great commandment: "Love one another."

We would like to refresh, in some way, reorganize the Bethany Ministry on our parish. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please fill your name in a sign-up sheet read additional information and join us for next meeting. Thank you.

The First All Souls Day is Saturday, February 18th. Please turn in your-"All Souls Remembrance" found in your box of church offering envelopes. Please turn in your names no later than Wed., Feb. 15th. You can simply place your names in the church basket, stop by the rectory or email the list: saintgeorgepghs@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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: **Alice Hooge, Eva Hlovchiec, Barbara Fedora, Thomas Orr, Patricia Della-Regione, Alice Mcilwane, Meghan Fossaceca, Bryan Madeya, George Sywecky, Arlene Grzybowski and Bill Onyshko.**

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$340.00. Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work and dedication. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 22, 2017 was **\$1,081.00**

(Collection: \$684.00, Loose & candles: \$57.00, Pyrohy: \$340.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.



The Three Holy Hierarchs

In Luke 21:1-4 we read the story of the poor widow who donates two copper coins to the temple treasury. Jesus watches as rich people contribute, and also as she makes her contribution. He then says that *"she has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."*

On January 29th we remember the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. All three men, in various ways, embraced poverty even though they were well-educated and articulate, and could have lived relatively easy lives. Out of their chosen poverty each man made huge contributions to the well-being and building up of the Church. Like many other Christians, these three scholars and bishops often faced fierce opposition. Basil, for example, had to contend with the hostility of the Arians, who were determined to supplant the Church's teaching that Christ is the eternal and divine Son of God with their own idea that He was a created being who had not always existed. The Arians had convinced Valens, the emperor that they were right in what they believed and taught. Over the years he had exiled many bishops who stood up for the Church's true teachings, or who displeased him in some way. Now it was Basil's turn.

The emperor very much wanted to get rid of such an influential enemy of Arianism as Basil. He and his entourage came to Cappadocia, and he sent an emissary to the bishop's residence in Caesarea to threaten Basil with banishment, physical punishment, and possible death. Basil's answer was fearless and uncompromising: "If you take away my possessions, you will not enrich yourself, nor will you make me a pauper. You have no need of my old worn-out clothing, nor of my few books, which are the entirety of my wealth. Exile means nothing to me, since I am not bound to any particular place. The place in which I now dwell is not mine, and any place you send me shall be mine. Better to say: Every place is God's. Where is a place in which I would be neither a stranger nor a sojourner? And who can torture me? I am so weak that the very first blow would render me unconscious. Death would be a kindness to me, for it will bring me all the sooner to God, for Whom I live and labor, and to Whom I would gladly go quickly."

There is a difference between Saint Basil and the poor widow. His poverty was voluntary; hers was probably the result of life circumstances she didn't choose. But the two are the same in putting God before anything else. We may not share his choice or her circumstances, but we can follow both their examples, and "put in (for God's service) all we have."