



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 7

Saturday after Theophany

Readings: 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Mt. 12:15-21

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy/Blessing of water (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Jan. 8

Sunday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Lk. 4:12-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Social/Presentation

Supplications will be offered for+ **Patty Della Ragione, by Michael & Vicky Senko**
 God's blessing upon **Motria & Olech Hodowanec** on their 30st wedding anniversary

Thursday, Jan. 12

St. Tatiana, Martyr

Readings: James 4:7-5:9; Mk. 12:38-44

6:30 P. M. Service of the Holy Oil

Saturday, Jan. 14

St. Macarius, Venerable

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

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

Sunday, Jan. 15

Thirty second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+**Fred Bilyk**, given by Annonymous
 Supplications will be offered for+**Katherine Kaltreider**, given by Oleh & Motria Hodowanec

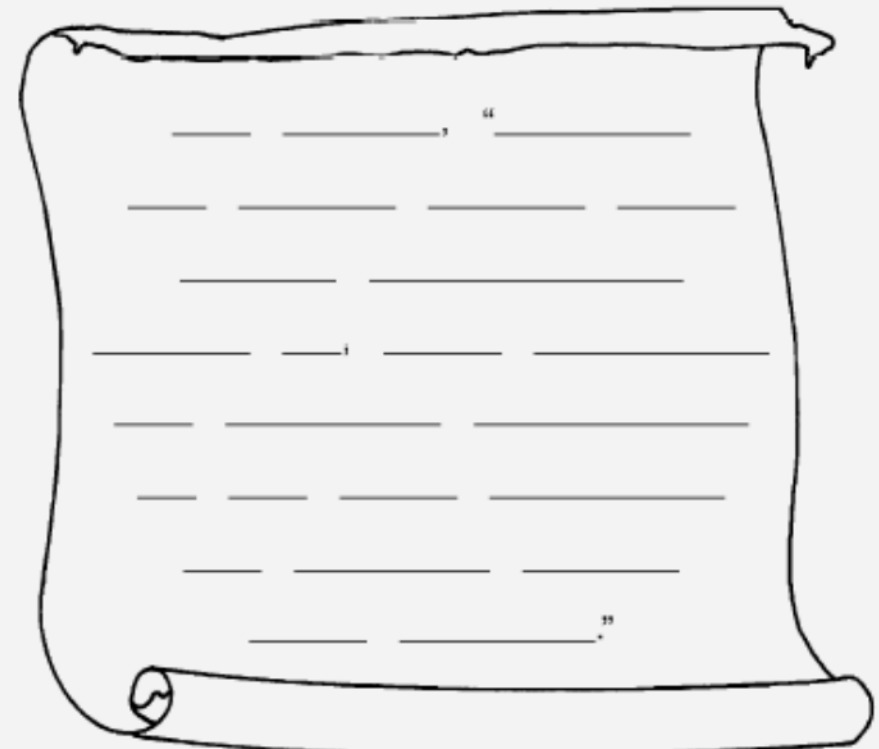
What was the message this messenger would deliver?

Write all of the 1's in order.

Then return to the top and write all of the 2's in order.

Then return to the top and write all of the 3's in order.

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Theophany House Blessings

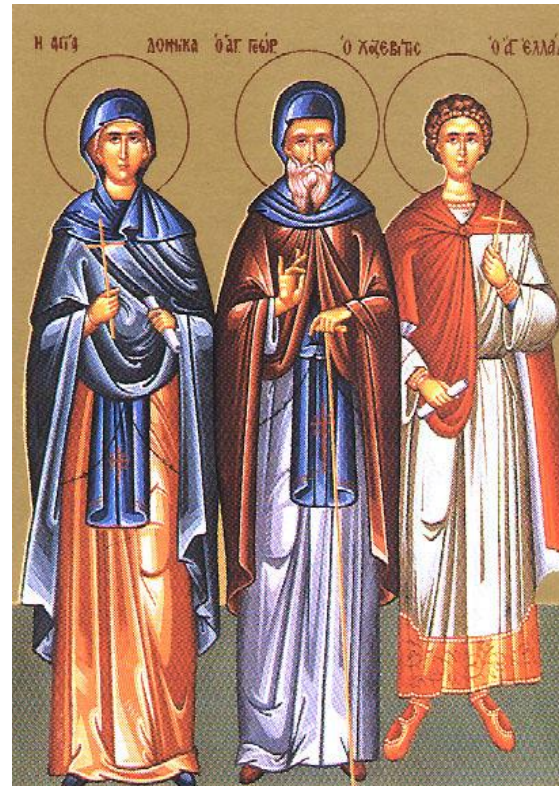
Between the Feast of the Theophany and the beginning of the Great Fast-Lent, it is customary in our Holy Church to have our homes blessed by the parish priest with the Holy Water sanctified on this glorious Feast Day. This is an ancient tradition of the Eastern Church and through it we extend the “blessing of Jordan” into our homes and private places.

This blessing of our homes underscores and enhances the connection between our parish life and our “HOME CHURCH.” It also gives us and our children an opportunity to see our priest in a more personal situation. All of this strengthens our relationship with God and His Holy Church.

*** Below are some guidelines for this House Blessing and pastoral visitation:

- In a main room or at the Icon corner place a candle, Cross and/or Icon on a clean linen cloth.
- You may make a list of all the family members you want prayed for during the Blessing Service, with the living and dead on separate columns.
- Turn on a light in every room so that Father can see where he is going.
- Turn off all stereos, TVs, computers, etc.
- Please have all pets confined or restrained.
- If you have any Icons, Crosses, religious articles you wish to have blessed, please place them on the table where the Service will take place.

Everyone present when Father arrives should join him around the Icon corner or the kitchen or dining room table. Father will designate one family member to lead him through the house; the rest should follow along and participate in the Blessing Service. Remember that participation is very important.



January 8, 2023

Sunday after Theophany. Octoechos, Tone 6. Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite (610-41). Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474-91). Emilian the Confessor

Changeable Part: Pages 29-31
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

This Sunday Coffee Social and presentation by Courtney Robson, Project Manager of DT Care humanitarian aid organization. It was founded in USA in 2019. DT Care has sent over 30 shipments of humanitarian and medical supplies to underserved regions in Panama, Lebanon, Ukraine, and Poland, aiding those who need it most. We as a parish recently donated several boxes of clothe and school supplies.

House Blessing

This week I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. Each household that requests this blessing will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. If you wish to have your house blessed, please fill out the form which is available in the Church vestibule.

Clean-up Decorations

Sunday, January 15th, following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us stay behind, the faster it will go. Thanks

Envelopes 2023-Calendar 2023 (Attn.! Problem with a printing, will be delivered in January)

We start the distribution of the Church offering envelopes for the year 2023 and the Church Calendar for 2022. They are available in the hallway off the Church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2023. Should you not see your envelopes (or a mistake, or address change), please let Father Igor or Ms. Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2022. *Многая Літа!*

Prayers for the Living & Deceased

As we slowly come to the beginning of the year 2023, I ask that if you have any special dates throughout the year on which you would like to have prayers offered for the living or for the blessed repose of your loved ones, you please contact the parish office now to reserve that day. Remember that during the Great Fast and Holy Week) the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on weekdays due to the fact that these are aliturgical (without Divine Liturgy) days.

Suggestions for 2023

As we enter this New Year do you have any suggestions or requests for 2023? More Divine Services, classes, charitable events, etc.? We are always looking for ways to improve our Church life. Please don't hesitate to let Fr. Igor know.

Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2022 for tax purposes, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule.

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: **Barbara Fedora, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

Pyrohy

We will reopen on this Thursday, January 18th, 2023. Please come!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 1, 2023, was **\$2,181.00**

(Collection: \$1,720.00, loose & candles: \$81.00, Ukraine Aid: \$130.00,
Online Donation: \$250.000)

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

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord



From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

After Christ was baptized, the first words that He said were: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". Why? Because after we have been baptized, we are always tempted and the only way to end temptation is to repent. But what exactly do these words mean? What is repentance? What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

In order to understand the meaning of the word repentance, we must first understand the nature of the opposite of repentance, the reason for repentance - sin. Sin comes to us in three stages.

First, we have a thought, a temptation towards evil. Secondly, we entertain that thought and imagine its attraction until it becomes irresistible. Thirdly we act on that thought that we have entertained. These are the three stages of sin...Repentance also has three stages...

First, our consciences are pricked, we have the thought that what we have done is bad. Secondly, we entertain that consciousness and develop it until action becomes irresistible. Thirdly, we act. These are the three stages of repentance.

Repentance then is not just an idea, a thought; it is above all an ACTION. Repentance is a change of mind which leads to a practical and visible change in our way of life.

Yes, it is true, that often we seem to come to Confession with the same sins as before. Yes, it is true, that often we seem to make no progress, that although we have done wrong yet again, we have no tears, no depth of repentance to make us change our way of life. However, this should not mean that we lose hope, that we despair. That would be to fall to another temptation of the demon, the thought that we are unable to repent and that all our efforts are futile. Merely coming to Confession and saying that we are weak, that we have done wrong yet again, that our repentance lacks depth, is an act of repentance in itself. As the Gospel says, we must forgive even unto seven times seventy. Moreover, by continued repentance and the determination to repent, eventually depth of repentance and tears will come to us. On this Sunday we ask Almighty God to grant us the desire for that repentance. Amen.