





## Dear Ukrainians and our American Friends!

Thank you very much each and every one for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation several days ago. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in

God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from Russian aggression.

Many of our friends ask how they may help.

First, your continued **prayers**. This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS.

Second, your **donations**. Our Eparchy invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

A. You can donate through the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by making checks payable to "St. George Ukrainian Catholic" with memo "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine", and sending to 3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or through <http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org> PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website <https://stjosaphateparchy.com> and click on Donate through PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

3. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.

4. Additionally what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine.

**May God bless our Heroes! May God Bless Ukraine! May God bless All of Us!**



**December 10, 2023**

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 3; The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus

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## **Announcements:**

### **This Sunday- December 10: Visit from St. Nicholas**

At the end of the Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas will be here to visit the children of St. George's. **All children** are to come forward to welcome St. Nicholas to our parish (parents may accompany the smaller children). As St. Nicholas enters our Church let us all sing together that beautiful hymn "O khto, khto Nikolaya lyubit-Those who love Nicholas the Saintly".

### **Thank You!**

Sincere thanks to all who came and worked hard on decorating our Holy Church in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Thank you all and God bless!

### **Moleben to Emmanuel**

On Thursday, December 14, 2023 we will have a Moleben to Emmanuel, which is a special Prayer Service in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord. I encourage you to come and dedicate an evening during this Philip's Fast-Advent to attend this beautiful Prayer Service. Please come!

## Christmas Fast Project

As we continue our journey of the Christmas Fast, we begin with the parish project during which we will reach out and help Ukrainian soldiers survive this winter. We are asking for new pairs of clothes: underwear, warm men's Socks, warm Thermal Shirts and Pants, hats, Gloves & Protein Bars.

## 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, Kasya Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla, and Rose Shedno.**

## Pyrohy Help

As we come closer to Christmas, our pyrohy workers are very-very busy with our pyrohy production. These upcoming weeks will be our busiest. We really need your help on Wednesday morning with scooping starting at 9:00 a.m. Also, we will need your help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand with this important parish fundraiser. The more of us come together, the easier it will be for all of us. **Next and last session: Dec.13, 2023**

Our total income from last week's frozen sale was **\$973.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

## Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of December 3, 2023 was **\$2393.15 + \$150.00**

(Collection: \$1630.00, Loose & other: \$41.00; Candy: \$168.15, Reimb: \$500.00, Pyrohy \$973.00)

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



## **Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Father Andrew Clarke will be here on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation to those who wish to receive it. We will begin with the prayers from the Order of Holy Confession at 9:15 a.m. Let us all come and approach Holy Confession to prepare ourselves to worthily celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ***The Candy Cane***



A Candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So, he made a Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God. The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the "Good Shepherd". The candy maker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life. The candy became known as a Candy Cane -- a decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning has faded, but still gives joy to children young and old, whom Jesus loves and treasures.



## **Divine Services for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

***Saturday, December 23, 2023: Saturday before Christmas***

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John, McKees Rocks)

***Sunday, December 24, 2023: Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve***

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy (St. George, Pittsburgh)

8:00 P.M. Paramon Vespersal Divine Liturgy, Anointing with Holy Oil (Mirovanya)  
(St. John, McKees Rocks)

***Monday, December 25, 2022: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
(Christmas Day)***

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. George, Pittsburgh)