



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Dec. 30

Saturday after Christmas

Readings: Gal. 1:11-19; Mt. 2:13-23

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

Sunday, Dec. 31

Sunday after Christmas; David, Joseph and James

Readings: Gal. 1:11-19; Mt. 2:13-23

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Yuriy Hordynskyj, 1st anniversary, given by mother Marta.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Marta Osades, given by Myroslava Slyuz.**

Saturday, Jan. 6

Theophany of our Lord

Readings: Titus. 2:11-14 & 3:4-7; Mt. 3:13-17

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

Sunday, Jan. 7

Sunday after Theophany

Readings: 2 Tim. 4:5-8; Mk. 1:1-8

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Water

Supplications will be offered for+ **Susan Siweckyj & Frank Zotter, given by Mary Siweckyj.**

God's blessing upon **Marta Hohosha** on her birthday



Find an important message from John in the letter maze below.

Begin at the ↘. Go through the puzzle, following the directions of the arrows below the answer lines. Write the letters, in the order you find them, on the lines.

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Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

On this Sunday our Holy Church commemorates three people who were close to Our Lord Jesus Christ. First of all, His ancestor, the holy King and Prophet David, who foresaw the Coming of Christ in his Psalms.

Secondly, we recall the Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, who protected the Mother of God and her Child before, during and after His birth.

Thirdly, we remember the son of Joseph, James, who accompanied the Mother of God, Christ and Joseph on the flight into Egypt, and later became one of the Apostles and indeed was martyred as James the Righteous, the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

It is interesting to recall to Non-Believers the words of the Gospel regarding this Flight into Egypt, and how Joseph was commanded to “take the young child and his mother into Egypt”. We note how the Scriptures clearly do not call Christ, “Joseph’s son”, or his mother, “your wife”. Again the Scriptures say that all this was to fulfill the words of the Scriptures: “Out of Egypt have I called my son”, and not, “out of Egypt have I called Joseph’s son”.

As we see in Holy Scripture Joseph is bewildered both by the message of the Angel and by what is happening; bewildered - at time in wonder, and at time in doubt. Isn’t this an image of many of us? But how did he face his doubt and still remain in wonder? Because he believed; because he accepted the fact that there are many things which cannot be understood with the intellect, but can be perceived, which can be experienced. And he did, indeed, experienced what was going on. He saw the Virgin birth, he saw the presence of the God Who have become man.

And what is our way, how can we find our way towards God? On this Sunday let us think of Righteous Joseph between wonder and doubt; and when we are in the same position, let us not only concentrate on our doubt, but look with wonder at the impossible, unthinkable that is God’s way in our midst. Amen.



December 31, 2013

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord. Octoechos Tone 6; Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman (439)

Changeable Parts – Pages 12-15
in the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)



Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed year 2024!



Almighty God, thank You for the gift of a New Year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this New Year that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I

am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen

Let Christ, newborn Messiah, fill our hearts with faith, our minds with hope, and our souls with love for Almighty God and for one another; and for all of you may the New Year 2024 be happy, healthy, and rich in the blessings of our ever-present God.

With love in the newborn Christ,

Fr. Igor, Inna, Nick, Mike and Marta

Announcements:

Thank You!

From the bottom of our hearts, together with my family we want to thank you all for your prayers, beautiful Christmas cards and gifts we have received during this festive season. May Christ born in Bethlehem reward you with many happy and blessed years!

Final Call: Christmas Fast Project

We will be finishing our Christmas 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.

Prayers for the Living & Deceased

As we slowly come to the beginning of the year 2024, 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 (Feb. 18– March 31, 2024) the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on weekdays due to the fact that these are aliturgical (without Divine Liturgy) days.

Envelopes 2024-Calendar 2024

The Church offering envelopes for the year 2024 and the Church Calendar 2024 are ready for distribution. They are available now in the vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2024. Should you not see your envelopes, please let Father Igor or Ms. Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2023. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: *Многая Літа!*

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of December 24, 2023 was **\$10,661.66 + \$459.00**
(Collection: \$6,180.00, Loose: \$280.00; Remb: \$3701.66, Grant: \$500.00, Ukrainian Aid: \$60.00)

The total for Christmas Day was **\$2,737.00**
(Collection: \$2,705.00, Loose & other: \$32.00;)

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



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!