



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 5

St. Eusignius, Martyr

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

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

Sunday, Aug. 6

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings: 2 Pet. 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Olga Petrushka, given by Mary Ann Hirt**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Lillian Chlibun, given by Pyptyk family**

Saturday, August 12

The Holy Priest – Martyr Eutyches

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

NO SERVICE (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, August 13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia Della Ragione, given by Luigi & family.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Yuriy Hordynskyj, given by mother Marta & Yuriy.**



This parable teaches a lesson on how we should treat others. What is the parable about?



On the lines write the words that fit the definitions.
Write the letters from the lines in the correct boxes below.

1. What grapes grow on

6 5 8 7

2. Opposite of stop

4 2

3. Comes after six

10 9 6 7 8

4. Creature that "croaks"

1 3 2 4

5. Perform a song

11 5 8 4

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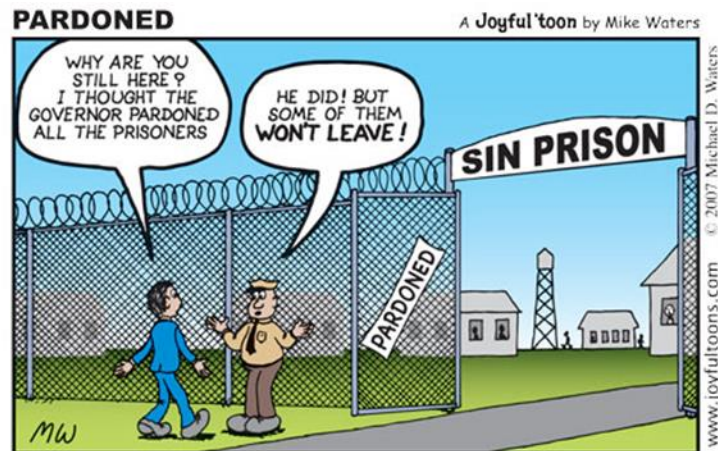
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Forgiveness and Sacrificial Love

In "The Christian Leader," Don Ratzlaff retells a story Vernon Grounds came across in Ernest Gordon's *Miracle on the River Kwai*. The Scottish soldiers, forced by their Japanese captors to labor on a jungle railroad, had degenerated to barbarous behavior, but one afternoon something happened. A shovel was missing. The officer in charge became enraged. He demanded that the missing shovel be produced, or else. When nobody in the squadron budged, the officer got his gun and threatened to kill them all on the spot . . . It was obvious the officer meant what he had said.

Then, finally, one man stepped forward. The officer put away his gun, picked up a shovel, and beat the man to death. When it was over, the survivors picked up the bloody corpse and carried it with them to the second tool check. This time, no shovel was missing. Indeed, there had been a miscount at the first check point. The word spread like wildfire through the whole camp. An innocent man had been willing to die to save the others! . . . The incident had a profound effect. . .

The men began to treat each other like brothers. When the victorious Allies swept in, the survivors, human skeletons, lined up in front of their captors (and instead of attacking their captors) insisted: "No more hatred. No more killing. Now what we need is forgiveness." Sacrificial love has transforming power.



He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. — Col. 2:13-14 NIV



August 6, 2023

The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Changeable Parts: Page 17-19
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
Small white book)

Announcements:

Feast of the Transfiguration

On Sunday, August 6th we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Blessing of the Fruit will take after Service. If you wish to have your fruit blessed, please place it in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod (Sacramental Table). On that Sunday we will also have Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

Email list

If you would like to receive a weekly bulletin by e-mail, please use a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. We have parishioners who will be able to send it regularly. Thank you.

Sheptytsky Arms Now Leasing: Now Leasing newly Renovated Studio and 1 bedroom Apts. Income Restriction Apply. Call Char Rumsky at 412-766-8802 for more information

Children's Outing-Sign-up sheet!

On Saturday, September 2nd we will have this year's children's outing to Kennywood for both parishes, St. George and St. John. We will meet at Kennywood at 10:30 a.m. We have a sign-up sheet in a vestibule. If you are planning to go put your name there. We need to know how many tickets to purchase.

We are accepting donations for this trip. Thank you all for your generosity and support of our St. George's Church School and its children.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$797.00** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of July 30, 2023 was **\$862.00**

(Collection: \$673.00, Loose & other: \$27.00, Ukraine aid: \$45.00, Pyrohy: \$797.00)

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



Christian Attitude



The proper attitude of a follower of Jesus Christ is clearly written on every page of the New Testament: To be a servant to one another. As fallen human beings we have a desire for others to treat us with respect, honor, and deference. Jesus taught us by His own sublime example, that this is wrong. He taught us that in His Kingdom the one who considers himself least is the greatest!

What is a servant? A servant is someone who is concerned about the needs of others rather than his on needs and who seeks not to receive respect but to give it to others. The paradox is that in this self-emptying (which we call metanoia) that we receive the highest possible honor: the Imitation of Christ our Savior!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me."

In today's Gospel Reading Our Lord said that the disciples who were unable to heal the boy were FAITHLESS. What does it mean to have faith?

Faith is what comes of an encounter with the Lord beyond words and human concepts. It is the result of a face to face, heart to heart encounter with the living God. Faith is a gift given by God to those who have purified their hearts, to those who have learned how to sit at the feet of the Lord in silence and who practice moment by moment, day by day, month by month and year after year the constant remembrance of His presence. Faith is a return to the truth of who we are as human beings created in His image and likeness. It is the rising within us of the rivers of living water promised by Christ to those who have, as St. Seraphim so beautifully taught, acquired the Holy Spirit. Faith is released in us from the depths of our souls when we have taken out the garbage that obstructs the image and let go of everything that is unhelpful, unloving and unhealthy.

Faith embraces God Himself in an unmediated way, demanding and asking for nothing except to see and experience the wonder of His presence. Even miracles are a distraction from the "one necessary thing" which is to sit at His feet, to feed on His words, to bask silently in His silence. The Holy Fathers say that if you see a vision during prayer, ignore it and return to prayer for there is only one "necessary thing." Faith rests in the God who at all times "is everywhere present, filling all things" and is content to be alone with Him and to love Him. True faith simply knows that the goodness of the Lord overflows at all times to all creation whether times are good or bad or happy or sad. "To live is Christ, to die is Christ," wrote St. Paul. That is all we need. The sign of faith in a person may be miracles or not, but the one sure sign that faith is at work is love and humility. If they are present, then a variety of miracles are already occurring and the eyes of faith can see them. Amen.