



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICE

Saturday, Sept. 2

**St. Mammas, Martyr**

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

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

Sunday, Sept. 3

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 7

**St. Sozon, Martyr/ Pre feast of Birth of the Theotokos**

Readings: Phil. 2:5-11; Lk. 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

**6:30 P.M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy**

Repose of **+Yuriy Hordynskyj, by Mother Marta**

Saturday, Sept. 9

**Saturday before Exaltation of the Cross**

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

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

Sunday, Sept. 10

**Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross**

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Picnic**

Supplications will be offered for **+Michaylo & Alexandra kozak, given by Pyptyk's.**

Supplications will be offered for **+Lillian Chlibun, given by Pyrohy workers.**

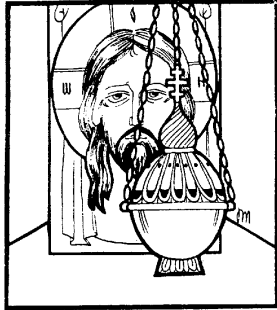
## The Parable of the Wedding Dinner

Jesus told a parable – a story that teaches a lesson.

Use the graph to fill in the blanks.

♥	marriage	people	invitations	feast
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A \_\_\_\_\_ gave a \_\_\_\_\_ for  
 his son. He sent his \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver the  
 \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ would not  
 come. The \_\_\_\_\_ sent the \_\_\_\_\_ out  
 again with the \_\_\_\_\_. The  
 \_\_\_\_\_ still would not come. So the \_\_\_\_\_ sent  
 his \_\_\_\_\_ to gather in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
 they could from the streets – good or bad! The hall of  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ was full!



### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*“Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

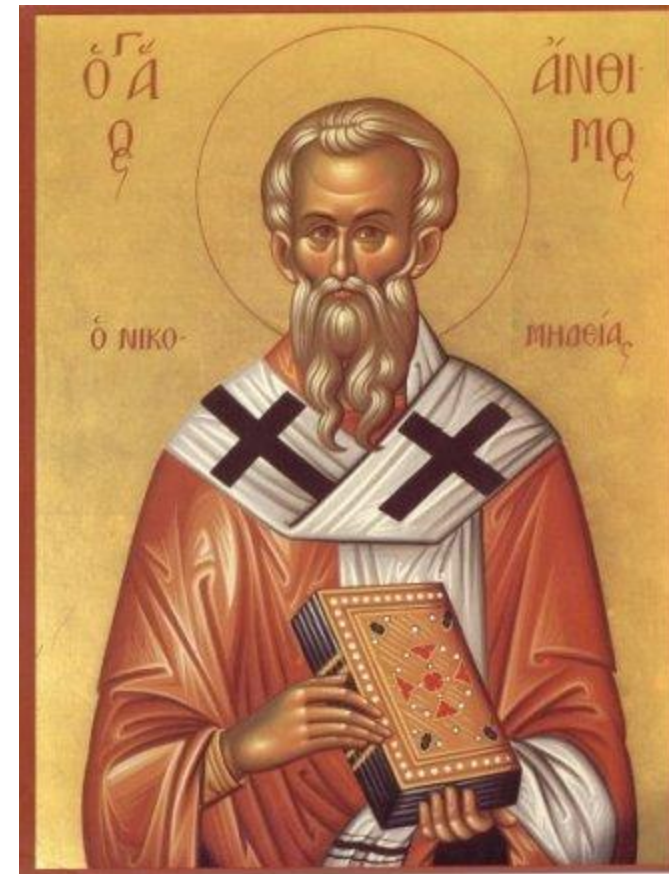
“Many are called, few are chosen”. At first this may seem to us to be a hard saying. And yet when we look around in this country and many other countries and see half-empty or even totally abandoned

Churches, then we can see that this is true, for all are called to come to Church, but few choose to come and worship Christ. Today’s Gospel reading of the marriage-feast remains as true today as when it was first spoken.

If we ask those who do not come to Church why, they will give various answers... Some hide behind excuses, which mean only that their faith is not a priority for them: I’m too busy. I’m too tired. I’m seeing someone. I don’t like the other people. I’m buying a new car. Others at least have the merit of being honest: **I have lost my faith!** But whatever the reason given, ultimately there is only one reason why people do not come to Church - because they are ignorant of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Comforter, and the Spirit of Truth.

Every Sunday we are invited to a banquet, the banquet of the Kingdom of God, the Eucharistic meal, in which we are united in a sacramental way to the risen Christ, for our personal sanctification and the building of the Church. That is why we start our Liturgy by saying: “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. And at the Great Entrance with the gifts, the priest says: “May the Lord God remember in his Kingdom...” And prior to receiving Holy Communion we pray: “Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom!”

We can find many excuses not to come to this banquet. But if we really love the Bride, and if we really love one another, all these excuses become nonsense. When the priest invites the people to the Communion, he says: “With faith and deep reverence for God, approach!” We come to the Eucharistic banquet full of reverence, faith and love. So that, after the Holy Communion, we can sing with joy and thankfulness: “May our mouths be filled with your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of your glory, for you made us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us in your holiness that we may meditate on your righteousness all day long. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!”



## **Sept. 3, 2023**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5; Holy Priest-Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia (303); Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Fellow-Ascetic of the Great Euthymius (467)

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## **Announcements:**

### **Nativity of the Theotokos**

On Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Nativity of the Mother of God. To honor and celebrate the birth of our Lady we will have on Thursday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup> a Vespereal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m. Please come to celebrate one of the most ancient Feasts.

### **St. George’s Parish Picnic**

Please start marking your calendars for our St. George’s Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our St. George’s Church School. Every year this has been a happy event for our parish family so please plan to be here, to have fun and to enjoy that Christian fellowship.

**Flowers for the Cross**

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

**Church School Registration**

As we prepare to begin the new school year for our St. George’s Church School, registrations are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per a child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. All children 4-14 years of age are to be registered for our catechetical program. Remember that it is important that our children receive the proper Eastern Christian Formation. This formation is offered to them here at St. George’s. We are blessed with a wonderful catechetical program and instructors. As a Church, let us pray for our children because they are the future of our parish family.

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

**Pyrohy**

Our total income from last week’s sale was **\$486.00** 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 August 27, 2023 was **\$818.00**  
(Collection: \$805.00, Loose & other: \$13.00, Pyrohy: \$486.00)

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



***Happy Labor Day!***



*On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your Name.*

*We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.*



**Pittsburgh Benefit Luncheon**

**October 22 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St. Peter and Paul parish, Ambridge, PA**

Please join Bishop Bohdan Danylo to support your Eparchy at the Benefit Luncheon

**Proceeds will help:**

- Educate Seminarians and Priests
- Assist Small and New Parishes
- Expand Ministries
- Build an Endowment for the Future