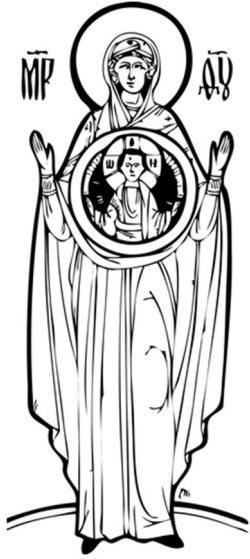




Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Pyptyk,**
given by family

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WHEN DID THE NATIVITY FAST ORIGINATE?

We do not know precisely at what date the observance of the Nativity Fast (Advent) was introduced into the Church. Documents establish that, towards the end of the fourth century, the Nativity of Christ was celebrated by some on December 25th and by others on January 6th.

The Council of Saragossa, in Spain, decided (in the year 380) that, from December 17th until Theophany-Epiphany, no one could absent himself from Divine Services. In Gaul (modern day France), in the sixth century, a sort of Lent was observed from November 11th until Christmas. Advent was celebrated in Rome, under Pope St. Gregory the Great, towards the end of the sixth century.

The Nativity Fast seems to have come into the practice of the Churches of the Byzantine rite a little later when in the ninth century the Greeks fasted from November 15th through Christmas.

FASTING IN OUR CHURCH

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Q. Who instituted fasting as necessary for salvation?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, both by His personal example (Matt. 4:2) and by His teaching (Matt. 6:16; 7:21).

Q. What is the aim of fasting?

A. The aim of fasting is to:

1. purify the body;
2. strengthen the will;
3. elevate the soul over the body;
4. glorify God and honor His saints.

Q. In what does Fasting consist for an Eastern Christian?

A. In abstention from rich foods such as meat and dairy products, evil thoughts, desires and deeds. In the application of greater prayer, alms giving and more strenuous exercising of all the Christian virtues.



Nov.15, 2020

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after
Pentecost, Tone 7; The Holy
Martyrs and Confessors
Gurias, Samonas (284-305) and
Abibus (313-24)**

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white book)*

Announcements:

Philip's Fast-Advent

As a parish family we begin today the pre-Nativity Fast (Pylypivka). This Fast lasts until the eve of the Nativity of Christ (December 24) inclusively. The regulations for this Fast are far more lenient than for the Great Fast. **During this time we are to observe Wednesdays and Fridays as a day of "Simple Fast", that is, no meat is to be eaten.** As it has been a tradition in the past, we will celebrate one evening during the week the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel, which is a special Advent 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. The first one will be celebrated at month of December. Please come!

Welcome Ember James!

We welcome into our parish family Ember James Hillenbrand who received on Saturday, November 7, the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation. As a parish family we ask Almighty God to bless Ember and her entire family for many happy and blessed years!

From St. George’s Kitchen:

Since we had to cancel our annual Pyrohy Festival, we offer the following foods for sale:

Soup Sale: We have soup for sale!! Every week we will have at least one kind of soup, next week another type and so on. Quarts of soup will be available on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy sale hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. We need volunteers to provide soup. A sign-up sheet is available in the Church vestibule so please share your cooking talents with our parishioners and pyrohy customers.

Nut Rolls Let St. George’s help you with your holiday baking. As we come closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will be making our delicious nut rolls. Order forms are available in the Church vestibule and the Church hall. They are priced at \$10.00 each.

Pyrohy

After almost half a year of the break, we are back to our pyrohy production. As you know we cancel our Pyrohy Festival instead we would like to concentrate on a Christmas sale. So, we are planning every week to make extra, freeze it and have it ready for pre-Christmas sale. Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!

Our total income from last week’s sale was **\$669.00** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of November 8, 2020 was **\$910.00**
(Collection: \$880.00, loose & candles: \$30.00)

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



Quarterly Reminder (4th qrt. 220): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.

The Good Samaritan

Today’s Gospel reading gives us the secret of how to be steadfast. Be a Merciful Samaritan everywhere, always, and to everyone. Let us examine ourselves. Are we really like this? There were children around us — did we teach them good things? Or a man came to us who was on the verge of moral destruction. Did we support him in his fight against sin? Did we help him to get out of this swamp which was sucking him down? Maybe all we had to do was stretch out not even a hand, but just a finger, and he would have been saved. How many there were who needed just one word of encouragement, some attention. And we could have given all this. But did we give it, like the Merciful Samaritan? If to all these questions our conscience answers, no, we did not help — then, yes, we are in danger of being torn away from the robe of Christ. Let us hasten to mend this. Mercy alone can keep us with Christ.



Our holy father John Chrysostom
November 13

St. John was born in Antioch in the year 344 or 347. Because of his exceptional speaking ability, he earned the title Chrysostom - which means “golden mouthed.” He was headed for a promising career in law but after his baptism at the age of 23, he decided to enter the priesthood. He became immensely popular as a preacher and church leader and was eventually elected as Patriarch of Constantinople. He got himself in hot water with the political and religious leaders of the day by preaching against extreme wealth and lax morals. He lived what he preached and sold the expensive furnishings in his residence to give money to the poor and the hospitals.



Some authorities, including the Empress, plotted to depose him, but the people protested in multitudes and John kept his position for a while. John was only five feet tall but his small stature never prevented him from standing tall in defiance of unjust state authority, bowing only to God and never compromising his high Christian principles. This eventually proved too much for the political rulers of his time and John was eventually exiled from Constantinople. This holy bishop died in exile in the year 407 and his last words were “Glory be to God for all things.”