

# **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

Saturday, Nov. 28 St. Stephen, Venerable

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 13:10-17

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA) 6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Nov. 29 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Eph. 5:9-19; Lk. 13:10-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Gregory H. Waslo III, given by family**Supplications will be offered for+ **Denis Kovacic, 40**<sup>th</sup> **day, given by Luba Burgess & family** 

Tuesday, Dec. 1 Naum, Prophet

Readings: 1 Tim. 5:11-21; Lk. 19:45-48 **7:00 P.M. Moleben to Emmanuel** 

Saturday, Dec. 5 St. Sabbas, Venerable

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-19

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

**Sunday, Dec. 6** 27th Sunday after Pentecost/St. Nicholas

Readings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-19

9:10 A.M. Third Hour 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Petro Hodowanets, given by family God's blesssing upon Nicholas Hohosha on his patron day, by family

There was a woman in the synagogue who had been crippled for 18 years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.



Write the letter that follows the one given. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Jesus called her forward and said,

### Holy Mystery of Reconciliation-Confession: Sunday, December 20st



On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Father John Chirovsky, a friend of our parish, will be with us to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation as part of our Christmas Lent journey. I encourage especially children and parents to come and receive this Mystery-Sacrament of Repentance in preparation for Christmas.

God forgives our sins and cleanses us from our trespasses, when we confess to God in the presence of the priest, with humility and contrite hearts. St. Athanasius the Great said, "As the Baptized is enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, by means of the priest, the repentant is granted forgiveness of his sins by the grace of Christ, also through the priest."



#### Nibbling Away...

I live in a small, rural community. There are lots of cattle ranches around here, and, every once in a while, a cow wanders off and gets lost . . . Ask a rancher how a cow gets lost, and chances are he will reply, "Well, the cow starts nibbling on a tuft of green grass, and when it finishes, it looks ahead to the next tuft of green grass and starts nibbling on that one, and then it nibbles on a tuft of grass right next to a hole in the fence. It then sees another tuft of green grass on the other side of the fence, so it nibbles on that one and then goes on to the next tuft. The next thing you know, the cow has nibbled itself into being lost."

There are many in the process of nibbling their way to being lost. . . We keep moving from one tuft of activity to another, never noticing how far we have gone from home or how far away from the truth we have managed to end up.

- Mike Yaconelli

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!

Господи Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй мене грішного - грішну!



## Nov. 29, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday after
Pentecost, Tone 1; The Holy
Martyr Paramon (249-51), the
Holy Martyr Philomenus (27075); Our Father Acacius, of
Whom Testimony is Found in
the Ladder of Divine Ascent

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Page 27 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

## **Announcements:**

#### This Sunday: Children's Liturgy

On the last Sunday of each month, we will have a Children's Liturgy. Children will read the Epistle and collect your offerings. The Homily will be directed to the children, but will contain a message for all. Thank you for bringing your children to this special Liturgy.

#### **Tuesday: Moleben-Advent Prayer Service**

We continue during this Christmas Lent-Advent with the celebration of the beautiful Moleben to Emmanuel-Advent Prayer Service. Plan to come on Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00 p.m. for our next Moleben Service during which a short meditation will be given as we continue together our journey to Bethlehem.

#### **Decorating the Church and Hall**

As part of our preparation for the Nativity of Christ, we will be decorating our Holy Church and Church hall on this Sunday after Divine liturgy. Please stay and help.

#### From St. George's Kitchen:

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

<u>Soup Sale:</u> 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.

<u>Nut Rolls</u> Let St. George's help you with your holiday baking. As we come closer to Christmas 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 \$1,520.00. 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 22, 2020 was \$954.80

(Collection: \$885.00, loose & candles: \$24.00, Activity Fund: \$45.80)

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



#### **Prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus**

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord Who loves mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Send Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your Most Honorable and Majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen

#### Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

In our Gospel reading for today, we find Christ in the synagogue. He was teaching there on the Sabbath day. He saw a woman who had been ill for 18 years. She was bent over. For 18 years, all she could look at was the ground. Christ showed her great compassion. He called to her. "Woman," he said, "You are loosed from your illness." He laid hands on the woman. St. Luke the Evangelist tells us that immediately she was made straight. And she glorified God.

This poor woman is so much like many of us in this life. Many people in the world are broken. They are bent over, so to speak, by the weight of living this life. They are bent over by life's cares, sorrows, pressures. And even if we seem overwhelmed by



our own cares – think of others. Think of those who might be worse off than we are. Think of the hungry, the naked, and the homeless. Think of mothers and fathers out of work. Human suffering is everywhere ant throughout this earth. There are many in this world who are bent over with the infirmity that is their own lives.

Besides healing this woman Our Lord teaches us a valuable lesson. We witness that this act of healing of the poor bent woman was an act of love, an act of charity. Christ is telling the ruler of the synagogue and us that an act of love — can be done any time! This act of love done by Christ far transcends any law or any rule. This is a call for us to follow Christ in the same daring. We are called to dare to break away from our daily comforts and concerns. We are called to dare to reach out to those less fortunate. We are called to give and give, and give some more. We are called to give, as the expression goes, "until it hurts." This is the way to follow Christ.

And for those among us who feel crushed and bent over by the cares and worries of this life? It is to Christ Himself that we must turn. It is only Christ who can straighten our backs. It is only Christ who can make us look, not at the ground, but up to the heavens. This time of preparation for the arrival of Christ at Christmas is a time to not only to be ashamed of our way of life that keeps us bent over. It is to prepare for the great rejoicing at the glorious things being done by God. He sends His Son to straighten our lives so that we can join Him in straightening others.