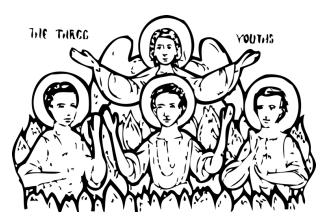


# **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

- Saturday, Dec. 12Our Lady of GuadalupeReadings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-196:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, Dec. 13Sunday of the ForefathersReadings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-249:10 A.M. Third Hour9:30 A.M. Divine LiturgySupplications will be offered for+ Olha Siweckyj, given by Mary Siweckyi
- Saturday, Dec. 19Saturday before ChristmasReadings: Eph. 6:10-17; Lk. 17:12-196:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold)6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, Dec. 20Sunday before Christmas<br/>Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 14:16-24<br/>9:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ConfessionSupplications will be offered for+ Fred Burgers & Philip Perkun (101th birthday),<br/>given by Perkun family



#### Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azerias and Misael



Among those who foretold the Birth of the promised Messiah was the holy Prophet Daniel. The Prophet Daniel was one of the four Great Prophets, along with Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. He lived about 500 B.C. and was born of the tribe of Judah. He was still a small boy when the Jewish people were carried off into captivity to Babylon, but was already renowned for his judicious insight. The Babylonian King, Nebuchadnezzar, made him a prince in his court because he alone

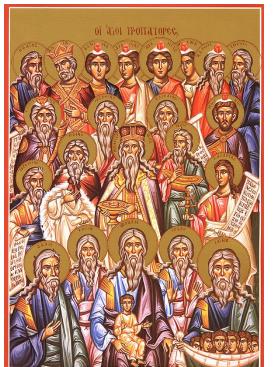
made a true interpretation of the King's dreams. He also interpreted the meaning of the writing on the wall at King Belshazzar's death.

Daniel suffered for his faith in the One True God, including being cast into a den of lions, from which God delivered him. His friends, the Three Holy Youths, were cast into a fiery furnace because they refused to worship an idol of King Nebuchadnezzar. The Holy Prophet Daniel died peacefully in old age after a life of service to the True God Whom alone he worshiped and glorified. Our Holy Church celebrates on December 17<sup>th</sup> the Three Children and Prophet Daniel during the Christmas Lent-Advent Season since they prefigured and proclaimed the incarnation.

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### 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



# Dec. 13, 2020

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, Tone 3; The Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius and Orestes (284-305); the Holy Martyr Lucia, the Virgin (284-305)

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## <u>Announcements:</u>

#### Envelopes 2021-Calendars 2021

We begin on this Sunday with the distribution of the Church offering envelopes for the year 2021 and the Church Calendar for 2021. They are available in the hallway off the Church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2021. 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 2020. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: MHORAR JITA!

#### Prayers for the Living & Deceased

In preparation for the year 2021, we 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

#### 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.

#### <u>Pyrohy</u>

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 **\$1,280.00.** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work. Thank you.

#### Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of December 6, 2020 was **\$1,545.00** (Collection: \$1110.00, loose & candles: \$25.00, Nut Roles sale: \$410.00)

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

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



On this 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."

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### Divine Services for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

### Thursday, December 24, 2020: Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Eve)

8:00 P.M. Paramon Vesperal Divine Liturgy, (St. George, Pittsburgh, PA) 10:00 P.M Divine Liturgy, (St. John, McKees Rocks, PA)

### Friday, December 25, 2020: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas Day)

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. George, North Side of Pittsburgh) 11:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, Mirovanya (St. John, McKees Rocks Bottom)