

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

- Saturday, April 17St. Simeon of Persia, Venerable Martyr4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold)6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, April 18The Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers
Readings: Acts. 6:1-7; Mk. 15:43-16:89:10 A.M. Third Hour9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Ivan & Eva Salo, given by Andy Salo. Supplications will be offered for+ Yuriy Hohosha, given by Mary Mansueti.

- Thursday, April 22St. George, Great-Martyr
Readings: Acts. 12:1-11; Jn. 15:17-16:27:00 P. M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Repose of Antoniy, Kateryn, Anthony Fedyna
- Saturday, April 24St. Sabbas, Martyr
Readings: Acts. 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15
1:00 P.M. Baptism
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)
- Sunday, April 25Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Readings: Acts. 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15
9:10 A.M. Third Hour
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for+ Lisa Howowanec,
given by Perkun Family.

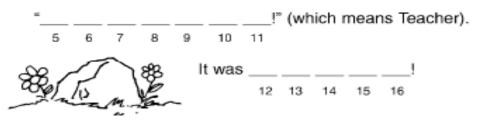
Write the missing letter from each set on the lines.

- 1. JKLNO_____ 9. LMNPQ____
- 2. XYZBC_____ 10. LMOPQ_____
- 3. PQSTU____ 11. FGHJK____
- 4. VWXZA_____ 12. HIKLM_____
- 5. NOPQS_____ 13. CDFGH____
- 6. YZBCD_____ 14. QRTUV____
- 7. ACDEF_____ 15. RSTVW_
- 8. XYZAC _____ 16. PQRTU_

Mary stood by the tomb and cried. A man asked her why she cried. She said she didn't know where they had taken Jesus.

Then He said, "_____."

She looked at Him then and said,



yrSunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women





We remember today the Myrrh-bearing women, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, people who in the course of the Gospel are hardly mentioned, yet who, when Christ was seemingly defeated, when death, rejection, betrayal and hatred had conquered, proved to be people of faithfulness and courage, the faithfulness of the heart and the courage that can be born only of love. At the moment of the Crucifixion all the Apostles had fled save one, John, who stood at the foot of the Cross with the Mother of God. Everyone else had abandoned Christ, only a small group of women stood at a short distance from the Cross, and when He had died, they came to anoint His Body which Joseph of Arimathea had sought from Pilate, unafraid of being recognized as a disciple,

because in life and in death love and faithfulness had conquered.

Let us reflect on this. It is easy to be Christ's disciples when we are on the crest of the wave, in the security of countries where no persecution, no rejection is endured, no betrayal can lead us to martyrdom, or simply to becoming the victims of mockery and rejection. Let us think of ourselves not in regard to Christ alone but with regard to one another, because Christ has said that what we have done to any one of us, to the smallest, to the most insignificant, we have done to Him.

Let us ask ourselves how we behave when someone is rejected, mocked, ostracized, condemned by public opinion or by the opinion of those who mean something to us, whether at that moment our heart remains faithful, whether at that moment we find courage to say, He was, and he remains my friend whether you accept or reject him. There is no greater measure of faithfulness than that faithfulness which is made manifest in defeat. Let us consider this; because we all are defeated, we are defeated in so many ways. We all strive, with whatever energy we have - a little or much, to be what we should be, and we are defeated at every moment.

Should we not look at one another not only with compassion, but with the faithfulness of friends who are prepared to stand by a person who falls, falls away from grace, falls away from his own ideal, and frustrates all hopes and expectations which we have set on him or her? At that time let us stand by, at that time let us be faithful and prove that our love was not conditioned by the hope of victory but was a wholehearted gift, gratuitous, joyful, and wonderful. Amen.

<u> April 18, 2021</u>

Third Sunday of Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Tone 2; our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapolitan (c. 842)

> <u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 7-9 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)



Announcements:

Today; Myrrh-Bearing Women

On this Third Sunday of Pascha we honor the Myrrh-Bearing Women who at deep dawn went to the tomb to anoint the body of Christ with ointments, discovered the tomb empty, and received the announcement from the angel that Christ is Risen!

Liturgical Custom

Please remember that during this Paschal Season, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition – but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Pastoral Letter

For the Feast of the Resurrection we have received the 2021 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on a website of our Eparchy: <u>https://stjosaphateparchy.com/easter-pastoral-of-the-ukrainian-catholic-hierarchy-of-the-usa-2/</u>

Scholarship

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Ihor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by May 30, 2021



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



Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of April 11, 2021 was \$2,025.00.

(Regular: \$1725.00, Loose: \$60.00, Pascha Bread: \$240.00)

May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church: Xpucmoc Bockpec! Christ is Risen!

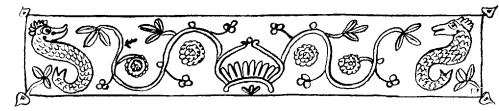
MOTHER'S DAY Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

LivingDeceasedLivingDeceasedLivingDeceased

Given By:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

* DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021*



<u>"No Farewell to Love"</u>



As an aged Christian lay dying, a friend called to say farewell. "I have just had three other visitors," said the dying man, "and with two of them I parted; but the third I shall keep with me forever." "Who are they?" the first was Faith, and I said, 'Goodbye, Faith! I thank God for your company ever since I first trusted Christ; but now I am going where faith is lost in sight.' Then came Hope. 'Farewell, Hope!' I cried. 'You have helped me in many an hour of battle and distress, but now I shall not need you, for I am going where hope passes into fruition.'

"Last of all came Love. 'Love', said I, 'you have indeed been my friend; you have linked me with God and with my fellow men; you have comforted and gladdened all my pilgrimage. But I cannot leave you behind; you must come with me through the gates, into the city of God, for love is perfected in heaven."

- Sunday School Chronicle