

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 9 Sunday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Mt. 4:12-17

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

Supplications will be offered for+ Maria Perkun, given by Patricia Barr

Ss. Paul & John, Venerables

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 17:12-19

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

Sunday, Jan. 16 34th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Col. 3:4-11; Lk. 17:12-19

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Perkun**, given by Debra Walenchok Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael & Mary Fedora**, given by Anonymous

St. Timothy, Apostle

Readings: Col. 3:12-16; Lk. 18:18-27

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

Sunday, Jan. 23 35th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Col. 3:12-16; Lk. 18:18-27

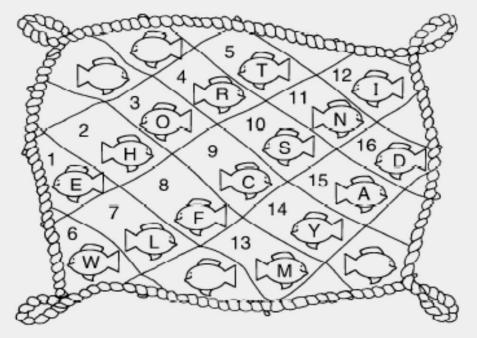
9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Perkun**, given by Linda & Brian Cemlh Supplications will be offered for+ **Kate & Steve Hladio**, given by Anonymous



What happened next?

Solve the math problems and fill in the blanks.



Our venerable father Anthony the Great January 17

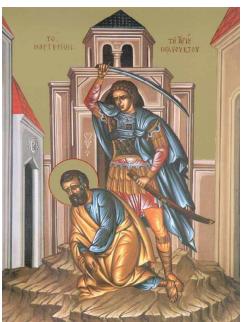


Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there,

and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained in prayer and solitude for about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress "initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God." Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life. Becoming an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17 in the year 356, having lived altogether some 105 years.

A man asked abbot Antony, "What shall I keep, that I may please God?" Anthony said: "Wherever you go, have God ever before your eyes. In whatever you do, hold by the example of the Holy Scriptures; and in whatever place you abide, don't be swift to leave [out of restlessness]. These three things keep, and you will be saved."



January 9, 2022

Sunday after Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51)

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 32-35
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
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January 16, 2022

30 Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos, Tone 1; The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and Illustrious Apostle Peter

<u>Changeable Part:</u> Pages 35-36 In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Holy Water

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is available in the center of our Church. I ask that you please be careful when you are filling your containers so to not spill it on the floor. Remember that this Holy Water is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so that we by partaking of it may be filled with the Holy Spirit. For more information on partaking and preserving the Holy Water at home, please read the article in today's bulletin.

Next Sunday: Clean-up Decorations

On Sunday, January 16th, following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us stay behind, the faster it will go. Thanks.

Envelopes 2022-Calendars 2022

We start the distribution of the Church offering envelopes for the year 2022 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 2022. Should you not see your envelopes (or a mistake, or address change), please let Father Igor or Ms. Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year.

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, Patricia Della-Regione, Rose Shedno, Orysia Barshowski, Kathleen Shabla, Lillian Chlibun and Thomas Kunsak.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 2, 2022 was \$2,040.00 (Regular collection: \$1,545.00, Loose: \$5.00, Online donation: \$250.00, Envelopes: \$240.00)

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



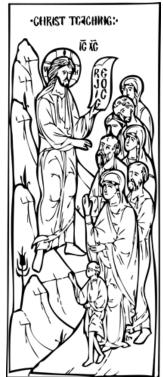
Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord

"The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

Our answer to the light: three candles, candles of faith, of hope and of love

In the life of Jesus three lights were manifested: 1) the light of Nativity symbolized by the star that lead the Magi from the East to worship the Savior, it is the light of faith: we believe that Jesus is the Son of God; 2) the light of the Resurrection, which is the light of hope in eternal life; 3) the light of Pentecost, which is the light of Love; for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love.

The story of our Christian life is the story of our illumination by Jesus. Jesus comes as "a great light" to those who languish in the darkness of ignorance, despair, and hatred. 1) To those who sit in the darkness of ignorance, He lights the candle of knowledge; 2) to those who sit in the darkness of despair, He lights the candle



of hope; 3) to those who sit in the darkness of hatred, He lights the candle of love. And with these three theological virtues He lights candles of joy, forgiveness, peace, and meaning in the lives of people today.

When we enter the Church we light a candle. The processions of the Gospel and of the offerings are accompanied by candles. This is to remind us that we have received light form Christ and that, like Him, we too, ought to be lighting candles in the lives of people. We have the mission to spread the light of Christ in the world. He said of himself: "I am the light of the world." The same thing He said to us: "You are the light of the world." Then He added explaining what does mean to be the light of the world: "A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Mat. 5:14-16).

-Archbishop Cyril (Bustros)