

# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 20 Samuel, Prophet; St. Stephen, King of Hungary

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

10:00AM Children Outing at Kennywood Park

**NO SERVICE** 

Sunday, Aug.21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of flowers

Supplications will be offered for+ Maria Perkun, given by Kathy Shabla
Supplications will be offered for+ Fred Burgess, given by Luba & Fred Burgess JR

Thursday, Aug.25 Return of the Relics of st. Bartholomew

Readings: 2 Cor. 7:1-10; Mk. 1:29-35 **7:00 P.M Akathist Hymn for Children** 

St. Poimen, venerable

Readings: 1 Cor. 5:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26

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

**Sunday, Aug.28** Twelve Sunday after Pentecost

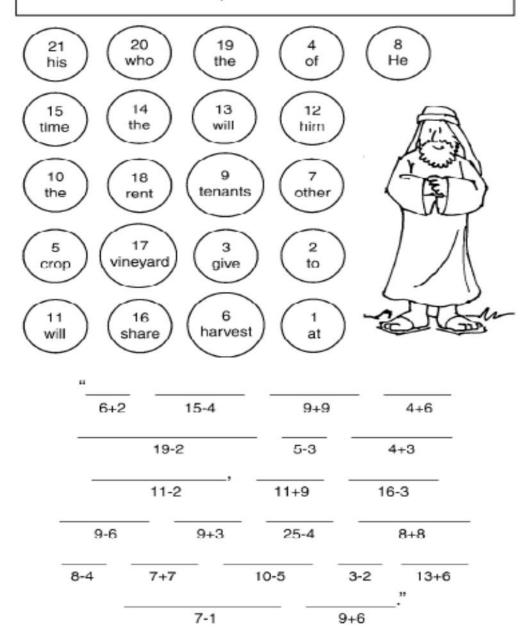
Readings: 1 Cor. 5:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26

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

Supplications will be offered for+ Eric Fuchs, given by Mary Siweckyj Supplications will be offered for+ Jane Chulack, given by Kathee Shabla

# What will the owner of the vineyard do?

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.



#### The Tomb of the Theotokos in Jerusalem



At the foot of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem lies the tomb of the Virgin Mary; built over top is the Church of the Dormition. It is believed that the first Church constructed here dates back to the fifth century, just after the Council of Chalcedon. Later a larger Church was built in its place but it had been destroyed before the Crusaders arrived to capture Jerusalem. Crusader leader Godfrey of Bouillon built a monastery here, the Abbey of St. Mary of the Valley of Jehoshaphat. The Church itself was rebuilt in 1130 and the Benedictines who lived in the monastery were entrusted with the care of the new structure.

Muslims later used stones from the Church and the monastery to help construct the walls of Jerusalem. Mary's crypt itself was left untouched, though, because Muslims venerate her as the "Holy Mother of Prophet Jesus." In the

14<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan Friars entered the scene and rebuilt many structures in and around Jerusalem - including the Church of St. Mary. At the present time, Greek Orthodox leaders control access to the Shrine. Many pilgrims gather in Jerusalem to celebrate the Holy Dormition in faith. They gather for a great procession of the Cross from the narthex of the Church of the Dormition, called Little Gethsemane, found directly across from the Church of the Resurrection of Christ, to Gethsemane in Kedron Valley. The procession led by monastics begins early in the morning at 4:00 am. Nuns from Greek, Russian and Romanian monasteries gather to escort the epitaphios (plashchanitsya in Ukrainian, or painted burial shroud) of the Most-Holy Mother of God to Gethsemane. They form two columns and lead the procession. Behind them are the clergymen. The hegumen-superior of the Tomb of the Mother of God carries the iconepitaphios, adorned with colored ribbons. He is pressed by the crowd: multitudes of pilgrims from all over the world. The local population of Arab Christians emerges from their homes and joyfully greets the Queen of Heaven. All carry burning candles and bouquets of flowers with aromatic basil leaves. The procession begins in the dark, and ends after dawn. Under the ringing of bells, the icon of the Queen is taken inside the Church dedicated to her Dormition, and placed into a carved niche directly behind the Tomb. Worshipers respectfully venerate the icon. The faithful gather to honor the Most-Holy Mother of God, who even in her Dormition does not abandon us.



# August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Octoechos Tone 2. Post-feast of the Dormition; Holy Apostle Thaddeus; Holy Martyr Bassa

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# Announcements:

Our Pittsburgh area Ukrainian-American community will commemorate the 31st anniversary of Ukraine's independence on Sunday August 21. The commemoration will be held in the Carnegie Borough Building Meeting Hall, beginning with an ecumenical Moleben at 3 PM. The Carnegie Borough Building is located at One Veterans Way, Carnegie, PA 15106. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be served. Children's activities. 🗗 Singing. By attending you will show your support for Ukraine's hard-fought independence! Слава Україні! ид То the Heroes, Glory!

## **Akathist Hymn for Children**

As the children will be returning back to school, we will be offering during the month of September the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Nurturer of Children". This beautiful Prayer Service will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to come and to offer prayers for your children, grandchildren, god-children, etc.

#### **Blessing of Animals**

In our Holy Church we have prayers of blessing for just about everything. From religious articles such as icons and vestments, to things like fields, flowers, houses, vehicles and even animals! This year on Thursday, September 1st, when we commemorate the holy martyr Mammas, who is honored as one of the patron saints of animals and livestock, we will have the blessing of animals in our parish family. This blessing will take place outside at 7:00 p.m. in front of the anniversary Cross (near the parish rectory). Plan to come and be part of this prayerful event.

### St. George's & St. John's Parish Picnic & Bishop Bohdan visit

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy\_. The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in front of the parish house. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our **St. George's.** As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. **We ask that you provide side dishes and desserts.** Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule. The set-up of the tables, chairs and all the food preparations for the picnic will take place on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

### St. George Catechism Meeting

In preparation for the opening of the new school year, the meeting of our catechists will take place on Thursday, September 8th at church rectory after evening Divine Liturgy. I ask our catechists to please be present for this important meeting. Thank you.

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

The grand total for Sunday of Aug. 7, 2022 was \$1,465.50

(Collection: \$1033.00, loose & candles: \$3.50, Pyrohy: \$394.00, Ukrainian Aid: \$35.00)

The grand total for Sunday of Aug. 14, 2022 was \$991.00

(Collection: \$665.00, loose & candles: \$31.00, Pyrohy: \$285.00, Ukrainian Aid: \$10.00)

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



# **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

"So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

As we continue our journey of life we expect that through one word of God's mercy, the gates of eternal life will be opened for us, ... yet we close these very doors — no, the small doors of this temporal life in the face of another person. What can we hope for?

As we read Holy Scripture we learn that with what measure you measure it shall be measured unto you. In the Beatitudes it says: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy",



and in the Lord's prayer: forgive us as we forgive. How simple it all seems, and yet how difficult we find it. It would be simple if our hearts responded to sorrow, to need; it is difficult because our hearts are silent. But why is this so? May it not be because when someone behaves badly we always think he must be a bad person, without realizing that often the man so much wants to be good, so much wants every word of his to be pure, his thoughts and his heart pure, his actions worthy ones, but he simply has not the strength, he is enmeshed by old habits, by the pressures of his environment, by false shame and so many other things. And he continues to act wrongly; but we could disentangle him. We could look at him as God looks at him, with pity, as one might look at a sick man dying of a disease that could be cured if only he were given the right treatment.

Each one of us could do what is necessary for someone. Look at a man and pity him for being wicked, angry, vengeful, bad in one way or another. Have pity on him and turn the bright side of your soul towards him, tell him that his actions and his words will not deceive you, however wicked they may be, because you know that he is an image, an icon of God, besmirched and disfigured, and yet in him you bow down to God, and love him as a brother. To do this may cost you a great deal, but if you can do it once or twice and see how a person changes because you have faith in him, because you have rested God's hope on him, what a world we should live in — a world of mutual trust. True, we should have to pay for it with our heart's blood, with tears of compassion, with agony of soul, but what joy there would be not only among the angels of God in heaven when they saw a sinner saved, but in our own hearts when we suddenly saw that in response to our compassion and love, a person was filled with the light of eternal life! Amen.