

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

Saturday, Feb. 111st All Souls Saturday<br/>Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21:8-9.25-27.33-36<br/>10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahyda<br/>Supplications will be offered for+requested deceased<br/>6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Feb. 12Sunday of the Meat-Fare<br/>Readings: 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15:11-329:10 A.M. Third Hour<br/>9:30 A.M. Divine LiturgySupplications will be offered for+Olga Petrushka, given by Dorothy Firranse<br/>Supplications will be offered for+Dr. Stephen Gage, given by Michael Spak<br/>God's blessing and recovery for Khrystyna Naydan, by family

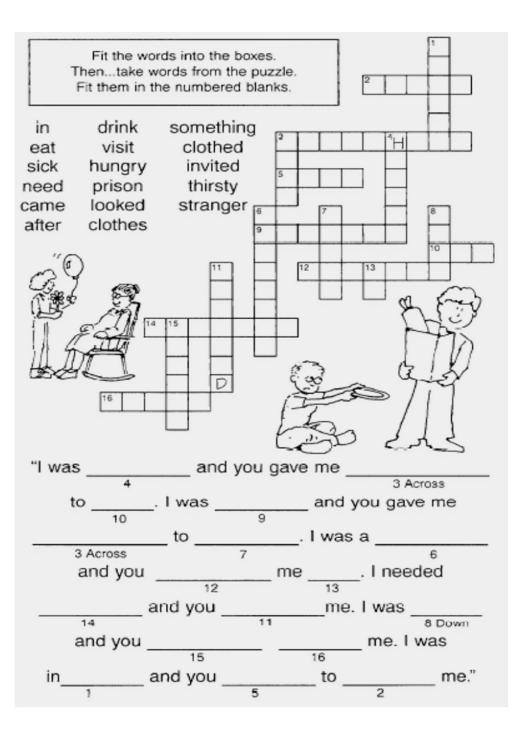
Saturday, Feb. 18All Holy Ascetical Fathers and MothersReadings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21:8-9.25-27.33-366:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)

Sunday, Feb. 19 Sunday of Cheese Fare

Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21 9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Right of Forgiveness

Supplications will be offered for+**Don Hall**, given by Pyrohy workers Supplications will be offered for+**Peter & Rose Marie Drahusz**, given by Mary Ann Russo & family

Friday, Feb. 24	St. Erasmus, Venerable
Day of prayer	Readings: Gen. 2:20-3:20; Prov. 3:19-34
& fasting	6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts ( <u>North Side</u> )



#### We prepare ourselves for the journey of the Great Fast-Lent



The Season of the Great and Holy Fast will begin on Sunday evening, February 19<sup>th</sup> As we know, during this "season of repentance" we are called to much more than a mere dietary change; we are called to change our entire way of life so that it conforms to the ways of God. And for this reason we not only cease those things which are spiritually harmful (arguing, gossiping, overeating, judging others, etc.), but we also limit those things which bring no spiritual benefit (television, radio, magazines, etc.). In their stead we apply ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: attending more church services, helping to those in need, spending more time in spiritual reading and reflection, and reforming bad habits.

Here at St. George's we will celebrate the beautiful Lenten Services that enhance our journey of "bright sadness": Liturgy of Presanctfied Gifts, Akathist Hym to the Cross and to the Passion of Christ...these Divine Services are to help us seek the Lord Our Savior during this special time of the year.

#### Values

On April 14, 1912, 10:00 p.m. the Titanic crashed into an iceberg in the mid-Atlantic and four hours later sank. One woman in a life boat asked if she could go back to her room. She was given only three minutes to do so. She hurried down the corridors, already tilting dangerously, through the gambling room piled ankle-deep in money. In her room were her treasures waiting to be taken, but instead, she snatched up three oranges and hurried back to the boat. One hour before she would have naturally chosen diamonds over oranges, but in the face of death, values are seen more clearly.





#### <u>Soup Sale</u>

Again, this year we would like to sell a soup whole Lent. Every week we will have one kind of soup, next week another and so on. We need volunteers which will be able to cook soups. We will have soup sale on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. The start of Soup Sale will be on Sunday, February 19th. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley, veggie etc. All proceeds go towards the children of St. George's Church School. Make sure to support our children who are the future of our parish family. A sign-up sheet who would like to make a soup for this fundraiser is available in the Church vestibule.

Mark you calendar: Next Adult Religious Class on this Thursday march 2nd, 2023, at 6:30pm

Also, **Coffee Social** on February 26, 2023. If you would like to sponsor next month (March 26) let know to fr. Igor.

## February 12, 2023

Meat fare Sunday (of the Fearful Judgment), Octoechos Tone 3. Our Holy Father Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (379-95)

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## Announcements:

#### Next Sunday: Forgiveness Sunday

Next Sunday, February 19, in our Liturgical calendar is the last Sunday before the Great Fast called Cheesefare Sunday. This Sunday is also called "Forgiveness Sunday" from the pious Eastern Christian custom of asking each other's' forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect before we begin together our journey through the Great Fast-Lent. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have the Rite of Forgiveness during which we will ask each other for forgiveness.

#### Mardi Gras Party 2023

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their 23rd annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 19 from 12:00-4 p.m. There is no admission fee but we do accept any good will offering to go towards our NALC mission churches. We also will be collecting non-perishable food items at the door for the local food bank. This year please also consider donation your gently worn or new shoes of any kind and size. These shoes will go to help people living in Third World Countries, through Funds2org. For more information contact the church at 412-761-4585

#### 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, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.** 

#### **Pyrohy**

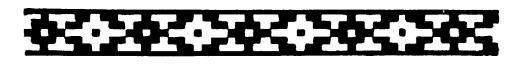
Our total income from last week's sale was **\$647.00.** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

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

The grand total for Sunday of January 29, 2023, was **\$1598.00 + \$647.00** (Collection: \$1214.00, loose & candles: \$24.00, Ukraine Aid: \$260.00, Online donation: \$360)

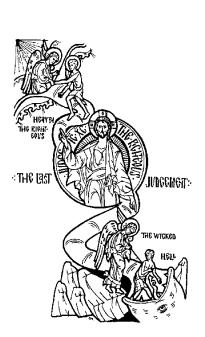
## Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy



### The Sunday of the Last Judgment

The Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left."

The past two Sundays spoke to us of God's patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our



judge. "Behold the goodness and severity of God" (Romans 11:22). Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes.

In the words of the Great Canon: *The end draws near, my soul, the end draws near; yet you do not care or make ready. The time grows short, rise up: the Judge is at the door. The days of our life pass swiftly, as a dream, as a flower.* 

This Sunday sets before us the "eschatological" dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come. (This is a theme that will be taken up in the first three days of Holy Week.) Nor is the judgment merely in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts towards others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given to help them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

#### - Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)

The trumpet shall sound, and the graves shall be opened; all mankind will arise in trembling; the righteous will rejoice, as they receive their reward, but the wicked will depart to eternal fire with wailing and horror. O Lord of Glory, have mercy on us! Number us with those who love You, for You alone are good, O Master!