

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

**Saturday, Sept. 7** Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

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

**Sunday, Sept. 8** Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

**Birth of the Theotokos** 

Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Picnic

Health & wellness of Mary Siweckyj, given by Helen Pyptyk Health & wellness of Kelly Askey, given by Char Rumsky

**Saturday, Sept. 14** Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Jn. 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

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

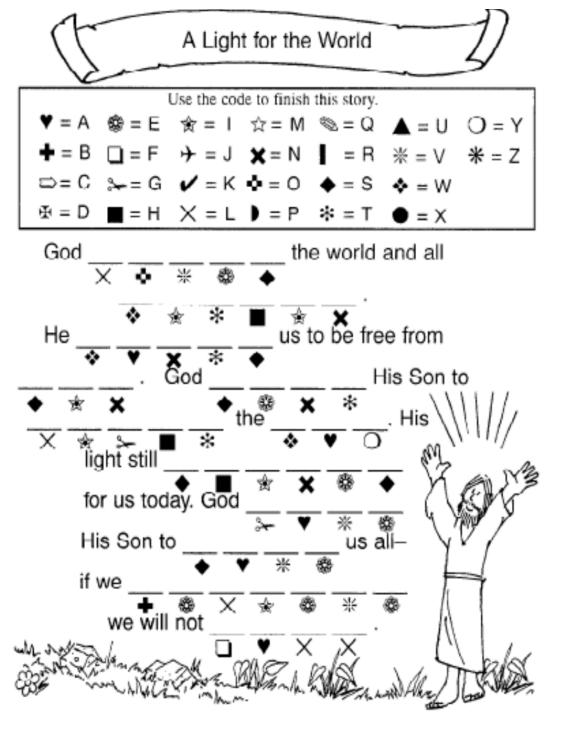
**Sunday, Sept. 15** Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+Michaylo Lwiwski, by Pyptyks







# Sep. 8, 2024

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross.
Octoechos Tone 7.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary.

<u>Changeable Parts:</u> See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

## **Announcements:**

#### St. George's/St. John's Parish Picnic

Please start marking your calendars for our St. George's/St. John's Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, September 8<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 Church School. Every year this has been a happy event for our parish family so please plan to be here, to have fun and to enjoy that Christian fellowship.

#### **Flowers for the Cross**

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church. The Cross adorned with flowers will remain on the Tetrapod until Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to donate towards the flowers that will adorn the Cross for this special day (in honor or memory of a loved one), please use the envelopes that are available in the Church vestibule.

#### **Nativity of the Theotokos**

On this Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. We celebrate one of the most ancient Feasts from the 6<sup>th</sup> century in honor of our Lady.

#### **Church School Registration**

As we prepare to begin the new school year for our St. George's Church School, registrations are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per a child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 22<sup>th</sup>. All children 4-14 years of age are to be registered for our catechetical program. Remember that it is important that our children receive the proper Eastern Christian Formation. This formation is offered to them here at St. George's. We are blessed with a wonderful catechetical program and instructors. As a Church, let us pray for our children because they are the future of our parish family.

<u>Mark your calendar:</u> The first Adult Religious Class is on September 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Please also mark the other scheduled classes: Oct.17 and Nov.14. Special thanks to Mr. Donn Fontana for coordinating this.

<u>Fall Youth Retreat</u> is slated for October 12 & 13 at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA. Mark your calendar and plan to take advantage of what has proven to be a very enjoyable, as well as rewarding, time. The theme for the retreat is, "Getting to know the Lord through His work". For more information see Michael Spak or see a flier in today's bulletin.

#### **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, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla, and Rose Shedno.

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

The total for Sunday, Sep.1, 2024, was \$1,526.00

(Collection: \$1,465.00, Loose & other: \$61.00)

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



### The Nativity of the Mother of God



We extol you, O Most Holy Virgin, and we venerate the holy ancestors of God, and we celebrate your glorious Nativity!

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest

who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

#### From the Prayer of Pope John Paul II for the victims of 9-11

Almighty Father, we commend the victims of this shocking tragedy to Your eternal love. We implore Your comfort upon the injured, the families and friends involved, and all who are doing their utmost to rescue survivors and help those affected. We ask You, Father, to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial...Immaculate Mary, Humble Virgin, Mother of our Church, and Protectress of our nation, we ask you to go before the Throne of the Holy Trinity and intercede for the United States at this critical juncture in our history. Gently place your mantle upon our land, upon our people, upon our allies, upon our fighting men and women, as you once wrapped our Savior in swaddling clothes in a manger.