



ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 4

The Holy Martyr Charitina

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Lk. 6:31-36

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 5

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Lk. 6:31-36

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Pyptyk, given by family**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia Della Ragione,
given by Luigi & family**

Thursday, Oct. 9

St. James Alpheus, Apostle

Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Lk. 10:16-21

6:30 P.M. Akathist to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer"

Saturday, Oct. 11

The Holy Martyr Charitina

Readings: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11; Lk. 7:11-16

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Oct. 12

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Readings: 2 Cor. 9: 6-11; Lk. 7:11-16

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Perkun,
given by children**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Msgr. Michael Rewtiuk, given by Mary
Zalischuk**

Eternal light Candle offering for October 5, 2025

Blessed memory of +Maria Perkun by Olga Perkun



1. Cross out all the vowels.

2. Switch the J and the C, and the D and the F.

3. Delete the 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th letters.

4. Add the letter "U" between the J and F.
Delete the final letter.

5. Delete the 1st letter and switch the D and F.

6. Change the "F" to an "E", the "C" to an "A", and
delete the last letter.

We must struggle to purify our hearts and minds and strive to put pure intentions into action. One real test of faith is how much we love our enemies. Another is how many strings there are attached to our charity. If we follow Christ, we will have no enemies and there should be no strings attached to our giving. We should not expect nor desire to be paid back for any kindness we perform. Jesus goes even further by saying that we should give secretly, so that no one even knows what we are doing. "Let the right not know what the left hand is doing." To be loving as God is loving, forgiving as God is forgiving, merciful as God is merciful, to be blind to class, ethnicity and any other distinction that might cause us to be repulsed by another.

So what are we doing? Are our lives governed by the plain meaning of these words or by something else?

We are called to rise above "typical" human behavior. We are not called to be just good human beings, but perfect human beings. "The glory of God is a human being fully realized." To be a perfect human being is to be like God. Anything in our thoughts and behavior that doesn't reflect the love of God is to be discarded and repented.



**4th Quarter Wedding Anniversaries-
Happy Anniversary to All!**

- DJ and Lori Barr, 10/9
- Peter and Mary Beth Parks, 10/21
- Roger and Jacque Adamiak, 10/23
- Dave and Patti Barr, 10/23
- Oleh and Motria Hodowanec, 11/21
- Michael and Belinda Spak, 11/25
- Bill and Anna Marshall, 12/17
- Jim and Ann Kaltreider, 12/24



October 5, 2025

17th Sunday after
Pentecost

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Holy Martyr Charitina

Changeable Part: See the special
insert available in the church
vestibule.

Announcements:

Thank You!

Last Sunday we were blessed with great parish picnic. Thank you all for coming and being part of this happy parish event. We had great food and a wonderful time for Christian fellowship. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for your hard work (kitchen, set-up, clean-up), for all the food donations and financial support for our parish picnic. It is always a great joy when we come together to celebrate our faith and love. Thank you!

Sarris Christmas Candy sale!

It is time for a Sarris Candy sale fundraiser. As last year, we will have this fundraiser, twice a year, before Christmas and before Easter. Twenty five percent of the proceeds from the sale will go to St. George Church. The order forms are available in the vestibule. Orders are due October 18-19. Delivery and pickup will be on Sunday, December 7 after Divine Liturgy. You only need to return the price sheet. **Make checks payable to St. George Church.**

Mark your calendar:

We are planning to restart Adult religious Classes. The first Adult Religious Class is on October 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Please mark another scheduled class as November 13, 2025. Special thank you to Don Fontana for coordinating these classes and parishioners for attending.

October: Cancer Awareness

During this month of October we will be celebrating on Thursday evenings the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God "Healer of Cancer." Please come for the first celebration of this Prayer Service on Thursday, October 9th, at 6:30 p.m. We invite all to come who are in need of the healing touch of the Queen of Heaven. The hymns of this particular Akathist Service will console anyone who is suffering from cancer, or who has loved ones that are ill. Come and bring a friend for this Divine Service that gives strength and hope during a time of suffering and pain. As part of this Akathist Service Holy Anointing will be administered to those who wish to receive it.

A Benefit Luncheon for the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge. There will be a reception at 12:30pm and the Luncheon will begin at 1:00pm. Bishop Bohdan will be attending. This is an important opportunity to support our Eparchy. **Everyone is invited to attend or to support this event in some way.** You may register via the invitation you should have received in the mail, or online at the Eparchy's website (stjosaphateparchy.com). For more information, please see the Pastor or send an email to stjosaphatstewardship@yahoo.com, or call 440-888-1522. Please support this important event for the Eparchy!

Ukrainian Festival – October 4, 2025 from Noon to 3 at the Chippewa Fire Hall. Some of our St. George Parishioners have volunteered to prepare a Ukrainian lunch and show a presentation on Ukraine. This includes Patti Barr, Victoria Fedora, Debbie Label and Vicki Senko. This organization is run by members of Fr. Andrew's family and supports Best Friends, Inc., which has been providing resources for disadvantaged children and their families in Western PA since 1993. The cost is \$10 for a nice Ukrainian lunch that includes pyrohy, stuffed cabbage, haluski and dessert. If you are interested in attending, please register in advance by emailing bestfriendsinc2012@gmail.com by September 24th.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of September 28, 2025, was **\$685.00 + \$689.00**

(Collection: \$640.00, Loose & candles: \$45.00, Pyrohy: \$689.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

Seventeen Sunday after Pentecost



"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisee you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Jesus left us no writings and no dogmas. He left us a simple message displayed in both His words and His deeds. "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as

yourself." That's it. Jesus left us with a way of life.

Jesus sets the bar very high. As high as it can possibly go. It is not enough to have good intentions. Jesus asks us to have better-than-good intentions and to live them out in concrete ways. The Lord always cuts to the quick, not satisfied in a change of behavior alone, but calling for a change of mind. The Ten Commandments say we should not kill, but Jesus goes further saying that we should not even allow anger to gain a foothold in our hearts. We may get angry with someone and not murder them and that is good, but life is meant for the total eradication of evil thoughts so that sin may have no place in us to grow at all. So when an angry thought rises from the storehouse of our souls, we meet it and deal with it before it takes root and grows. If we do that, then there is no sin, no suffering and no crime. The Liturgy calls us to both "think and do what is pleasing to God." This transformation of mind and heart is not an instantaneous thing; it is a process over which we have some real control. Once the mind and heart are transformed the results are amazing.

St. Paul writes in his letter to Titus, "To the pure all things are pure but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted." That is, the pure in heart project from inside themselves purity. They are so filled with God they bless those who curse them and do good to those who seek to spitefully use them just as Jesus did. They notice the suffering of people, but do not judge them, knowing that if they act out in unfortunate ways it is because of their suffering, or fear, or ignorance. The saints pray for the healing of sinners and their enlightenment so that the suffering that causes unhealthy thoughts and actions may cease.