

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, March 29 Fourth All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-37

10:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty 4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. John Climacus, Venerable

(Children's Liturgy)

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk. 9:17-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Sophia Hodowanec**, given by Motria & Oleh Supplications will be offered for **+Ukrainian soldiers and civilians**, given by anonymous

Thursday, April 3 Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete

Readings: Gen. 18:20-33; Prov. 16:17-33

6:30 P. M. NO SERVICE

Saturday, April 5 Akathistos Saturday

Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45

4:00 P.M. NO SERVICE

Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. Mary of Egypt, Venerable

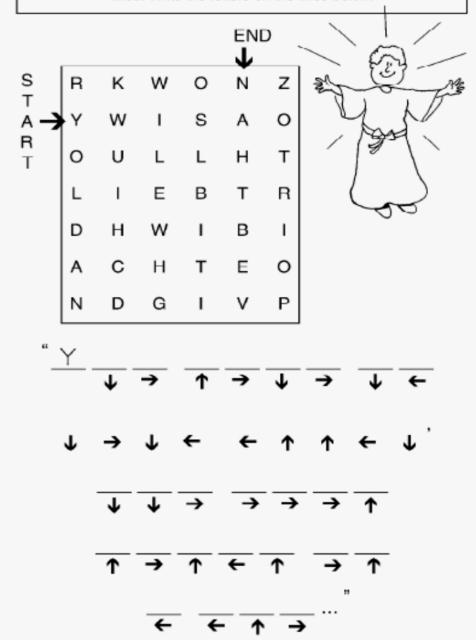
Readings: Heb. 9:11-14; Mk. 10:32-45

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for soldier +Volodymyr Tymiak, given by sister Natalia Tymiak
Supplications will be offered for +Ivan & Eva Salo, given by Andrew Salo

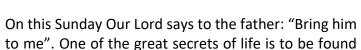
Here is something else the angel told Mary.

Move through the puzzle in the direction of the arrows under the lines. Write the letters on the lines below.



Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"



in these few words...Bring him to me! When we have a sickness or a problem, we as followers of Christ always have someone to whom we can go. We recall the words of Our Lord: "Come to Me all you who are tired from carrying your heavy burdens and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). How many cries for help we hear every day! If we try to help alone, we are helpless. But if we believe in Christ, it is our mission to bring them to the true Helper, the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies. As parents, friends, employers, fellow workers, we can be Our Lord's helpers. But before we can bring others to Christ, we must bring ourselves to Him. We must let Our Lord strengthen our faith. We must let him break the power of sin in our lives and set us free.

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Our Lord performed two miracles today. He not only healed the epileptic boy; He also increased the father's faith. From saying: "If you can do anything", the desperate father reached the point where he would say: "I believe!" His one sentence prayer; "I believe; help my unbelief!" showed that he did not possess complete and absolute faith. He expressed and acted on the faith he had, but he did not hide his doubt. He was honest with Christ. No person believes perfectly. But the important thing is whether we let ourselves be controlled by the faith by the faith we have or by our doubts. Miracles happen not because of perfect faith, but rather of imperfect faith in the perfect Christ.

<u>March 30, 2025</u>

Fourth Sunday of Great Fast Octoechos Tone 4

Our venerable father John of the Ladder (Climacus)

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



Announcements:

Today: 4th Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Forth Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor our venerable father, John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. This Sunday's theme is St John's witness to the real spiritual struggle needed for entrance into God's Kingdom. It also is encouragement for the faithful to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, for according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:13).

Lenten Project: support Ukrainian people

During this time of Great Lent, our church is seeking opportunities to serve those in need. We are all witnesses to the devastating war in Ukraine, and many people there require our support. We stand with them because every human life is precious, for which Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross.

Our church has decided to collect medical supplies that can help save lives in Ukraine. We will collect Hemostatic Wound sprays: BC3 Technologies 2.5oz SEAL Aerosolized Hemostatic Wound Spray – Rapid Bleeding Control - Emergency Preparedness Product - Perfect for Hotels, Emergency Workers, Military & Law Enforcement These items have been specifically requested, and you can purchase them at any time if you would like to contribute to our Easter church project.

The items will be sent to St. George address (3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212), and we will ensure they reach those in need. Thank you for your support.



Pysanky Workshop, Sunday, April 6th at 11 AM in the Church Hall.

All supplies will be provided. **Please sign up by March 30**th. If you want to participate and you will not be in church this Sunday, please contact Debbie Label at 724-991-7920.

Coffee Social – this Sunday! Hope you can attend and enjoy coffee and fellowship. Thanks to Helen and Irene Pyptyk for sponsoring the March Coffee Social!

Pyrohy sale at Assumption Parish and St. James:

Both churches have done a nice job recognizing St. George and giving our pyrohy some good publicity in their bulletins and communications. Assumption - We have sold an extra 84 dozen in 2 weeks at their fish frys. St James - They have purchased 80 dozen in 3 weeks.

Pyrohy

The total income from our pyrohy sale was **\$2,038.00.** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work and dedication to this ongoing activity. Please come down and give us a hand with this important fundraiser. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, March 25, 2025 was **\$1,070.00 + \$2,038.00** (Collection - \$665.00, Loose & candles - \$35.00, Soup sale: 270.00, Donation for the church tour: \$100.00, by Serra Catholic High School)

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



April birthdays!

Don Fontana

Blaise Fontana
Jim Marunczak
Michael Senko



Happy Anniversary - 2Q

Jim and Diane Marunczak

Don and Jane Rubolino
Michael and Vicki Senko

Hope - Trust in God's Power



We read in the Acts of the Apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you" (1:8). Jesus spoke these words to His discouraged and frustrated apostles who had just

witnessed His cruel death on the cross. Now they reached for hope, and it came down like the roar of a mighty wind and transformed them. They experienced a tremendous inflow of power through the

Holy Spirit. The disciples walked away from Pentecost and went to the ends of the earth, preaching, teaching, healing and transforming the world with the power of God.

Exemplifying Jesus, these humble, uneducated, poor fishermen started the greatest spiritual revolution in history. They became people of hope and people of power through the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is living within us at this moment and is using us — to the degree that we surrender to His leadership — to effect a transformation of our world into a united sacrifice of praise and glory to His Heavenly Father. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus manifests the fullness of God's infinite love for each of us. The Holy Spirit is the source of all our hope. The power given to Jesus to destroy sin and death has also conquered darkness. He is the Light of the World!

Jesus was raised in glory and given a new relationship to His Father and to us and our world. Jesus the divine presence of the mind of the Father speaks His loving Word in the power of the Holy Spirit within us in the depths of our hearts. In an exciting new Trust in God's Power, God now communicates Himself to us in our darkness by the bright light of His fully realized Word — Jesus Christ. We have hope because into the dark silence of our inner world the brightness of Jesus enters. We have been created to live in the power God gives us just as an electrical appliance is built to run on the current of an electrical power line. The manufacturer of an appliance assumes that electricity will flow into it and designs the parts accordingly. If the power is not turned on and the electricity is not permitted to run through, the appliance is worthless.

The same applies to us. God has created us so that our whole being springs to life the moment we receive His power. We live in hope and the fullness of life becomes a reality for us when we have His power in us through the Holy Spirit. We share in the brightness of Jesus Christ and cry out in hope: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev 22: 20)! United to Christ in the love of the Father, pray in hope that someday soon, "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image by the Lord who is Spirit" (2 Car 3: 18). Reprinted with permission from Awakening Our Treasures; published at the Sower, Stamford, Ct.