



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, August 16**    **Post-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

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

**Sunday, August 17**    **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of the Flowers**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Petro Hodowanetc,**  
**given by Motria & Oleh.**

**Saturday, August 23**    **The Holy Priest – Martyr Eutyches**

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

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

**Sunday, August 24**    **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Health, wellbeing and recovery for Jeff Chulack,  
**given by friends.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Natalia Humenetska,**  
**given by Iryna Yehorova.**

**Eternal Light Candle Offering for August 18, 2025**

In loving memory of +Stella Novak, Requested by Kathy Novak



This parable teaches a lesson  
on how we should treat others.  
What is the parable about?



On the lines write the words that fit the definitions.  
Write the letters from the lines in the correct boxes below.

1. What grapes grow on

                                     
6      5      8      7

2. Opposite of stop

                   
4      2

3. Comes after six

                                              
10    9      6      7      8

4. Creature that "croaks"

                                     
1      3      2      4

5. Perform a song

                                     
11    5      8      4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



This Sunday’s Gospel is the story of a boy possessed by a demon. Jesus’ followers cannot heal him, so Jesus himself casts out the demon. This story is repeated twice during the Church year: the first time during the Great Fast, on the Fourth Sunday, according to St. Mark. The second time is this Tenth Sunday. The Gospel of St. Matthew adds a saying not found in St. Mark: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would be moved.” Both gospels are about faith that is beyond human power. We cannot be Christians without faith in our Lord, but we cannot attain this faith only by our own powers. We ask, “Why can we not cast out the evils in our life?”

**Faith is a gift of God, not obtainable by human power.** That is why, even if our gift of faith is very small, it can do the impossible, for if we are touched even a little by God’s power, we can be saved and transformed. This gospel, then, continues the theme of last Sunday, it is Jesus coming to us that lifts us above our natural calling. **We must be open to the gift of faith.**

Meditation by Archpriest David Petras



He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. — COL. 2:13-14 NIV



**August 17, 2025**

***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Post-feast of the Dormition  
The Holy Martyr Myron***

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

# **Announcements:**

## **Today: Blessing of flowers**

As we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God, we will have the Blessing of Flowers today, at the end of the Divine Liturgy. If you have brought flowers to be blessed on this special occasion, please place it in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod. Festal Anointing-Mirovanya will take place following the Dismissal.

## **St. George’s Parish Picnic**

Please start marking your calendars for our St. George’s Parish Picnic which will take place on Sunday, September 28<sup>st</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

**COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Ukrainian Youth Retreat** being held September 12, 2025 through September 14, 2025 at Camp Guyasuta in Sharpsburg, PA.

**Ukrainian Independence Day**, Join in celebration and solidarity from 12pm-6pm on the streets outside the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club. There will be traditional Ukrainian food, music, vendors, cultural exhibits and more. Proceeds will benefit Ukrainian families affected by the war. For more information, please contact theukes Carnegie@gmail.com.

**PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS**

**St. George Church Picnic** - September 28, 2025 after Divine Liturgy. Mark your calendar! There will be sign-up sheets available in the near future.

**\*\* Pyrohy** – Frozen Potato/cheese and Jalapeno are available for sale.

**\*\*Suggestion Box** - Suggestion forms are still available on the table in the vestibule. Please place your comments and suggestions in the "Suggestion Box" as marked. Your ideas are welcome and your feedback is truly appreciated.

**Collection- May God bless you...**

The total for Sunday of August 10, 2014 was **\$601.00 + \$230.00**  
(Collection: \$579.00, Loose & candles: \$22.00, Pyrohy: 230.00)

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



**Eternal Candle Offering:**

An Eternal Candle Offering is available each week for an offering of \$15.  
Please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or complete this section below:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intention:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please give your envelope to Olga Perkun or Vicki Senko.



**Blessing of Herbs and Flowers for the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God**



At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today, Father Igor blessed herbs and flowers brought by the faithful. Why is this part of our Tradition?

Holy Tradition reveals to us that the Apostles, with the exception of St. Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with Mary,

the Mother of God –the Theotokos– as she was about to repose, and to be present at her burial. When Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could pay her reverence. The opened tomb revealed the body of the Virgin was missing and the cave filled with fragrant herbs and flowers signifying the sweet fragrance of Paradise. This was a sure sign of Mary’s great purity and holiness to the faithful.

Her passing is commemorated as the Dormition (the falling asleep) which is observed on August 15 preceded by a preparatory fast. As part of our celebration of Dormition, therefore, **the priest blesses herbs and flowers** which are used and kept in the homes. The blessing recalls for us the numerous cures and healings given to us by an extraordinary grace bestowed by the Mother of God. Holy Tradition and practice tells us that the herbs are used as natural medicine. During times of family strife or illness, it is a pious custom to place the flower petals in the house censer, together with incense, and cense the whole house with it.

