



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, August 30 **The Holy Priest – Martyr Eutyches**
Readings: 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, August 31 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
Readings: 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for+ **Andrei & Yustyna Pyptyk, given by Pyptyk's**
Supplications will be offered for+ **Volodymyr Tymiak, given by sister Natalia.**

Saturday, Sept. 6 **Miracle of the Archangel Michael**
Readings: 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Sept. 7 **Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross**
Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Jn. 3:13-17
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Vovk, given by grandson fr. Igor.**
Supplications will be offered for+ **Volodymyr Tymiak, given by sister Natalia.**

Eternal Light Candle Offering for August 31, 2025
For Birthday Blessings and the health and well-being of Debbie
Label, Requested by Michael and Vicki Senko

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question. What was it?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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The Pharisees replied: " _____
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Jesus said, " _____
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4,5 5 7 6,7 8 9,10 2,3 ?"

Church Year begins on September 1st

Since pagan times, the civil year has begun on January 1st, the month named for the pagan god Janus. The First Ecumenical Council that took place in Nicaea in the year 325 decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1st. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year (Exodus 23:16), the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21), opened the book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the words: *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn (Isaiah 61:1-2).*

The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith, in September. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire. For a long time, the civil year in the Christian world followed the Church year, with its beginning on the first day of September. In the early days of the Church and the Christian Roman Empire, major decisions and policies were announced on this day. The New Year in the Latin Church is always on the first Sunday of Advent (the Philip's - Christmas Fast). As we begin this new Church year we pray: Creator of the universe, setting times and seasons by Your sole authority, bless the cycle of the year of Your grace, O Lord, guarding our rulers and Your nation in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.

Happy Labor Day!

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your Name.

We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.



August 31, 2025

***Twelve Sunday after
Pentecost***

**The Placing of the Sash of our
Most Holy Lady the Mother of
God in Calcoprateia (942)**

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

Announcements:

Church School/Registration

As we prepare to begin our St. George's Church School, registration forms are now available in the Church vestibule. I ask all our parents to please take & fill out the registration form (one per child). We need to have them returned by Sunday, September 15th. 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.

St. George's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 28th 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. **As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask that you provide side**

Flowers for the Cross

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross the Cross on Saturday, September 14th, the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought in procession from the Altar Table to the center of our Holy Church for public veneration. 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.

Concert at “The Arms”

On Friday, September 5, 2025, time TBD (evening) Zoe Erinna Cui a musical prodigy who was featured on America’s got Talent at the Age of 6 will perform at Sheptytsky Arms. Followed by a show by The Dynamic Duo. Zoe ...sings, dances and plays piano. She is now 8. Check her out at Facebook or U-tube. Tickets are \$10.00

Pyrohy Production:

After a well-deserved summer break, pyrohy production will resume on **Wednesday, September 10th at 9 AM**. If you are available to help, we would love to have you join us - even if it's only for an hour or two. We are truly grateful for our dedication pyrohy volunteers. This mission provides fellowship, financial support for the church and of course, the best tasting pyrohy in Pittsburgh. All are welcome!

Pyrohy Price Increase:

Due to the rising cost of supplies and utilities, we need to increase the price of our pyrohy to \$11 per dozen for all varieties. This price is still competitive and is a very good value for the quality of our product. St. George Pyrohy are the best in the 'burg!

Coffee Social

Our next coffee social will be held on **Sunday, September 14th**. We hope to see you there! We expect to have some visitors that attended the Ukrainian Youth Retreat in Sharpsburg attend services and join us for a coffee social.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of August 24, 2025 was **\$434.00 + \$280.00**
(Collection: \$400.00, Loose & candles: \$19.00, Eternal Light: \$15.00, Pyrohy: \$280.00)

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus never praised riches. Today he tells the people who have just seen a rich young man refuse the Lord’s invitation to follow him, “it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.” This is repeated often in the scriptures. Jesus teaches, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3)” But the rich in spirit cannot love God more than themselves, and it is a simple reality that if they cannot love God, they cannot love their neighbors, created by God. Mary therefore declares, “The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. (Luke 1:53) And

Abraham tells the rich man in hell, “you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. (Luke 16:25) And James admonishes his flock, who honored a rich man, “Are not the rich oppressing you? And do they themselves not haul you off to court? Is it not they who blaspheme the noble name that was invoked over you? (James 2:6-7)”

To be able to turn one’s back on riches is what it means to be human. In transcending the world, we should be able to see infinite and eternal realities. There is nothing wrong or bad about the material creation God has given us, but it has the power to blind us to greater riches. God does not simply take away riches, but he gives us spiritual riches beyond our understanding. Today, the poorest among us have more than the richest people at the time of Jesus. This is why it is so much more important to be able to see spiritual realities.

The rich young man was unable to follow Jesus’ call - today’s Gospel describes the difficulty for a rich man to be saved: it is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye; Jesus then emphasizes to the astonished disciples when asked “Who then can be saved?”, that “with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Meditation by Archpriest David Petras, [August 27, 2017](#)