



## ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

**Saturday after the Exaltation of the Cross**

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

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

**Sunday, Sept. 21**

**Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross**

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

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Volodymyr Tymiak,**  
**given by sister Natalia.**

Supplications will be offered for +**Susan Siwecky & +Sandy Winghart,**  
**given by Mary Siweckyj.**

**Saturday, Sept. 27**

**Chariton Venerable**

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:1-10; Lk. 5:1-11

**NO SERVICE**


**Sunday, Sept. 28**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:1-10; Lk. 5:1-11

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

Supplications will be offered for+ **Bohdan Matush, given by Inna Hohosha**  
Supplications will be offered for+ **Mihaylo Lwiwski, given by Pyptyk's**



What else did Jesus say?

Use the code to find out!

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### Following or Leading?

One day Mother Teresa saw one of her sisters headed out into the streets with a long face. She called her over and said, "What did Jesus say, to carry the cross in front of Him or to follow Him?" The sister responded, smiling, "To follow Him." Mother then asked, "Why are you trying to go ahead of Him?" (Mother Teresa:: Come be My Light, p.221) "The cross of Christ" is not just the rightful assumption of the weight of a holy life, it is also an attitude.

The wrong attitude can crush our spirits and make us suffer like a pagan: alone. Humble faith reveals the One we follow, who shows us the way, who sustains our hope, and who leads us to profound Christian joy.

### Sacrificial Love and Life Are Inseparable

Seeing the Kingdom in power is a consequence for those who suffer for Christ. Our Lord guarantees this: Love will never be defeated in this life or the next. Although they might seem to have suffered in vain, many saints saw the glory of the Lord in special moments during their life and in abundance after they passed to heaven. The incorrupt, the documented miracles of intercession, the great movement of spirituality in the Church —all these attest that God will never let love for be separated from the coming of his Kingdom in power.

### Conversation with Christ:

Lord, bring my soul to the cross without fear, trusting in its mysterious power to change me and the world around me. I should not withdraw from life when it wounds me. I should not seek pity or human consolation when a dark moment prevails. What is needed is simply a true disciple who will rally his soul behind the cross of the Lord and march forward, assured of victory. May I resolve in every low moment, when Christ asks for more from me, to live the resolution of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: "A hearty 'Yes' to God, and a big smile for all" (Mother Teresa:: Come be My Light, p.217).

### Resolution:

At night I will examine my attitudes towards difficulties and ensure that they reflect the spirit of a true disciple.

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**September 21, 2025**

15th Sunday after Pentecost,  
Octoechos Tone 6;

Leave-taking of the Universal  
Exaltation of the Precious and Life-  
Giving Cross

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

## **Announcements:**

### **Next Sunday: St. George's Parish Picnic**

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place next Sunday, September 28<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. As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. **We ask that you provide side dishes and desserts.** Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule. We need volunteers to help bring tables and chairs up on Saturday morning, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and for the setting up on Sunday morning, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please be part of these preparations for a happy and successful parish picnic. Thank you!

### **Mark your calendar:**

We are planning to restart Adult religious Classes. The first Adult Religious Class is on October 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark other scheduled class as November 13, 2025. Special thank you to Don Fontana for coordinating these classes and parishioners for attending.

### 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 14th. 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. 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.

**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](http://stjosaphateparchy.com)). For more information, please see the Pastor or send an email to [stjosaphatstewardship@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:bestfriendsinc2012@gmail.com) by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Pyrohy

Sincere thanks to all our women and men who work so hard on this parish activity. Our total income from last week's sale was **\$597.00**. Thank you!

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

The total for Sunday of September 14, 2025, was **\$1,117.00 + \$597.00**  
(Collection: \$995.00, Loose & candles: \$122.00, Pyrohy: \$597.00)

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

### **The Transforming Power of the Cross (Gospel of Saint Mark 8: 34-9:1**



*Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange for his life? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father's glory with*

*the holy angels." He also said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the Kingdom of God has come in power."*

### **Introductory Prayer:**

O Lord, take away any false ideas about what it means to be your friend. Prepare my heart for the message of your cross, that it may teach me I can learn authentic love of you and your Kingdom. In your cross is an example of every virtue I need and every goal I wish to attain. In the cross there is hope, an all-powerful hope that transcends every human disappointment. Lead me to you as I seek to carry my cross with joy as a token of my love and gratitude to you.

### **Becoming Through Suffering**

Most people move through the day with self-preservation and self-interest influencing their decision-making. Choosing a harder road can still be a self-interested affair, if people seek their own advancement in life. Christ's message is not simply about a work ethic —sweating, toiling and sacrificing to be successful. The self-denial that is asked of a Christian goes deeper than that. It must reach into that place where we try to preserve ourselves and our most cherished desires. Nothing teaches Christ's lesson better than the crosses that have surprised us, the crosses that were not planned or wanted. Every step with these crosses on our backs is true following, true loving, true salvation without delusion or bitterness.