

ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Picnic

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

Supplications will be offered for+Dennis Santiago,
21 anniversary of Hurricane Ivan 9-24-04 (By George & Svitlana Honchar)

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

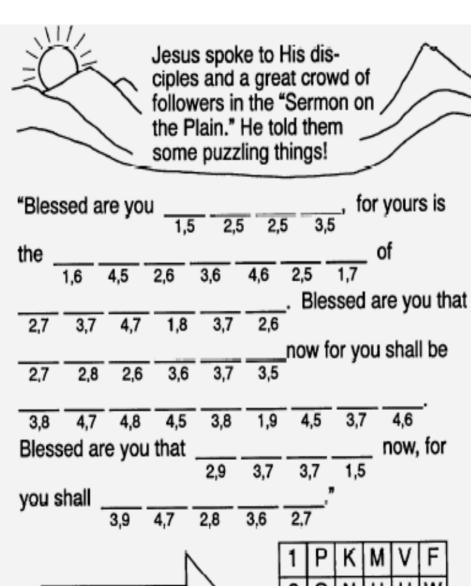
Readings: 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Lk. 6:31-36

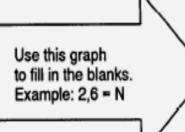
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Eternal Light Candle Offering for September 28, 2025

For the eternal memory of +Yuriy Hordynskyi requested by Marta Shchur





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Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God October 1

The Feast of the Protection-Pokrova commemorates the appearance of the Most Holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in Constantinople in the early sixth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in Church, Our venerable Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.



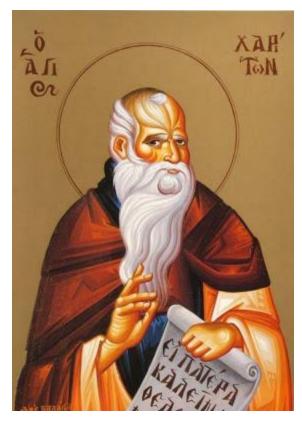
October birthdays:

Carol Chulack	10/1	Dorothy Waslo	10/16
Josephine Fontana	10/1	Victoria Fedora	10/25
Kailyn Marunczak	10/14	Oleh Hodowanec	10/31
Erin Fontana	10/16		

One missed from September: Luigi Della Ragione 9/15

Happy and Blessed Birthday to all!





September 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 7

Our Venerable Father Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine (276)

<u>Changeable Part:</u> See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

Announcements:

This Sunday: St. George's and St. John's Parish Picnic

Our St. George's Parish Picnic will take place next 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. 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. 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.

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!

<u>Ukrainian Festival – October 4, 2025 from Noon to 3</u> 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 <u>bestfriendsinc2012@gmail.com</u> by September 24th.

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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 **\$916.00**. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of September 14, 2025, was \$546.00 + \$916.00 (Collection: \$415.00, Loose & candles: \$31.00, Donation for picnic: \$100.00)

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

In today's Gospel reading Our Lord calls us to live up to our divine potential. The whole of what that means is summed up here. Love everyone and do good for them, even our enemies and give without expecting anything in return. Then we will begin to resemble our Father in heaven and the world will know that we are His children.

Divine compassion is unlimited and shows no discrimination. A spiritual teacher once wrote, "If you do not show compassion toward your enemy then toward whom can you practice it?" The meaning here is more than one might think at first.

"Practice" in this context means to nurture and increase one's capacity for compassion by expanding the ability through deeper and deeper application. Thank God, then, for the "enemy" because he offers the chance for an increase in virtue.

If we have a deep, rich spiritual practice, the reservoirs of our hearts will be filled to overflowing with compassion and love. We will store up patience to share when it is most needed and tolerance for the despised and rejected when we encounter them. The stronger our daily practice, the more we have to give. If we practice our spiritual discipline daily with commitment and perseverance we will always have enough and more to spare in time of need. If our daily practice is weak, then we will not have enough even for ourselves. A healthy spiritual practice is a gift we can give. Every effort we make to increase in virtue, enlightenment and deification touches everyone and everything.

If we are to develop the same unlimited compassion as our heavenly Father shows us, then we must do all we can to nurture and develop the seeds of goodness and virtue in us. Seeing our determination, the Lord will add to us blessing after blessing to share. Living the spiritual life with intensity is possible in every situation, whether married or unmarried, in or out of a monastery, in any job or life situation imaginable. All it takes is desire and training. If we have the desire, the Lord will move heaven and earth to teach us what we need to know.