



# **ST.GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES**

## Saturday, Jan. 10      The Holy Martyr Tatiana

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Mt. 4:1-11

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

Sunday, Jan. 11      Sunday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Mt. 4:1-11

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

Supplications will be offered for **Theodora Petrushka**,  
**given by Dale & Barbara Pulver**

## Saturday, Jan. 17      Anthony the Great, Venerables

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

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

Sunday, Jan. 18      32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday of Zacchaeus

Readings: 1 Tim. 4:9-15; Lk. 19: 1-10

## 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michalina Salo, given by  
Salo family.**

## **Eternal light Candle offering for January 11, 2026**

Blessed memory of +Stepan Shchur requested by Marta Shchur

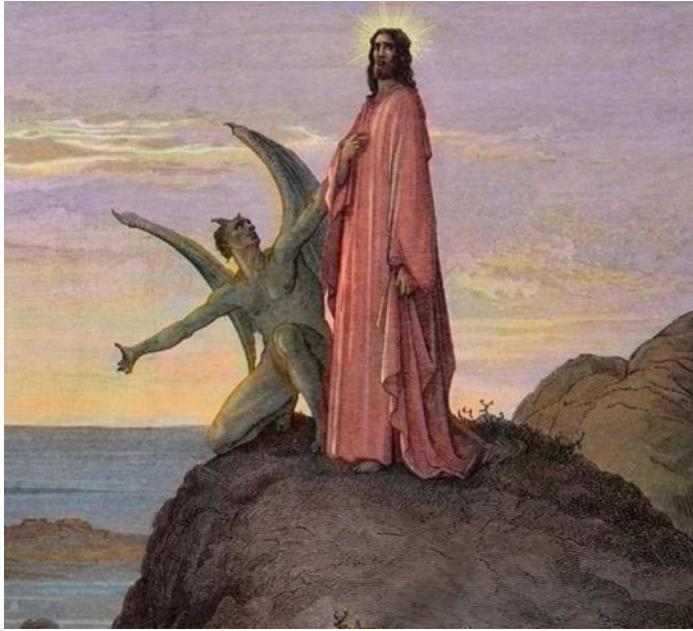
Then Jesus started to preach.  
What did He say?

Use the code to find out.

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## Reflecting on Matthew 4:1-11

Reflections on Matthew 4:1-11 can be deeply meaningful, as they often focus on themes of faith, obedience, and the power of the Holy Spirit. These reflections can be used during prayer, for meditation, or shared with others, so as to deepen our understanding and application of the message found in this Gospel passage.

### Faith and Obedience

The passage emphasizes the importance of faith and obedience to

God, as seen in Jesus' response to the tempter's challenge to command the stones to become bread. This reflects the core Christian belief that faith is not just about believing in God but also about following His commands.

### The Temptation of the Devil

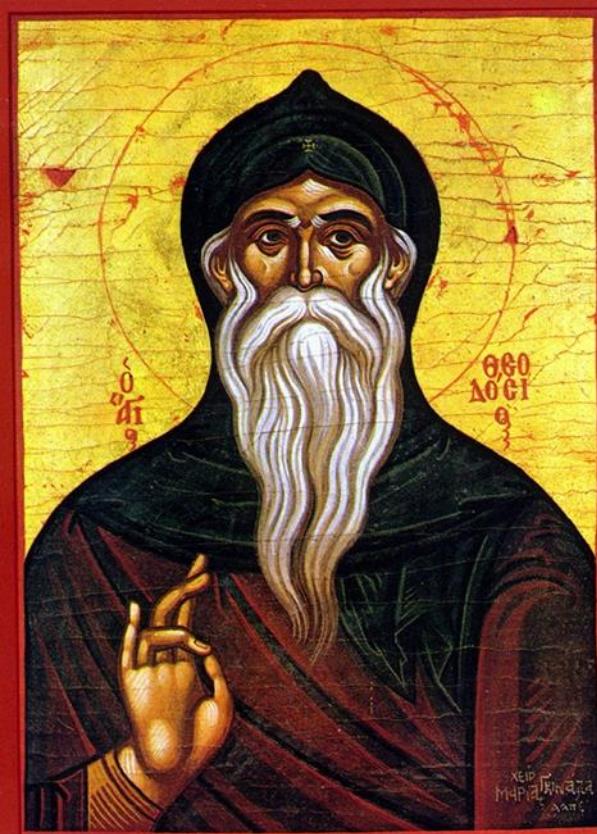
The devil's attempts to tempt Jesus highlight the spiritual challenges believers may face. It serves as a reminder to trust in God's plan and to resist temptations that may lead away from His will.

### The Role of the Holy Spirit

The passage also underscores the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding believers. Jesus' response to the devil's temptations is a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power to protect and guide believers in their spiritual journey.

### The Test of Faith

The encounter with the devil serves as a test of faith for believers. It encourages us to stand firm in our faith and to trust in God's promises, even when faced with doubt or adversity.



## January 11, 2026

Sunday after the Theophany,

Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenobitic Life

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Changeable Parts See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

### Announcements:

#### Clean-up Decorations

Sunday, January 18th, following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us that stay to help, the faster it will go. Thank you!

#### Statement of Contribution

Statements of contribution will be available in the vestibule by January 18, 2026. If you have any questions, please see Olga Perkun.

#### Envelopes 2026-Calendars 2026

The Church offering envelopes for 2026 and the 2026 Church Calendars are available now in the church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2026. Should you not see your envelopes, please let Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2025. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: *Многая Літа!*

## RaiseRight Gift Card Program -Gift cards with a purpose!

**Need a quick fix in 2026? Sign up for RaiseRight.** There are over 750 gift cards to choose from. Each week there are gift card bonuses that will maximize the amount St. George receives. This is an easy way to support St. George while purchasing gift cards you normally would.

Please share this information with family and friends so they can also help! The St. George code to enroll and start earning is: **M2MGCVH7NH2P**. Sign up at [www.raiseright.com/shop](http://www.raiseright.com/shop) or download the RaiseRight app. **Please see Vicki Senko before or after liturgy with any questions.**

## Adult Religious Education class

Next class is Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The title of this session is "The Desire to Be Loved & The Desire to Love". "Join Fr. Benedict Groeschel as he leads us to understand that the search for holiness should be our primary purpose in life. Fr. Groeschel's goal in this series is to teach "how to organize and focus all the powers of your personality and life in responding to the Gospel and the Call of Jesus Christ." Thanks to Don Fontana for coordinating these sessions.

## Holy Water

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is available in the center of our Church. I ask that you please be careful when you are filling your containers so to not spill it on the floor. Remember that this Holy Water is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so that we, by partaking of it, may be filled with the Holy Spirit.

## Pyrohy

Last week sale of frozen pyrohy was **\$1,399.00**. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026. Enjoy your well-deserved Christmas vacation!

## Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of December 28, 2025 was **\$2,905.00 + \$1,399.00**

(Collection: \$1,570.00, Loose: \$335.00, Eternal Candle: \$20.00, Fire suppression system: \$1,000.00, by Mark & Dottie Spikula)

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



**Missed January birthday!**

Happy Birthday, Marta Hohosha, 1/7



## **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY: REPENTANCE & THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

After Christ was baptised, His first words were: 'Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand'. Why? Because Christ understood that as humans, we are tempted to sin and the only way to conquer sin is to repent. But what is repentance? What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

To understand repentance, we must first understand the nature of the opposite of repentance, the reason for repentance - sin. Sin comes to us in three stages. Firstly, we have a thought, a temptation towards evil. Secondly, we entertain that thought until its attraction becomes irresistible. Thirdly we act on that thought. These are the three stages of sin.

Repentance also has three stages. Firstly, our conscience becomes aware of the thought that what we have done is bad. Secondly, our consciousness entertains that thought until action becomes irresistible. Thirdly, we act. These are the three stages of repentance.

Repentance then is not just an idea, a thought, it is above all - an action. Repentance is a change of mind which leads to a practical and visible change in our way of life.

True, we often come to confession with the same sins as before; seemingly making no progress. Although we have done wrong yet again, we have no tears, no depth of repentance to make us change our way of life. But we should not lose hope or despair. That would be to fall to another temptation of the demon, the thought that we are unable to repent and that all our efforts are futile. Merely coming to confession and saying that we are weak, that we have done wrong yet again, that our repentance lacks depth, is an act of repentance in and of itself. As the Gospel says, we must forgive even unto seven times seventy. It is by our continued determination to repent, that eventually depth of repentance and tears will come to us.

What then is the Kingdom of Heaven? Firstly, the Kingdom of Heaven was Christ Himself speaking these words to the people, the Kingdom of Heaven was indeed at hand for He stood before them.

Secondly, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand in another sense - in the here and now. The Kingdom of Heaven is here and now but it depends on our willingness to accept Christ and His Holiness, Mercy and Grace. At this very moment each one of us is in fact able to meet God and enter into His eternal joy - but only if we wish to do so through deep repentance. The joy of the Kingdom of Heaven, simply the state of contentment with God, our well-being, is open to all who wish to accept Christ, the Word of God.

True, our well-being does, to some extent, depend on whether we have a job, a roof over our heads, enough money to pay our way in the world. But there are many people who have all these things, some having great wealth - but still they are unhappy, they do not have the Kingdom of Heaven. And there are people who have none of these things and yet they are happy, they have the Kingdom of Heaven.

In other words, the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven depends ultimately not on our external circumstances but on ourselves - on our interior disposition, on our ability to repent. Indeed, it is only if we repent that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

May God grant us the desire for that repentance.