



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 10

The Holy Apostle Philip; Our venerable father Theophanes

Readings: Heb. 13:7-16; Jn. 17:1-13

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

Sunday, Oct. 11

Sunday of the fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Readings: Heb. 13:7-16; Jn. 17:1-13

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

Supplications will be offered for **+Frank Mikovitz, given by Dgtr. Ann Kaltreider**

Saturday, Oct. 17

Hosea, Prophet

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Lk. 8:5-15

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

Sunday, Oct. 18

Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost/St. Luke, Apostle

Readings: Gal. 2:16-20; Lk. 8:5-15

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Michael Senko, given by Frank Bischak**

Supplications will be offered for **+deceased members of Rumsky,
given by Char Rumsky**

Eternal Candle:

In loving memory of +Michael Senko requested by Debbie Label.

This news about Jesus spread.
Through what region did it spread?

Follow the directions to find
the secret word.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N

1. Cross out all the vowels.

2. Switch the J and the C, and the D and the F.

3. Delete the 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th letters.

4. Add the letter "U" between the J and F.
Delete the final letter.

5. Delete the 1st letter and switch the D and F.

6. Change the "F" to an "E", the "C" to an "A", and
delete the last letter.



***The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council,
and the importance of an Icon Corner in our homes...***

Today our Holy Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasios. The Council of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos.

This Council decreed that the veneration of Icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (Jn 1:18).

Since this Council, the use of Icons has been an important aspect of our prayer lives till this very day. In our Eastern Church we have inherited the practice of having an Icon corner in our Domestic Churches-our households. The Icon corner should be part of every Eastern Christian home in order to enhance daily prayer.

It is customary to have an Icon corner located in a special place. It is a graphic proclamation that the family is committed to the Christian life and the life in the heavenly kingdom. This is the place where the family Icon is enshrined and where the family gathers for prayer. This is a reminder that the home is a Domestic Church.

Usually, the Icon corner faces east so that when we pray facing the Icons, we are facing east, the direction of the rising sun – the direction of Christ’s Light. Prominent are the Icons of Christ and the Theotokos. These are sometimes surrounded by Icons of the patron Saints of the parents and of the children.

Since Icons are sacred images revealing the special presence of the holy ones depicted in them, a votive lamp, traditionally suspended from the ceiling, or a candle placed on a shelf before the Icon is usually burning before the Icon, especially during prayer. The face of a true Icon is written in such a way as to reflect the light of the candle or lamp and remind us of the way the person depicted reflected the grace of the Holy Spirit within them.



October 11, 2026

Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, Tone 3; The Holy Apostle Philip, One of the Seven Deacons; Our Venerable Father Theophanes the Branded, Composer of Canons (845)

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

Announcements:

October: Cancer Awareness

The Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God “Healer of Cancer” will be served on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Since the month of October is dedicated in our country to National Breast Cancer Awareness. 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.

Pyrohy Project:

We have been busy making our delicious pyrohy! We will continue pyrohy production this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. We are grateful for our wonderful volunteers. If you have time to spare, please come and join us. We have fun and fellowship while supporting our major fundraiser.

Prayer List:

Do you know of someone who is sick and needs added to our prayer list? If so, please let Fr. Igor know. You can also always add your special intentions in the prayer book in the vestibule.

Coffee Social:

Our next coffee social will be **October 25, 2026** and will be sponsored by our two school students, Ember Hildebrand and Maya Marshall, with a little help from Ann Kaltreider, Sara Hildebrand and Anna Kuncik.

Iconography Class:

There is going to be an Iconography course being offered through St. John The Baptist Church on the South Side. This course is dedicated to the creation of an icon of Saint John the Baptist inspired by the work of the renowned Ukrainian-American iconographer Khrystyna Dokhvat. Time and date of the class is TBD. There is a brochure in the vestibule which goes into more details.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Did you know there are special gift card bonuses offered every week? Or, you can download the RaiseRight app on your phone and purchase gift cards for immediate use at a restaurant or store? There is also a local dining option that gives back 5% to St. George. See if your favorite restaurants are part of this program. Every gift card purchased helps St. George! You can set up an account easily at: <https://www.raiseright.com/> The St. George code is: M2MGCVH7NH2P. Please see Vicki Senko with any questions.

Parishioner’s Prayer List: Our parish’s listing for people IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS who might be suffering illnesses – especially, but not only, if they are unable to attend church services because they are shut-in either at home, or in hospitals and nursing homes. The names we have received are: Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla, Dorothy Waslo and Msgr. George Appleyard (The Willows, 1215 Hulton Rd, Oakmont, PA 15139).

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of October 4, 2026 was **\$1,210.00 + \$702.00**
(Collection: \$1185.00, Loose & candles: \$25.00, Pyrohy: \$702.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



**Please remember the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat in
Parma and your parish of St. George in your will.**



Luke 7:11-16

In today’s Gospel, we hear of one of the miracles of Christ. That miracle was the raising of the widow’s son at Nain. We see our Lord revealing Himself as the Son of God, the promised Messiah of Israel, by raising the dead. When Saint John the Baptist wanted to know if Jesus was the Christ, the promised one of Israel, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus. Jesus responded: “tell John what things you have seen and heard; how that

the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.” (Luke 7:22)

It is interesting that this revelation of Jesus as the Son of God occurred in the shadow of Mount Tabor; the village of Nain is located in a valley below Mount Tabor. It was on Mount Tabor that our Lord was transfigured revealing the fullness of His divinity to His disciples Peter, James and John. Is our Lord just performing this miracle to reveal Himself as God or is He doing it out of compassion for the widow as the Gospel states? The answer to both of these questions is yes but there is a deeper meaning to this miracle. From the beginning of time man has feared death. This fear of death comes from not knowing what will happen to the soul once death occurs. Thus, there is a fear of all that can take away biological life. Our Lord reminds us “fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul.” (Matthew 10:28)

This should remind us that our bodies are just garments for the soul. We are further reminded of this in the Holy Prophet Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones. In this vision God asks: “Son of man, can these bones live?” Ezekiel answers “O Lord GOD, you know.” (Ezekiel 37:3) In this vision the dead are brought back to life and the souls of the departed are reunited with their bodies. Through this prophecy we see that the body may become worn out but, God will renew it by reuniting soul and body once more in the resurrection. The Lord’s great act of mercy for this woman is a sign of our salvation and our hope in the resurrection.

We weep and mourn not only for loved ones whom we see no more, but also for how our own sins, and those of others, have broken, marred, and distorted the beauty of our world, of our souls, of our relationships, and of every dimension of our life. Death, destruction, hatred, fear, and decay in all their forms are the consequences of our refusal to live faithfully as those created in the image and likeness of God. We have worshipped ourselves, our possessions and our pride, and found only despair and emptiness as a result, as well as slavery to our own self-centered desires. So, we weep with the widow of Nain both for losing loved ones and for losing ourselves.

Dear brother and sisters in Christ, tend to your souls through acts of mercy; avoid sin and confess your sins for our Lord said “Truly, truly, I say unto you, ‘The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.’” (John 5:25) Amen

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