



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Oct. 3

The Holy Priest-Martyr Dionysius the Areopagite

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

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

Sunday, Oct. 4

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria Pyptyk, given by family.**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michelle Seabolt, given by Patty Roger.**

Saturday, Oct. 10

The Holy Apostle Philip; Our venerable father Theophanes

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

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

Sunday, Oct. 11

Sunday of the fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Readings: 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9; Lk. 8:5-15

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**

Eternal Candle:

In loving memory of +Maria Perkun requested by Olga Perkun.

What does the parable say about the one who received the seed that fell on good soil?

Match the words with the numbers below.

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	15	5	2	
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	16	3	8	

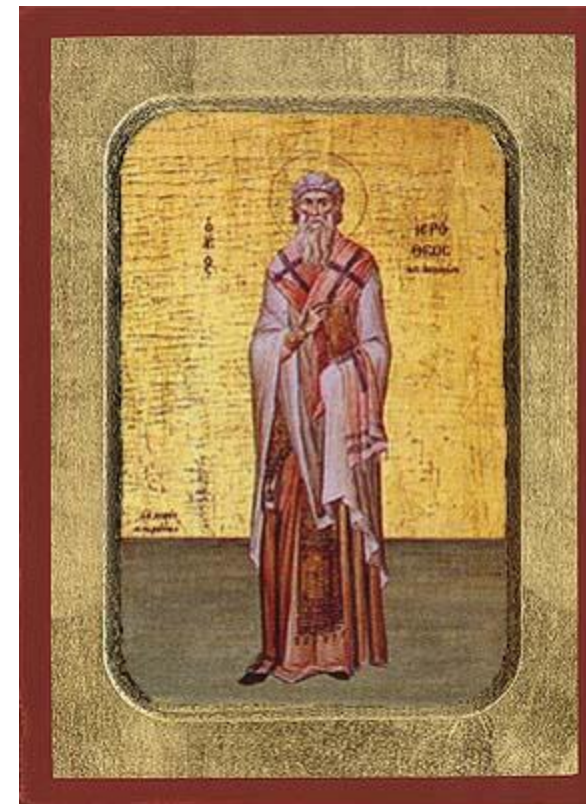


We're just going to have to HUG you!

In the fall of the year, Linda, a young woman, was traveling alone up the rutted and rugged highway from Alberta to the Yukon. Linda didn't know you don't travel to Whitehorse alone in a rundown Honda Civic, so she set off where only four-wheel drives normally venture. The first evening she found a room in the mountains near a summit and asked for a 5 A.M. wakeup call so she could get an early start. She couldn't understand why the clerk looked surprised at that request, but as she awoke to early morning fog shrouding the mountain tops, she understood. Not wanting to look foolish, she got up and went to breakfast. Two truckers invited Linda to join them, and since the place was so small, she felt obliged. "Where are you headed?" one of the truckers asked. "Whitehorse", said Linda.

"In that little Civic? No way! This pass is dangerous in weather like this." "Well, I'm determined to try," was Linda's gutsy, if not very informed, response. "Then I guess we're just going to have to hug you," the trucker suggested. Linda drew back. "There's no way I'm going to let you touch me!"

"Not like THAT!" the truckers chuckled. "We'll put one truck in front of you and one in the rear. In that way, we'll get you through the mountains." All that foggy morning Linda followed the two red dots in front of her and had the reassurance of a big escort behind as they made their way safely through the mountains. Caught in the fog in our dangerous passage through life, we need to be "hugged." With fellow Christians who know the way and can lead safely ahead of us, and with others behind, gently encouraging us along, we, too, can pass safely.



October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Octoechos Tone 2;
The Holy Priest-Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens;
Ammon the Anchorite (350);
Vladimir, Prince of Novgorod and his mother, Anne (1051);
our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

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.

Thank you:

Thanks to Miss Maya Marshall for doing a nice job on the epistle reading during the children's liturgy last Sunday.

Pyrohy Project:

Get those pinching fingers ready. We will resume pyrohy production this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. If you have time to spare, please come and join us. No experience necessary. We have a great group of volunteers. We have fun and fellowship while supporting our major fundraiser.

Holy Trinity Church Festival:

Holy Trinity Church in Carnegie is holding their annual Food Festival on October 10th. This cultural event will celebrate all things Ukrainian - food, desserts, music, entertainment and a marketplace.

Ascension Lutheran Church:

Ascension Lutheran Church on Peebles Road in McCandless Twp. is having their Pumpkin Fest and Flea Market on October 10th from 8 am to 1 pm. Several of our pyrohy volunteers will be selling our delicious frozen pyrohy.

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.



October, November and December anniversaries!

Roger and Jacque Adamiak	Jim and Ann Kaltreider
DJ and Lori Barr	Bill and Anna Marshall
Dave and Patti Barr	Peter and Mary Beth Parks
Fred and Luba Burgess	Michael and Belinda Spak
Oleh and Motria Hodowanec	

Wishing our married couples many more happy and blessed years!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of September 27, 2026 was **\$615.00 + \$647.00**
(Collection: \$490.00, Loose & candles: \$25.00, Banner: \$100.00, Pyrohy: \$647.00)

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 8:5-15

Today’s Gospel is the Parable of the Sower — a profound image of how the Word of God enters our hearts and what determines its fruitfulness.

In Luke’s account, Jesus describes four types of soil: the path, rocky ground, thorns, and good soil. Each represents a different response to the Word of God. The seed is the Word of God, and

the sower is Christ, who spreads it widely — but the harvest depends on the soil, that is, on us.

The Path — hardened heart

Those on the path hear the Word, but it is trampled and eaten by birds. This is the heart that hears but does not let the Word take root, allowing life’s distractions and sins to choke it

Rocky ground — shallow faith

Here, the Word is received with joy, but there is no depth. Such hearts believe only for a time, and when trials come, they fall away

Thorns — life’s distractions

These hear the Word, but anxieties, riches, and pleasures choke it, preventing spiritual fruitfulness

Good soil — noble hearts

This is the heart that hears, embraces the Word with a generous and good heart, and perseveres, bearing fruit — a hundredfold

Practical application

Hear with attention: Listen to the Word with openness, not distraction.

Plant with intention: Let the Word take root in daily life, in prayer, in service.

Nurture with perseverance: Protect the Word from the thorns of worldly cares.

Bear fruit with patience: Spiritual fruit is not instant; it grows through steadfastness.

Reflection

As the Church teaches, the Word of God is not just a message to be heard, but a seed to be planted, nurtured, and protected in our hearts

Just as God needed Mary’s cooperation to become man, so too the Word needs our willing participation to bear fruit. The “good soil” is a heart open to God’s grace, free from the thorns of sin and the rocks of shallow faith.