



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, May 16

The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot
 Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13
4:00 P.M. NO SERVICE (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, May 17

Sunday of the fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
 Readings: Acts. 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn. 17:1-13
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon Mary Siwecky on her birthday, by family
 God's blessing upon Fr. Igor Hohosha on his birthday, by parishioners

Saturday, May 23

Fifth all Souls Saturday
 Readings: Acts. 28:1-31; Jn. 21:15-25
10:00A.M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty/Hramoty
4:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

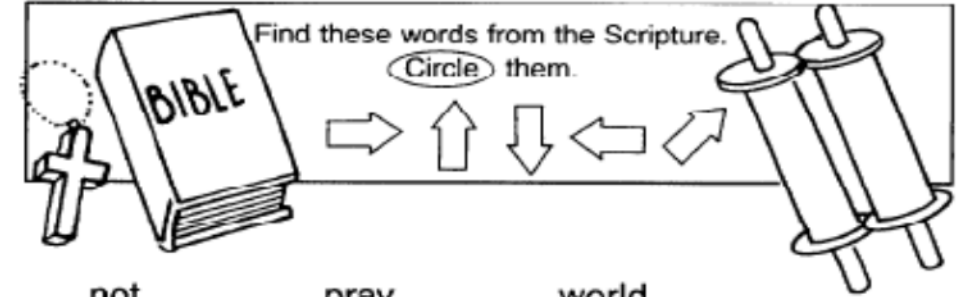
Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday-Descent of the Holy Spirit
 Readings: Acts. 2:1-11; Jn. 7:37-52 & 8:22
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Mirovanya

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko (40th day of passing to eternal life) , given by wife Victoria and family**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia della ragione, given by Luigi and family**

Eternal Candle:

Blessed Memory of +Maria and Michajlo Pyptyk requested by Helen and Irene Pyptyk.



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| not | pray | world | |
| now | mine | yours | |
| joy | name | glory | everything |
| one | safe | truth | accepted |
| all | kept | power | believed |
| word | remain | protect | sanctify |



FATHER'S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Given By:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the deceased, White for the Living. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

* DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026*

Please observe this deadline to avoid last minute activity during Liturgy.



Prayer in Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council

Almighty and Everlasting God,

You are the source of all truth, the fountain of all wisdom, and the light that guides Your Church through the ages. We give You thanks for the holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea, who, by the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, defended the faith once delivered to the saints.

Let us remember with gratitude those bishops and confessors who stood firm against error, proclaiming with one voice the divinity of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through their courage and unity, the Church was strengthened, and the Creed of our faith was proclaimed for generations to come.

Lord, grant that we, like them, may be steadfast in truth and charity. Guard us from division, error, and fear. Fill our hearts with the same zeal for Your glory and the salvation of souls. May we speak the truth in love and live in such a way that our lives bear witness to the eternal Word made flesh. Amen



May 17, 2026

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea (325)

Festal Tone

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

Announcement:

5th All Souls Saturday

On Saturday, May 23rd, we will have the final All Souls Saturday for this year. Divine Liturgy with the commemoration of all our departed loved ones will take place at 10:00 a.m. Please come to prayerfully remember your departed family members and loved ones as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Pyrohy Project:

Our pyrohy project will return to production on May 20th. Production begins at 9 am. If you have some time to spare to support this important fundraiser for St. George, we would love to have you join us.

Military Update:

We would like to have a list of veterans and military members of our St. George parish family. If you or a family member has served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces, please send the following information: **Name, Branch of Service, Active or inactive status and years of service.** Please give this information to **Vicki Senko in church or by email: vlsenko@zoominternet.net by May 20, 2026.**

Memorial Day

On Monday, May 25th, we will celebrate Memorial Day in our country. On this day the Blessing of graves will take place in our parish. At 10:00 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Highwood Cemetery. At 10:45 a.m. a Panikhida Service followed by the Blessing of graves will take place at Union Dale Cemetery.

Scholarship

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2026

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Check out the new selection of gift cards added to RaiseRight. 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.

YBAFA! ATTENTION! Students and Parents: **The Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) is again offering scholarships** for students officially residing in our tri-state area, of Ukrainian descent matriculating, or continuing studies at universities, graduate schools, nursing schools, medical schools, and technical schools. Applications will be accepted until June 15.

!!! Please order your high school or college transcripts ASAP to be sure to meet the deadline.

(remember: registrars may go on vacation soon after the school year ends! 😊)

All information, and the application itself, is on our website: UTSpgh.org

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of May 10, 2026 was **\$1,222.00 + \$809.00**

(Collection: \$455.00, Loose & candles: \$54.00, Anonymous: \$500.00, Pyrohy: \$809.00, Mother's Dya candle: \$213.00)

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



Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Today, we find ourselves poised between the two great feasts of ascent and descent: the Ascension of our Lord, just this last Thursday, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, which arrives fifty days after the Resurrection.

In His Ascension, the Lord carries our shared humanity from earth into Heaven itself. He presents his own flesh – the flesh that we consume and are transformed by in the Holy Eucharist – to His Heavenly Father. And in the coming Pentecost, the Lord sends forth the All-Holy Spirit throughout the earth, so that, as the Prophet Habakkuk foretold: “...the

earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

And thus, on the Sunday between these two momentous celebrations, the Church ordains this Sunday to be the Sunday of the 318 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea. This is the first of the Seven Great Ecumenical Councils, and the one that gave to us the Creed – the Symbol of our Faith. The Fathers of this First Council, convened by Saint Constantine himself in the year 325, brought forth a simple, yet sublime synopsis of what it means to be a Christian. Indeed, they established the boundaries of Christian thought and philosophy, which we call “theology.”

These boundaries exist between the culmination of the Lord's saving ministry in the flesh upon earth, which occurs at His Ascension to glory, and the Feast of Holy Pentecost, which is the manifestation of Christ's continuing mission on earth – in and through the Church.

That is why this particular Sunday is reserved for the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. For this Council rests between these two great Feasts like an anchor, keeping the Church safe in the port of right belief, which is the very meaning of “Orthodoxy.” Through the Creed, the Fathers established the boundaries of the faith that would last for all eternity. And as it says in the Book of Proverbs: “Do not move the ancient boundaries which your fathers have set.”

Today, we are reminded that this Faith of the Fathers is our inheritance – one that leads to life eternal. Today, nearly three hundred years after the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday, we see that the same power of the Holy Spirit was manifest at the First Ecumenical Council, as the Fathers of the Church came together in Nicaea to confirm the Church's experience of the Living God. Just as the Disciples were the eyewitnesses of the Ascension and thus, the Divinity, of the Lord, the Fathers of Nicaea were the witnesses to the “pillar and ground of truth,” which is the Holy Church of the Living God.

Therefore, let us rejoice and be glad in the blessed Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, who codified the Symbol of our Faith – later augmented at the Second Ecumenical Council in Constantinople. At every Divine Liturgy we affirm our faith, when we say with these Fathers: “I believe!”

Through the prayers of the 318 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, may we always hold to the faith of the One Who ascended for our sake, and sent forth the Holy Spirit, that we always glorify Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.