



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, July 18 Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary
 Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John, McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 19 Sunday of the Fathers of Six Ecumenical Councils
 Readings: 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Mt. 14:14-22
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko, given by Patti & Dave Barr**
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Joseph Pyptyk, given by family**

Saturday, July 25 Dormition of Anna
 Readings: Gal. 4:22-31; Lk. 8:16-21
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John, McKees Rocks)

Sunday, July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
 Readings: 1 Cor. 3:9-17; Mt. 14:22-34
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Birthday blessing upon Inna Hohosha, by parishioners
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko, given by Andy Salo**

Eternal Candle:

Blessed Memory of +Michael Senko requested by Martha
 Lubynsky.

Jesus went through the towns and villages.
 What was He doing?

Use the answer graph and write in the correct letters on the lines.

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3	D	H	N	R	U	Z
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The Holy Passion-Bearers Boris and Hlib



On Friday, July 24th, we honor in our Holy Church the first glorified/canonized saints-martyrs of our Ukrainian Church, the holy Passion-bearers Boris and Hlib. Who are these two brothers? How did they die?

Boris (in baptism David) and Hlib (in baptism Roman) were brothers by the same mother. Their father the great prince Volodymyr-Vladimir, before his baptism, had numerous wives and many children by them. Hence, Vladimir divided up the state among all of his sons before his death, and after his death the eldest son, Sviatopolk, became Prince of Kyiv (the main city of the state, Kyivan Rus'-Ukraine). But still Sviatopolk was jealous and wanted yet more power, and he planned to kill his brothers in order to gain their territories. Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kyiv. The holy

martyr Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Sviatopolk sent assassins to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an Icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin. Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances.

After Sviatopolk had killed Boris, he sent Hlib a message saying that their father was ill and wished to see him. As he was on his way, he received word that their father had died and that Sviatopolk had murdered Boris. The holy martyr Hlib wept for his father and brother, and was lamenting them when the assassins arrived. They seized his boat and drew their weapons, but it was Hlib's cook who stabbed him with a knife. The martyr's body was thrown onto the shore between two trees. Later, he was buried beside his brother St. Boris in the Church of St. Basil the Great. Although Boris and Hlib were not martyred for their faith (they are properly called 'passion-bearers' rather than martyrs), their voluntary and meek sacrifice for the sake of averting the suffering of others and preserving the Christian ideal, had a profound effect on the subsequent development of Christianity in Ukraine and the entire Eastern Church.



July 19, 2026

Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils,
Octoechos Tone 7

Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of Saint Basil the Great
Our Venerable Father Dios

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

Announcement:

Today: Blessing of Cars

Tomorrow Monday, July 20th, we will commemorate the holy and glorious prophet Elijah. In our parish family it has been a nice tradition to bless vehicles in commemoration of the prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. He is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, even when we travel. To commemorate this glorious prophet of the Old Testament we will have today this special blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.) following the Divine Liturgy. If you wish to have your vehicle blessed, please remain today in front of the Church.

Festival Meeting:

After Divine Liturgy this Sunday, we will have a Folk Festival meeting. We are looking for volunteers especially to help the day of the event at church and at the festival. If you are available to help on August 1st, please stop at church hall after liturgy. We would love to have your support in this fundraiser.

Pyrohy Production:

To prepare for A Taste of Pittsburgh Folk Festival, we plan to have a pyrohy session on Wednesday, July 29th. Production will start at 9:00 am. Our goal is to make a full batch of potato/cheese in the hopes that we sell out at the Folk Festival on August 1, 2026 which is being held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Beechview.

A Taste of Pittsburgh Folk Festival:

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 1 from 11 am to 7pm**. We have an opportunity to sell our delicious pyrohy at “A Taste of Pittsburgh Folk Festival” which is coming to Pittsburgh at Our Lady of Victory Church in Beechview. This will be a one-day event on Saturday, August 1st and includes many different ethnic food vendors, dancers and exhibits. St. George will be participating and we plan to sell pyrohy, stuffed cabbage and kielbasa and sauerkraut sandwiches. This is our first time participating in a festival in many years. We are excited as we have the opportunity to sell our delicious pyrohy during the slow months of the summer. There is going to be some costs associated with this event such as permits, supplies, vendor fees, banner, etc. We are calling on our wonderful St. George family to see if anyone would like to be a sponsor to support this event. We’ve had some recent unexpected expenditures at church with the tower and the boiler repairs and we are hopeful that this event will be a success to help offset some of these expenses. If you are interested in donating any amount, it would be very much appreciated. For any donation of \$25 or more, you will get a “free” admission ticket into the event.

Pilgrimage:

Earlier in the year, we had mentioned that some of our parishioners have expressed interest in deepening their spiritual faith by visiting a shrine. We are pleased to offer this opportunity on Saturday, August 15, 2026 in conjunction with the Feast of Assumption at the Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH. The shrine is about an hour and a half drive from church and this will be planned as a one-day trip. We are planning to carpool.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of July 12, 2026 was **\$799.00 + \$165.00**
(Collection: \$735.00, Pyrohy: \$165.00, Loose & candles: \$64.00, \$50 donation from Connie Galbraith in memory of Michael Senko, \$75.00, Folk festival)

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



In today’s Gospel, we hear how our Lord came to His disciples walking on the water in the midst of a storm. We hear how Saint Peter through faith joins Him on the water. Then Saint Peter becomes distracted by the storm and cries out “Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30) Our Lord reaches out and catches him and says “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14:31)

We see that if we have faith, we can perform miraculous things. Our Lord reminds of this when he says the following “If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, move hence to yonder place; and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.” (Matthew 17:20) and again “Truly I say to you, If you have faith, and doubt not, you shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if you shall say to this mountain, be removed, and be cast into the sea; it shall be done.” (Matthew 21:21)

When we have faith, we embark on a spiritual path that leads to God. That path often appears dangerous. As we see with Saint Peter getting out of the boat and walking on water in the midst of a storm. If we have any doubt as we walk this spiritual path, then the troubles and cares of this world overwhelm us. We become preoccupied with the storms that are around us because we lose our focus on God. This is what happened to Saint Peter when he began to sink. He lost his focus on the Savior and placed his focus on the storm around him. When he did this he lost the grace that was given to him when he stepped out of the boat in faith. This should remind us as our Lord said, “without me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

When we lose our focus on the Lord and get caught up in the storm of temptations around us, we have a choice to make. That choice is, do we place our trust in the Savior to help us or do we allow the temptations to overcome us. This is the same choice that Saint Peter was confronted with as he was sinking in the water. When we are in this situation we can do one of two things: call out as Peter did “Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30) or “curse God, and die.” (Job 2:9) as Job’s wife told him in the midst of his afflictions. If we choose to follow Saint Peter’s example and cry out “Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30) then we will find that the Savior is ready to reach out His hand and pull us out of the storm of temptations just like he did for Saint Peter in the Gospel. This example shows us that the Lord is always there for us.

This Gospel image of the Apostle Peter and Christ upon the waters is a consistent reminder and lesson for each one of us. It is a vivid portrait of the uplifting and sustaining power of God-focused faith and the perilous dangers of our self-centered, anxious preoccupations that eclipse our focus on God.

Finally, our Lord appeared to His frightened disciples with the words, “Have courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.” At that very moment, the scene changes again. Wherever Christ is, fear disappears. Danger becomes joy. Where the rays of the sun of righteousness penetrate, the darkness is dispersed. The moment Christ entered the boat, the wind ceased. The ship, dear reader, is your home, your heart. If you are tired of the stormy waves of the sea, accept Christ — not as just a visitor, but as a personal Savior and Guardian of your life. Fall reverently at His feet and, with the Apostle Peter, confess your discipleship: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Amen! **Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church's Post**