



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 1

***Beginning of the
Dormition Fast***

**The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus,
Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:14-23
4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John, McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Aug. 2

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:14-23**

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Stella Novak, +Robert Novak and + Bill Novak,
given by family**

Thursday, August 6

**The Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord (St. George, North Side)
Readings: 2 Peter 1:10-19; Mt. 17:1-9
7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy (Blessing of the Fruits)
God's blessing on all parishioners (Fr. Igor)**

Saturday, Aug. 8

**St. Matthias, Apostle
Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (St. John, McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Aug. 9

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Readings: 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/ Blessing of the Fruits**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko**, given by Tom & Barbara Kunsak
Supplications will be offered for+ **Andrey & +Yustyna Pyptyk**, given by family

Eternal Candle:

Blessed Memory of +Stella Novak (10th anniversary),
requested by Novak family.



A voice came from the cloud.
What did it say?

Use the graph to find the letters.

1	A	H	N	T	B	W
2	C	I	O	V	K	F
3	E	L	R	W	P	J
4	G	M	S	Y	Z	U
	5	6	7	8	9	10



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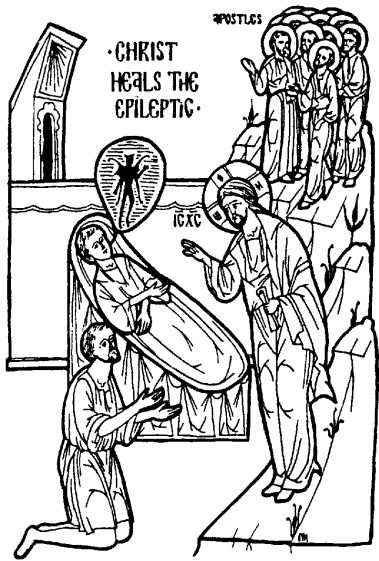
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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.”

In today’s Gospel Reading Our Lord said that the disciples who were unable to heal the boy were FAITHLESS. What does it mean to have faith?

Faith is what comes of an encounter with the Lord beyond words and human concepts. It is the result of a face to face, heart to heart encounter with the living God. Faith is a gift given by God to those who have purified their hearts, to those who have learned how to sit at the feet of the Lord in silence and who practice moment by moment, day by day, month by month and year after year the constant remembrance of His presence. Faith is a return to the truth of who we are as human beings created in His image and likeness. It is the rising within us of the rivers of living water promised by Christ to those who have, as St. Seraphim so beautifully taught, acquired the Holy Spirit. Faith is released in us from the depths of our souls when we have taken out the garbage that obstructs the image and let go of everything that is unhelpful, unloving and unhealthy.

Faith embraces God Himself in an unmediated way, demanding and asking for nothing except to see and experience the wonder of His presence. Even miracles are a distraction from the “one necessary thing” which is to sit at His feet, to feed on His words, to bask silently in His silence. The Holy Fathers say that if you see a vision during prayer, ignore it and return to prayer for there is only one “necessary thing.” Faith rests in the God who at all times “is everywhere present, filling all things” and is content to be alone with Him and to love Him. True faith simply knows that the goodness of the Lord overflows at all times to all creation whether times are good or bad or happy or sad. “To live is Christ, to die is Christ,” wrote St. Paul. That is all we need. The sign of faith in a person may be miracles or not, but the one sure sign that faith is at work is love and humility. If they are present, then a variety of miracles are already occurring and the eyes of faith can see them. Amen.



August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost,
The Transfer of the Holy
Relics of the First-Martyr and
Archdeacon Stephen (5th c.)

Octoechos Tone 1

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

Announcement:

Feast of the Transfiguration

On Thursday, August 6th we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On this day Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Fruit will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. at St. George Parish. The Blessing of the Fruit will take place again on Sunday, August 9th, as we will continue to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of Our Lord. If you wish to have your fruit blessed, please place it in the center of the Church on the Tetrapod (Sacramental Table). On that Sunday we will also have Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

RULES FOR AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 14 THE DORMITION FAST - SPASEEVKA

The Dormition Fast, or Spaseevka in ukrainian, begins on the evening of August 1, 2015, after Vespers and will last until August 14, inclusive. **THE TYPICON PRESCRIBES PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING (WORKS OF MERCY). IN THE EPARCHY OF ST. JOSAPHAT, ALONE, WE ARE CURRENTLY OBLIGATED TO DO ANY KIND OF ACTS OF PENANCE (ABSTAINING FROM MEAT IS ONE OF THE POSSIBLE CHOICES) ON FRIDAYS AND ENCOURAGED TO DO ACTS OF PENANCE ON WEDNESDAYS AND ALL OTHER WEEKDAYS; ALL OTHER FASTING MAY BE CHOSEN ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.**

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Do you have any home improvement or spring-cleaning projects? Do you need a graduation gift, a birthday gift or any other type of gift? If so, check out the 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.

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 July 26, 2026 was **\$6,871.00 + \$566.00**
(Collection: \$6,775.00, Pyrohy: \$566.00, Loose & candles: \$96.00)

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



This Sunday’s Gospel is the story of a boy possessed by a demon. Jesus’ followers cannot heal him, so Jesus himself casts out the demon. This story is repeated twice during the Church year: the first time during the Great Fast, on the Fourth Sunday, according to St. Mark. The second time is this Tenth Sunday. The Gospel of St. Matthew adds a saying not found in St. Mark: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would be moved.” Both gospels are about faith that is beyond human power. We cannot be Christians without faith in our Lord, but we cannot attain this faith only by our own powers. We ask,

“Why can we not cast out the evils in our life?” Faith is a gift of God, not obtainable by human power. That is why, even if our gift of faith is very small, it can do the impossible, for if we are touched even a little by God’s power, we can be saved and transformed. This gospel, then, continues the theme of last Sunday, it is Jesus coming to us that lifts us above our natural calling. We must be open to the gift of faith.

Meditation by Archpriest David Petras, July 29, 2019

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Matthew 17: 14-23, A Reflection on Faith



This passage reminds us that human weakness and limitations are not obstacles to God’s power; rather, God works through our openness and trust.

St. John Chrysostom highlights that the father’s weak faith is evident in his plea, “Help my unbelief,” yet Jesus responds with mercy, showing that God’s grace can overcome human doubt. The disciples’ inability to heal the boy illustrates that faith and divine power are intertwined, and miracles often require both the faith of the one seeking help and the presence of God’s Spirit

Spiritual Lessons

Dependence on God: We cannot rely solely on our own abilities; we must turn to God in prayer and humility.

Faith in Action: Even minimal faith, when surrendered to God, can move mountains and overcome spiritual obstacles.

Preparation for Trials: Jesus’ prediction of His suffering teaches that faith must endure challenges, trusting in God’s plan

Role of the Church: The Ukrainian Catholic Church encourages believers to cultivate faith through prayer, sacraments, and community support, recognizing that God works through both clergy and laity.

Application for Daily Life

This passage invites us to examine areas of doubt or fear in our lives. Like the father and the disciples, we may feel powerless, but through prayer, humility, and openness to God’s grace, we can witness transformation. We are encouraged to seek God’s help in all struggles, trusting that even small faith can bring about profound change.