



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Aug. 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Readings: 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26

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

Sunday, Aug. 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Mt. 22:1-14

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Senko**, given by Debbie Label

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michaylo Lwiwsky**, given by Pyptyk's

Saturday, Sept. 5

Miracle of the Archangel Michael

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 22:35-46

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

Sunday, Sept. 6

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 22:35-46

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Patricia DellaRagione**,

given by Luigi and family

Supplications will be offered for+ **Wasył Pivko**, given by Pyptyk's.

Read the parable.

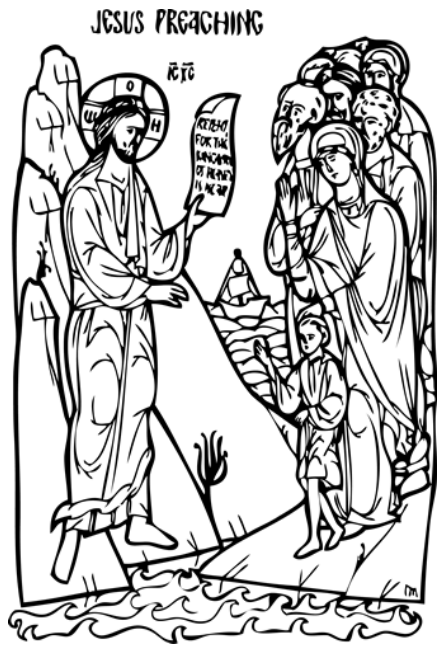
Use the code to finish this story.

♥ = sent	⊗ = refused	★ = tell	☆ = invited	※ = servants
⊕ = king	□ = son	→ = banquet	✕ = wedding	⬢ = prepared
⇒ = good	⋈ = people	✓ = streets	♣ = bad	● = filled
⊗ = invite	■ = come	X = guests	⌂ = hall	

A _____ a _____
 for his _____. He _____ to the _____
 _____ to _____ them to _____. They _____.
 So the _____ more _____ to _____ from _____ the _____ to be _____.
 They gathered all the _____ they could find, _____ and _____, and _____ the _____!



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



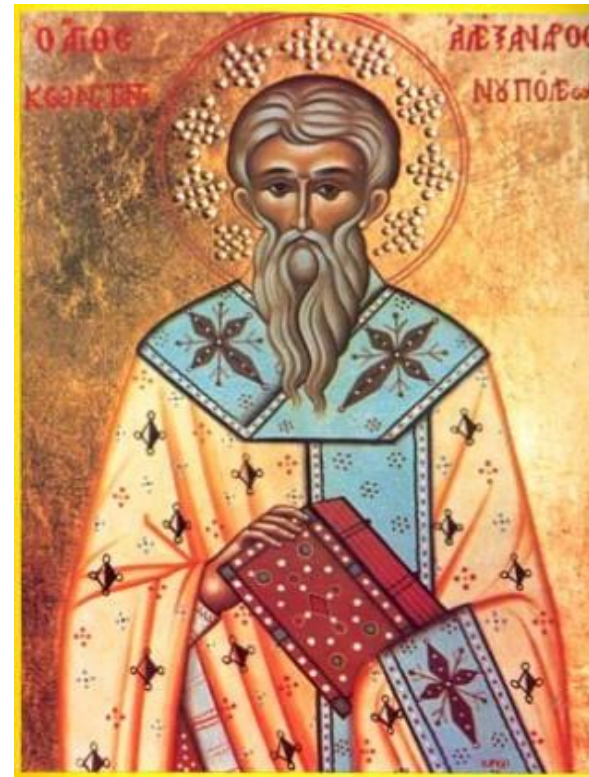
But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless...

On this Sunday we are presented with a “speechless man.” Sadly, instead of sharing the king’s joy, this man thought only of one thing: to walk as fast as possible into the dining room and eat. Often we find ourselves sharing this kind of behavior when we are invited to a feast...the Feast of Feasts which is the Divine Liturgy. We forget that coming to the Divine Liturgy WE meet face to face with the Living God, who, having become man, chose to suffer and to die, to open for us the gates of Paradise — the door to the bridal feast. Instead of thinking of coming and meeting Him in adoration, in awe, we often come to Church and indeed this is the case with our private prayers that we approach only to receive. The man who is depicted in

today’s Gospel reading is a man who had a total indifference, cared nothing for the joy of meeting the King, of sharing the feast with others, of being in His presence, purely for the beauty and joy of it.

Aren’t we very often like him? Do we come to the Divine Liturgy, just to say to God: “Give me this, I want something, I need something. You can and therefore You must; it is Your duty to give.” So often we come to the Divine Liturgy, which is a miracle of the most intimate and deepest possible meeting with the Lord, in order to receive, to receive peace, encouragement, and to receive something which we should not dare to receive in such circumstances, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

On this Sunday I think we should give more thought to the way in which we come to Church. How we enter it, how we participate in the Divine Services, etc. Remember that the Divine Liturgy, as every Divine Service in Church, is not simply a private affair in which we come to beg and to receive, or even not to beg but to claim a right and to receive. It is a moment when we should enter like the publican into the church, knowing that we are unworthy to cross the threshold of the house of God, the place which is His unreservedly, while the world has been betrayed into the hands of evil. We should enter and stop for one moment, to realize where we are and in whose presence we are. Amen.



August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Post-feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist; Our Holy Fathers and Patriarchs of Constantinople Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger

Octoechos Tone 5;

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

Announcement:

Welcome Back to School:

Wishing all the students in our St. George family a successful school year!

Thursday: PAC Meeting

On Thursday evening, September 10th, the meeting of the Parish Advisory Council will take place in the Church hall at 6:30 p.m. after service. I ask all members of the PAC to please be present for this meeting.

St. George’s Parish Picnic

Our St. George’s Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 20th following the Divine Liturgy. This will also be the official beginning of our new school year for our St. George’s Church School. Every year this has been a happy event for our parish family, so please plan to be here, to have fun and to enjoy that Christian fellowship. **As we did in the past years, the Church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask that you provide side dishes, and desserts. Sign-up sheets are provided for this purpose in the Church vestibule.**

Coffee Socials

We will resume our coffee socials in October. Generally, these socials are held on the last Sunday of the month. We are looking for a family or a group to sponsor each of these socials. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

RaiseRight – Gift Cards with a Purpose:

Did you know that 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.

Quarterly Reminder (August 2026): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Once more we remind our readers that our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of August 23, 2026 was **\$2,656.00 + \$88.00**
(Collection: \$830.00, Pyrohy: \$88.00, Loose & candles: \$26.00, Wedding donation: \$2,000.00)

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



September Birthdays!:

Andy Salo, 9/8	Lucy Barr, 9/29
Luigi Della Ragione, 9/1	Sara Hildebrand, 9/29
Lori Barr, 9/19	

Wishing all September birthdays a happy, healthy and blessed year!



The Parable of the Wedding Feast

In this parable, Jesus invites us to see the Kingdom of Heaven as a great marriage feast, with the King representing God, the son the Incarnate Christ, and the guests the people of God. The feast symbolizes the Church — both in heaven and on earth — and the “wedding garment” represents the inner

transformation we must undergo to be worthy of Christ’s presence.

The Invitation and the Rejection

The King sends servants to invite the invited guests, but they refuse — some citing work, others business. This reflects how, in our lives, we may excuse ourselves from God’s call, prioritizing worldly concerns over spiritual ones. St. John Chrysostom reminds us that “when spiritual things call us, there is no press of business that has the power of necessity”.

The Consequences of Hostility

When some guests mistreat and kill the servants, the King sends an army to punish them. This mirrors the crucifixion of Christ, when the leaders of Israel rejected Him, just as they had rejected the prophets before. Their refusal to accept God’s saving invitation led to their condemnation.

The Invitation to All

The King then sends servants to the highways, inviting “whomever you find” — the Gentiles, the “ordinary people” of the parable. This shows that God’s call is not limited to one people; it extends to all who respond in faith. The feast is filled with both the worthy and the unworthy, but the King’s judgment comes at the end.

The Wedding Garment

At the feast, the King sees a man without a wedding garment. The garment is not merely clothing; it is the mind and life of Christ — humility, obedience, love, and holiness. Without it, we are unworthy to share in the feast. The Apostle Paul speaks of this mind: “*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 2:5).

This parable calls us to:

- **Repentance and preparation** — daily living in Christ’s mind, through prayer, good works, and repentance.
- **Faithful response** — not putting off the Divine Liturgy or Communion out of laziness or negligence.
- **Humility and readiness** — recognizing that without the “garment” of Christ’s mind, we cannot truly share in His Kingdom.

In conclusion: The parable is both a warning and an invitation. God desires all to be at His wedding feast, but only those who are transformed by His grace and live in His mind will be welcomed. Let us respond now, with humility and readiness, so that we may be among the chosen.

Source: Orthodox Christian Information Center