



THROUGH THE ROOF

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 5 *Our venerable father Athanasius of Mount Athos*

Tuesday, July 6 *Our venerable father Sisoes the Great*

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 With prayers offered for +George Toth and +George Toth Jr.,
 given by Anna Toth

Wednesday, July 7 *Our venerable father Thomas of Mt. Maleon*

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 With prayers offered for +Rose Comley, given by Julia Bushick

6:30 P.M. Chant Group Rehearsal

Thursday, July 8 *The holy great-martyr Procopius*

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 With prayers offered for +Olga Waschak, given by Magdalena Cheresnowsky

Friday, July 9 *The holy hieromartyr Pancratius*

Saturday, July 10 *Our venerable father Anthony of Kyiv Caves*

10:30 A.M. Baptismal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 11 **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

9:40 A.M. Third Hour

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

The Epistle Reading will be Romans 15:1-7 and the Gospel will be Mt 9:27-35. Supplications will be offered for +Jeffrey Lucas, given by aunt Rose Engel. Supplications will be offered for +Pauline Mosur, given by Rose & Stella Shedno. Following the Divine Liturgy come for the movie "Steadfast and Faithful: A Martyr's Journey".

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 P T R M D B P A R A L Y T I C
 B S O C R E A U C A Y R D P W
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 R N K R N P F C U U Q R W Y A
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 C S E T I I F T V A U P P W F
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ARISE
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Monasticism...what is that?

On this upcoming Saturday, July 10th we honor our venerable father Anthony of the Kyiv Caves, founder of monastic life in Kyivan Rus'-Ukraine. What is monasticism? What kind of life does a monk or nun have? In the Eastern Christian tradition, monasticism is often called the “barometer of the spiritual life of the Church.”

Monasticism is not just a “part” of the greater scope of Eastern Christian life; it is the very center and heart of the Church, in relation to which other aspects of her life are born and grow. The monastics (both men and women) are those

who choose to follow with singular devotion and obedience the call of Christ, to live the life of the Church in a direct and immediate manner. They are thus the models in which the Church sees her perfect icon: a communion of souls wholly living the life in Christ.

Christian monasticism took its practical roots in the early fourth century, though there were individuals and communities living austere, solitary and ascetic lives long before this time. Nonetheless, it was in this era that St. Anthony of Egypt lived and had his story recorded by St. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, in the classic text, the Life of St Antony of Egypt. This book recorded the saint's departure into the solitary deserts of Egypt to live a life wholly devoted to God, modeled on a daily routine of prayer and manual labor born of the scriptural call to follow the Lord. And what St. Anthony did for the solitary life, so did St. Pachomius for the communal (after the Greek, cenobitic) monastic way. They were two manifestations of a life that spread throughout the Christian world like wildfire. Within the lifetimes of these two founders, thousands of men and women began fleeing the cities for the solitude of the desert, and the recognizable conception of the monastic life was born.

That life has continued throughout the whole of Christian history, giving rise to great saints—both men and women—who modeled a life of devotion to and union with Christ. And it continues today, in monasteries, from the greatest ones to the most humble of hermitages, the life of Christ continues to become, day by day, the life of venerable fathers and mothers. Are you interested in monastic life-the heart of the Church? See your parish priest for more information.

Happy Independence Day!



Heavenly Father, on this holiday weekend we give thanks to You for the gift and blessing of the freedom we enjoy in our great nation. We praise You, Lord, for inspiring and guiding our founding fathers as they struggled to build our country and create a new way of living with the goal of freedom and justice for all. We thank You, Lord, for the courageous self-sacrifice and generous spirit of countless people who have given their life's blood in the defense of freedom and for the pursuit of justice. Keep us faithful to the tradition and example we have inherited; may we leave for the next generation a better world, prepared for the dawning of the Kingdom of Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Next Sunday: Movie Presentation

During the month of July we celebrate the memory of many Saints who played a special role in the history of our particular Church. On July 10th, we honor Venerable Anthony of the Kyiv Caves, founder of monastic life in Kyivan Rus'-Ukraine. On July 11th, we honor St. Olga the mother of St. Volodymyr-Vladimir the Enlightener of Kyivan Rus'-Ukraine whose memory is celebrated on July 15th.

As part of this celebration we will have next Sunday, July 11th a movie presentation on the life of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, confessor and martyr of the Ukrainian Catholic Church who was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 27, 2001. The title of this movie is “Steadfast and Faithful: A Martyr's Journey” and the movie presentation (30 minutes) will take place following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall. Plan to come and enjoy some summer refreshments and to learn more about the new martyrs of our Holy Church.

Children Outing

On Saturday July 17th we will have this year's children's outing to Wildwood Highlands in North Park. We will meet at Wildwood at 3:00 p.m. Sincere thanks to all who participated in our Talent Show and donated towards this children's summer trip. We thank you all for your generosity and support of our St. George's Church School.

Blessing of Vehicles

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, especially when we travel. This year the blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.) will take place on Sunday, July 18th, following Divine Liturgy. Just as we have our homes blessed each year, everyone is encouraged to bring their vehicles for this Blessing. If you wish to have your vehicle blessed, please try to park in the front or back of the Church. Remember that this is the ideal time to invite friends and family, who might also wish to have their vehicles blessed. If the children bring their bicycles for this blessing, they can leave them in the Church hall during the Divine Liturgy and afterwards bring them to the front of the Church.

Pyrohy

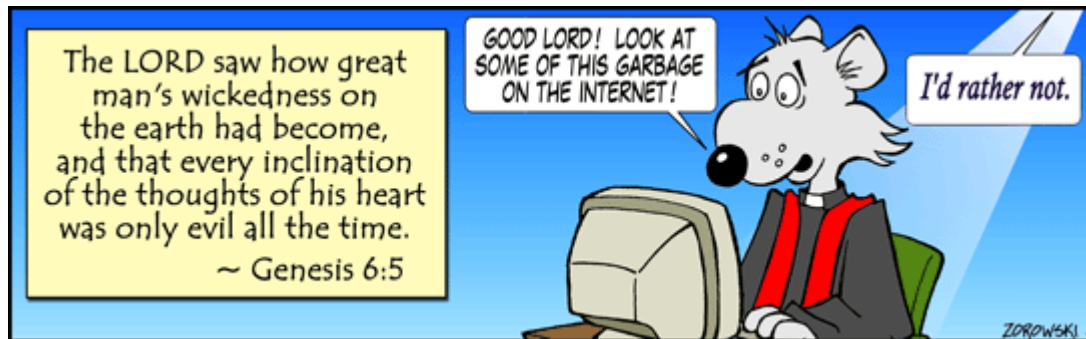
Our total income from last week's sale was \$724.00. I want to wish all our pyrohy workers a well-deserved break from this important activity that helps meet the financial needs of our parish. We are blessed to have such dedicated workers who come faithfully week after week to work so hard. Enjoy this time off and I will see you all on Thursday, August 5th.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, June 20, 2010 was \$852.00.

Radio Program: Myron Spak & Family (\$132), Marika Zaliszczuk (\$25); Harry Bahney (\$20).

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



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

Who of us is aware of being paralyzed? And who of us has faith, the calm and yet passionate certainty that no one but God can give us again the freedom of our movements?

We find ourselves in life paralyzed by fear, paralyzed by the desire to be seen in the best of lights, paralyzed by our calculations that do not allow us to act freely, to breathe freely, to be fearless? How many of us could dare say that they are not possessed of the desire to be seen better than they are, to be seen as they are not, as God does not see us? How many of us could say, "I want to be seen as I am - not only in all my frailty (this others could accept), but in my deceitfulness, in my ugliness, full of fear, full of vanity", that is, of the desire to be judged on appearances and not on the reality? Our venerable father John of the Ladder says *"that one who is possessed of vanity is arrogant in the face of God while he is a coward in the face of men."*

We are all paralyzed: paralyzed by fear, paralyzed by calculations, paralyzed by the determination not to see because we are afraid of what we may see. We still, all of us, imagine that we can live the life of a paralytic and die whole; that we may live a whole life never having faced the truth, and stand before God Who is the Truth - and be acceptable. Oh, it is not a matter of God rejecting us! It is a matter of suddenly discovering, with horror, that we have no place in the realm of Truth, in the realm of daring Truth, in the realm of beauty, of heroic beauty.

On this Sunday let us reflect on this; let us not think of the man who was paralyzed and whose faith healed his body by the power of God; let us think of our own paralyzed condition. Today we must LOOK at ourselves: we still perhaps have time to become true and real as God has willed us, to be what God dreams we should be, to respond to His love by not betraying ourselves, one another and Him.

Remember that there is hope, there is hope because God has the power to heal, God has the power to break our palsy if we turn to Him with faith, and hope and courage! Amen



