

**PARISH NEWS - August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10-та Неділя після Зіслання Св. Духа**

**Welcome! Bienvenue! Вітаємо! Welcome to St. George's Church!**

**Our mission is to know, love and serve our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Here at St. George's Church, the center of our life is the Sunday and daily Divine Liturgy.

It is here where we come to know Christ in each other, in the Sacred Scriptures and through participation in the Holy Sacraments.

A life of Christian Catholic stewardship includes a strong commitment toward the sacramental life through prayer, Liturgy and active ministry.

We are called to become the image and likeness of Christ God in all we say and do.

**~ Parish and Community Announcement ~**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / ПРОСИМ О МОЛИТВУ ЗА ЗДОРОВ'Я**

... all our parishioners who are in the hospitals, care homes, shut-ins and those who are not able to join us actively due to health reasons. Remember, if you would like a hospital or home visit, please call the parish office and let us know. Due to privacy laws, all requests must come from the individual or the immediate family.

**Divine Liturgy:**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English & Ukrainian)**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. (English)**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. (English & Ukrainian)**

**Weekdays & Holy Days: Please see bulletin**

**Please Remember to Support Your Parish.**

In these unusual times, we are joining the world with debit or credit card usage.

If your preference is to use a card, please find the [DONATE Link](#) on our website main page.

Mailing traditional Sunday Offering Envelopes is still a good option.

May Our Lord reward you a hundredfold for your generosity. Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

**LAST WEEK COLLECTION:**

14 Envelopes - \$690.00; Special donation to the church - \$120.00; General Collection - \$30.00;

Chernobyl Fund \$35.00

In Memory of + Maria Goboda - \$25.00 (Phil Hrycak)

## Become a Member

If you regard St. George's as your parish, then you should become an official member by filling out a **registration form**. There are no registration fees. Here are some reasons to register: If you need any administrative assistance membership saves you time; you may join the parish council; you will receive our parish mail-outs we do during the year. Also, you will be given a set of donation envelopes so that any donations you make will qualify for an income tax receipt.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO SAINT GEORGE'S PARISH

Please complete this membership form and place in the collection basket.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Knights of Columbus Leave no Neighbor Behind - Masks for Charity** *COVID-19 has closed businesses, put our union workers out of jobs, and given families hard choices to make; Work with a pre-existing condition and feed my family or stay home and social distance. Unfortunately, this has significantly limited our traditional fundraising methods. Last year we raised over \$2200 for Sarnia's food banks. This year because of physical distancing, we cannot fundraise the same way.*

*We need your help. Let's help Sarnia our home, where our social programs are lacking, by donating to the people who need it the most. Proceeds from every mask sale will benefit food banks or our Coats for Kids Program in the City of Sarnia where the greatest need exists. You can decide how you help.*

*Let's help our neighbors today and leave no neighbor behind.*

High Quality disposable latex free 3-layer surgical style face mask with a nose band. These masks pass the "candle test" and holds water. 50 pack of mask \$50 with free delivery in Sarnia. We accept all major credit cards, debit, chip, tap, interact, or E-transfers only. No cash. 25 pack for \$30 with arranged pick up.

Contact Eric Madej for ordering information: [gk1429@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk1429@ontariokofc.ca) or call/txt 226-776-4993

## Catastrophe in Ukraine

Severe floods in the Carpathian Mountains and Western Ukraine and a heatwave and draught in sections of eastern Ukraine have caused much damage. Our Bishop has asked that a collection be taken to assist those most in need. For tax receipt purposes please make your cheques payable to the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services. God Bless you!

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

On June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> we reopened our church and safely resumed public Divine Liturgies. Please know that we are committed to the safety of our parish community and a wider society. For this reason, I ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we transition through this time with the new protocols and limitations. The health and safety of everyone is at the heart of these directives. Let us all act responsibly and adhere to the guidelines provided by our Eparchy.

### Guidelines for our Church Being Open:

#### Sarnia approves mandatory face masks in public, indoor spaces.

Posted July 27, 2020

Sarnia is making face masks mandatory in indoor public spaces. In a 6-2 vote today, city council approved a new bylaw that will take effect Friday at midnight. The new rules apply to all businesses and places of worship. Owners and managers of public spaces must ensure no member of the public can enter without a mask that covers the nose, mouth and chin. Fines for non-compliance start at \$1,000. Face coverings can include medical masks, bandanas or scarves, or homemade versions made of cloth, linen or other similar fabric. Children under five, people with underlying medical conditions which inhibit the ability to wear a mask or face covering, and those unable to place or remove a mask or covering without assistance are exempt from the bylaw. The bylaw expires Dec. 31, but can be revoked at any time, said Mayor Mike Bradley.

Please Observe the Rules. The wearing of face mask in church is mandatory. Please bring your own face mask if possible. If you don't bring your own mask we request a donation of \$1.00 per mask which will go towards purchasing mask. We wish to remind everyone that the reason our churches were allowed to open was only on the condition that these rules are strictly observed. If you won't obey the rules you will jeopardize rules of the Ontario government, which can cause the closure of our church.

If you have any questions please call Father Bohdan - 519-542-9903.

### A SHORT DAILY PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God.  
You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well.

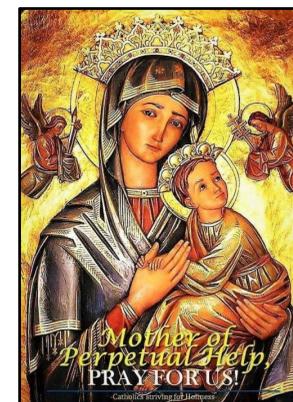
We come to you today as your loving children.

Watch over us and take care of us.

As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms.

Be a mother ready at every moment to help us.

For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God.  
Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.



The Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) (Falling Asleep) of the Mother of God is celebrated August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Great Feast of the Dormition of The Theotokos celebrates the wondrous way in which The Theotokos left this earthly life and was taken into heaven in a miraculous way: both body and soul. Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, except Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God as she died and present at her burial. When Thomas arrived the next day, they opened the tomb so that he could say his farewell. They found only an empty tomb filled with sweet-smelling flowers. Parishioners are welcome to bring flowers that day and on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>, to be blessed in remembrance of this great sign of her holiness.



## Faith – The Foundation of Christian Life

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky teaches: “As heaven is far from the earth, so far is the unbeliever from the believer ... who has a living and strong faith. Only this kind of faith gives eternal life, only this kind of faith saves, such faith alone leads from death to life, only such faith alone grants the „power to become children of God. ” Faith is an openness of the entire person to the action of the Holy Spirit and a personal union with the risen Christ. Unlike non-Christian attempts to achieve perfection which relies on human power alone, Christianity proclaims a new, genuine foundation for human holiness and righteousness, which is faith in Jesus Christ. Faith gives birth to a new creation in the Holy Mystery of Baptism. Whoever believes in Christ puts off the old self and puts on the new self. The apostle Paul describes life in faith as the life of Christ in us and our life in Christ (see Gal 2: 20-21; Phil1:21). Faith lies at the foundation of Christian morality. It is the beginning of a virtuous life and virtuous action. Faith is, first of all, a divine gift received in Baptism; it is a great spiritual force given to us. It is also our vocation. Faith grants us knowledge of God and of things unseen (see Heb11:1). It precedes hope and love since they are tied to the Truth, which can be perceived only through faith. One

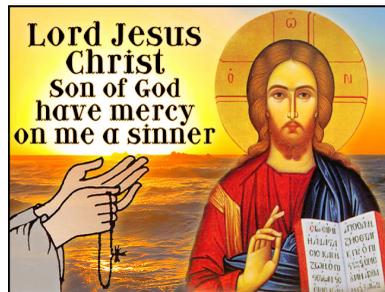
could say that it places Truth into the core of the human person. Through the virtue of faith, one becomes capable of keeping the first three of the Ten Commandments. Faith opens us to God and joins us inwardly with the Creator and Saviour. It is precisely by faith that we become capable of worshipping the One God in Spirit and Truth. True faith excludes the worship of any other gods, as well as fortune-telling, superstition, and magic. These violate the first Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me”.

(Ex20:3; Dt 5:7). (Christ Our Pascha-833-38)

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

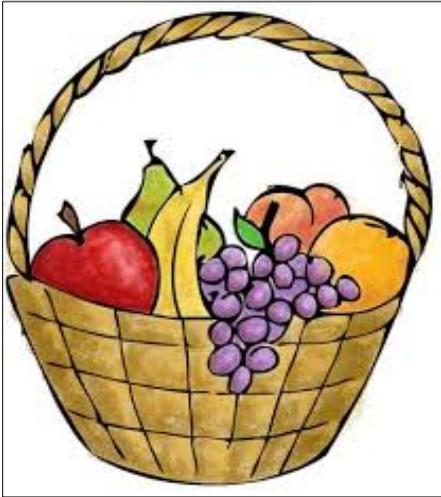
(10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Matt. 17 14-23)

What kind of faith does the Lord expect of us, especially when we meet set-backs and trials? Inevitably there are times when each of us disappoint others or disappoint ourselves when we suffer some kind of set-back or failure. In this gospel incident the disciples of Jesus fail to heal an epileptic boy. Jesus' response seems stern; but it is really tempered with love and compassion. We see at once Jesus' dismay with the disciples' lack of faith and his concern to meet the need of this troubled boy and his father. With one word of command Jesus rebukes the evil spirit that has caused this boy's affliction and tells the spirit to "never enter him again". Jesus tells his disciples that they can "remove mountains" if they have faith in God. The expression to "remove mountains" was a common Jewish phrase for removing difficulties. A wise teacher who could solve difficulties was called a "mountain remover". If we pray with expectant faith God will give us the means to overcome difficulties and obstacles. When you meet trials and disappointment show do you respond? With faith and trust in Jesus?



### The Jesus Prayer

In the Eastern tradition, one of the most common and influential prayers is: “*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*” This so-called “Jesus Prayer,” which has a variety of forms, is spoken millions of times each day by believers throughout the world. It begins with an acknowledgement of who Jesus is as Lord and Son of God. Then, the Jesus Prayer makes a simple request: “Have mercy on me, a sinner.” We need God’s mercy, not just every now and then, not just when we’re in a tough predicament, but throughout our lives. As sinners, we need to experience God’s forgiveness, cleansing, and freedom. This comes, not through our efforts, but through God’s mercy. Because of his love for us and his faithfulness, God’s mercy is new every morning (Lam. 3:23).



## **Blessing of Fruit**

Blessing is a very common practice in the Ukrainian Church. The faithful are familiar with many blessings - food, houses, various objects as crosses and medals, and even a personal blessing. What do these blessings mean? Is the blessing of a house or car and “extra insurance policy?” Is it in fact safer than an “unblessed” house or car? There seems to be a strong dose of superstition in all of this. In a Christian view however, this distinction between sacred and profane falls apart. For the whole world and all that is in it has been created by God; and He says that it was all “good.” To bless something in this way of thinking means to acknowledge that it is truly “good,” from God. It means that we see this blessed object as coming from God and as a sign of His Presence among us. To bless then means to see things as they really are, as all coming from God. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated. Because the feast falls during the harvest season (especially of fruit), fresh fruit is brought to the Church and blessed. Blessings are without limits, done at anytime and anywhere, but most properly so on this Feast, for the Feast of the Transfiguration is a celebration of God’s Presence in the world and because of this, the changing of the world, its transformation, its transfiguration into God’s world. The fruit is an example of the “good things” that “comes from God.” The fruit which was blessed, now is more than mere nourishment and refreshment, it is a sign of God’s Presence.

*Source: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, PA*

## **“May the prayer of our examination of conscience become a daily evening spiritual event for each and every one of us”**

(His Beatitud Sviatoslav)

The head of our Church noted that it is very necessary that Christians do an examination of conscience at the end of each day. Before saying your evening prayers and going to sleep be sure to remember in prayer how you lived the passing day. He explained that the prayer of an examination of conscience is imperative for knowing the truth about ourselves, for meeting our true face and for knowing our weaknesses or strengths. In his video his Beatitude Sviatoslav suggested starting this examination of conscience from the awareness of one's own presence in God's company. According to him it is necessary to reconsider the day that we have just lived through the light of God's loving gaze. And the purpose of such a test of conscience is not just a recollection or a superficial analysis but a deep rethinking of all of the events of the day.

An important element of the daily examination of conscience is to remember absolutely everything that happened to us during the day - both good and evil. “Thank our Lord God for every kind deed, every kind word and every kind thought. For He - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - is the source of all good. And the good that you have done, said or thought during the day is a manifestation of God's presence in your life on this day. If you feel that you have done something wrong, and your conscience will tell you if you have, then apologize to the Lord God, repent before Him before going to sleep. Reconcile in your heart with all your neighbors and forgive all those who have sinned against you.”

In conclusion, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that “a Christian should end his daily examination of conscience by trying to open his heart to the Lord God and by putting his whole life into God’s hands. You will see that if you do such an examination of conscience every day you will understand yourself far better and deeper, you will notice the presence of God in your life and you will understand your weakness and will then live a more perfect spiritual life” He strongly suggested that prayer become a daily evening spiritual event for each and every one of us.

(Media Resource of the UGCC)

“When we do something good we are spurred by the desire to be rewarded for this and to receive recognition. But this is a false reward, it makes us dependent on the opinion of others. Jesus asks us to do good simply because it is good. He asks us to realize that our Heavenly Father's is always watching us and so we should live seeking the approval of God, not people.

We find much deeper joy in living in the presence of God than in human glory.”

***(Pope Francis)***

## Divine Liturgies this week:

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	<b>Dormition of the Mother of God (Assumption)</b>	
Sunday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM		
Sunday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	For our parishioners	Fr. Bohdan

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1**

**Post-feast of the Transfiguration; Holy Apostle Matthias**

*Polyeleos Feast. Dormition Fast.*

### **Antiphon 1**

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lit up the world.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

You have clothed Yourself in praise and splendour; You robe Yourself in light as with a cloak.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

### **Antiphon 3**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

### **Entrance**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

*Son of God, transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

### **Troparia and Kontakia**

***Troparion, Tone 1:*** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,\* and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of mankind.

**Troparion, Tone 7:** You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,\* showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear.\* Make Your eternal light shine\* also on us who are sinners,\* through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Giver of Light, glory to You!

**Troparion, Tone 3:** O holy apostle Matthias, intercede with the all-merciful God\* that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

**Kontakion, Tone 1:** You arose in glory from the tomb\* and with Yourself You raise the world.\* All humanity acclaims You as God.\* and death has vanished.\* Adam exults, O Master,\* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:\* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion, Tone 4:** Your radiant message,\* O wondrous apostle Matthias,\* has shone like the sun throughout the world\* enlightening the Church of the nations with grace. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion, Tone 7:** You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,\* and Your disciples saw Your glory as much as they could;\* that when they saw You crucified\* they might know that You suffered willingly\*, and might proclaim to the world\* that You are truly the brightness of the Father.

### **Prokeimenon, Tone 1**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

**verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (*Psalm 32:22,1*)

### **Prokeimenon, Tone 4**

**verse:** How great are Your works, O Lord, You have made all things in wisdom.

### **Epistle - 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26**

Brethren, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We *are* fools for Christ’s sake, but you *are* wise in Christ! We *are* weak, but you *are* strong! You *are* distinguished, but we *are* dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you*. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

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In those days, the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, “Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.

“Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

### **Alleluia, Tone 1**

**verse:** God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

**verse:** Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. (*Psalm 17:48,51*)

**verse:** Yours are the heavens, and Yours the earth.

**verse:** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, they will walk in the light of Your countenance, O Lord. (*Psalm 88:12,16*)

### **Gospel - Matthew 17:14-23; Luke 9:1-6**

At that time, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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At that time, Jesus called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

“Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

### **Hymn to the Mother of God**

O my soul, magnify the Lord transfigured on the mountain.

**And the Irmos, Tone 4:** Your giving birth was revealed as incorrupt; for it was God who came forth from your womb; He appeared on earth in the flesh, and made His dwelling among us. Thus, O Mother of God, all of us magnify you.

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*)\* Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,\* and their word unto the ends of the world.\*

Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 18:5*)



### BYZANTINE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ,  
The Son of the living God, who came into the world  
To save sinners of whom I am the first.

Although I cannot now be a partaker of your mystical supper,  
O Son of God,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart by your Divine Grace  
for the healing of my soul and body.

For I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies,  
Nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas,  
But like the thief I profess to you:

- + Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.
- + Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this,  
Which I would receive, and which is now  
here present with us in Mystery,  
Is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood.  
*May I one day partake of your mystical supper again For the remission of all  
my sins and for life everlasting. Amen*

- + O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- + O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
- + O Lord, forgive me for I have sinned without number.

*With Ecclesiastical Approbation. Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix*

