



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew

### Calendar and Announcements

#### *Calendar:*

- The following services will be prayed with clergy, servers, and chanters, with limited availability for parishioners to attend (up to 25 parishioners). Please see the Announcements for more information about how to sign up to attend a service:
  - Saturday 7/25 – Vespers, 5pm
  - Sunday 7/26 – Orthros and Liturgy, 9:30am
  - Saturday 8/1 – Vespers, 5pm
- The above services will be livestreamed via St. George's [website](#) and [official Facebook page](#). In addition, links to the texts will be included on the home page of the parish website above the livestream video for those who would like to follow along.
- **Reminder:** The Dormition Fast begins on August 1.
- Dn. Joseph is leading Akathist on Tuesday evenings via Skype. To participate, please email Dn. Joseph at [dnjosephclark@gmail.com](mailto:dnjosephclark@gmail.com) to receive the link.
- Bible study on the Gospel of John: Wednesday 7/22, 6:30pm
  - Join the meeting:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75171452841?pwd=L29OOTNHafJhRVpvYmVIRDBCvXpndz09>
  - Meeting ID: 751 7145 2841; Password: 0zbpui

#### **Troparion of St. George**

O liberator and deliverer of captives, helper of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

#### *Announcements:*

- **If you would like to attend one of the services listed above, please sign up via [Sign Up Genius](#), reserving the number of slots for family members attending so we can ensure we do not exceed capacity for social distancing purposes. (For example, if there are 3 household members attending, reserve 3 slots.) Please remember that those who are elderly, have pre-existing conditions, or currently are not feeling well are asked to remain home. Additionally, those children who are too young to keep a mask on are asked to remain home.**
- Communion will offered by appointment after each service. To set up a time to receive communion, please sign up via the [Sign Up Genius](#). Please reserve only one slot per household unit. Your time will be confirmed via email from the church office. Prior to arriving at the church for communion, please say the [Morning Prayers](#) and the [Prayers of Preparation before Communion](#).
- Confession is also being scheduled by appointment. To set up an appointment, please email the church office and provide a few dates/times you are available. The office will email you to confirm your appointment time.

**If you attend a service, you must wear a mask/face covering out of care for ourselves, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our neighbors.**

- If you would like to have a candle lit at the church, please email the church office at [office@saintgeorgeupperdarby.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgeupperdarby.org). Candle donations can be made via PayPal.
- Based on Metropolitan JOSEPH'S latest directive (6/8/2020), we will begin to carefully consider which in-person gatherings to resume. For the time being, all non-liturgical events remain online or cancelled as we consider all necessary factors. Please stay tuned for additional information.
- The Ministry Team is organizing small group (less than 10 people) Typika services that meet in local parks. If interested in attending, please contact Ed Donahue at [Edjdonahue@gmail.com](mailto:Edjdonahue@gmail.com).
- Several members of the ministry team are contacting parishioners to identify any special needs and to ensure our church family is taken care of during this time. If you or someone you know has a particular need during this time, please contact the church office so we can coordinate with the ministry team.
- **2020 FOCUS Backpack Program:** Donations are currently being accepted for this year's 2020 FOCUS Backpack Program. FOCUS has established a relationship with the Community Outreach Office of the School District of Philadelphia, which makes sure to give these backpacks to children of all grade levels who are the poorest of the poor, a good percentage of whom are actually homeless. Due to the pandemic, instead of collecting supplies, a backpack already filled with school supplies will be sent directly to the School District of Philadelphia for just \$25 dollars, and stored until such time as it is safe to reopen the schools and have all the students attend in- person classes. To donate, please send a check made out to "FOCUS North America" by August 15 to:  
Jane Brasko Kelly  
208 Highpoint Lane  
Broomall, PA 19008

### **General notes:**

- If you are able to still tithe / contribute to the church during this time, please consider giving online [via PayPal on the church's website](#).
- All communication about services and other updates during this time will be sent via parish email from Fr. Joel (or the office) or posted on the [website](#) or [official church Facebook page](#). All questions can be directed to the office ([office@saintgeorgeupperdarby.org](mailto:office@saintgeorgeupperdarby.org)).

### **Church History**

*This week we continue a series on the Essentials of Faith. The hope is that we can all learn and be edified, and come to a "knowledge of the Truth" (1 Tim. 2:4), and to witness to the things of faith that were "delivered to the saints" (Jud. 1:3) in the Church, which is the "pillar and ground of Truth". (1 Tim. 3:15) May God bless the labor. These lessons are taken from Fr. Thomas Hopko's series The Orthodox Faith.*

### **The Unia**

During the seventeenth century, in the south of Russia, the Unia continued in force, although large amounts of territory were won back by the Russians from the Poles. The Cossack-led lay brotherhoods in Ukraine and Galicia served Orthodoxy well during this time by their resolute resistance to the Uniate movement. Among these lay leaders were Constantine Ostrozhskii (d. 1608) and Milyty Smotrisky, who wrote his *Lamentations of the Eastern Church* in 1610.

In 1620, Patriarch Theophanes of Jerusalem secretly consecrated seven bishops for the Orthodox in defiance of the Unia, without approval from the Roman Catholic government. This greatly aided the survival of the Orthodox Church in these years.

The Orthodox resistance to the efforts of the Uniates to force them to accept the dominion of the Papacy was epitomized by two holy abbots of monasteries in western Ukraine: Saint Athanasius of Brest (d. 1646), and Saint Job of Pochaev (d. 1651).

### Saint Peter Mogila

In 1632 Wladyslaw IV, the successor to King Sigismund of Poland, gave permission for the Orthodox to elect their own metropolitan of Kiev. Peter Mogila (1597–1646), the head of the Orthodox theological school that had been founded in 1615 at the Kievan Caves Monastery, was chosen. Mogila was fiercely opposed to the Roman Church and the Unia, but he had been trained in Latin schools and had a deep respect for Latin scholastic educational methods. He introduced these methods into the school at the Kievan Caves Monastery, including the use of Latin in the classroom. This school would become the Kievan Academy, the most influential institution of theological education in all of Russia, the training ground of many bishops and seminary professors. Also through Mogila's many written works, including a Slavic translation of the famous catechism of the Jesuit Peter Canisius (1521–1597) and a priest's Service Book, significant Latin influences entered the Orthodox Church in doctrinal formulation and liturgical practice.



Mogila's writings were judged acceptable by the Orthodox bishops in a council in Kiev in 1640. And in 1642, a council in Jassy, in Moldavia, approved a modified version of Mogila's *Confession of Faith*. However, even in its modified form, Bishop Kallistos Ware calls this confession the most Latin-

influenced document ever endorsed by a council of the Orthodox Church. Together with the westernization forced upon the Russian Church through Tsar Peter the Great's policies, Mogila's writings and educational practices were a primary cause of a certain "captivity" to Western influences for some two hundred years in the theology and piety of the Orthodox people of Russia, Ukraine, and Romania. Nevertheless, he was recently canonized as a saint by the Churches in Ukraine, Romania, and Poland.

#### Wisdom of the Holy Fathers

Prayer should be the means by which I,  
at all times, receive all that I need,  
and, for this reason, be my daily refuge,  
my daily consolation, my daily joy, my  
source of rich and inexhaustible joy in  
life.

+ St. John Chrysostom