

July 20, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost,
Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah



Veil of Protection
SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

Propers for this Sunday: See Handout

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

- SUN., JULY 20 SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
FEAST of the HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, *Blessing of cars*
+ Robert C. Pesa on the 6th anniversary of his passing, offered by Robin Pesa
- WED., JULY 23..... Holy Father Basil Hopko Special Intention
7:30 A.M. Moleben Invoking the Help of the Holy Spirit
8:00 A.M. First & Third Hours
12:00 P.M. Sixth & Ninth Hours
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Craig Fetkovich & family, requested by Pat & Vicki Fetkovich
- FRI., JULY 25 Dormition of St. Ann, Mother of the Theotokos
7:30 A.M. Moleben For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
8:00 A.M. First & Third Hours
12:00 P.M. Sixth & Ninth Hours
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Holy Anointing
Special Intention, requested by Mike & Patty Costantino
- SUN., JULY 27 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+Monta Lee Tomley, requested by husband, George Tomley

Happy Birthday Greetings:
July 22: Timothy Cassidy, July 25: Mary Ann Kowalski

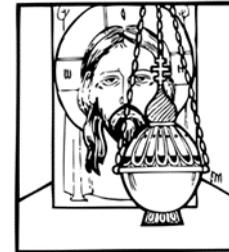
Wedding Anniversaries:
None for the week

Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

HOME: Penny Furis, Ron Jones, William Killian, Joyce Rose, Eleanor Soltis

Franciscan Manor (71 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010) - George Cirka

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Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
July 20 - 26, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for July 13, 2025

God bless your generosity! "Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

Offertory	\$ 482.18
Loose Currency	\$131.00
Candles	\$12.00
TOTAL:	\$625.18

Note:

If anyone wants church envelopes for 2026, please put your information in the collection or give to Patty Shuster.

Regular Confessions Offered

St. George 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Thursdays and **before** every Sunday Divine Liturgy
St. Mary: 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Wednesdays and **following** every Sunday Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas 4:00-4:45 P.M. before Vigil Liturgy on Saturdays

Beaver County Byzantines Happenings...

4 Day Prayer Mission July 22 – 25

PRAY FOR THE FALLEN AWAY

4 DAY PRAYER MISSION FOR THE RETURN OF FALLEN AWAY CATHOLICS



Prayer to the Mother of God, Searcher for the Lost

O Mother of God, through your virginal conception and birth-giving, your Son, Jesus Christ, Our God, took flesh to redeem the likeness that had fallen. We now beg of your compassion, seek those who bear the likeness of your Son through the grace of baptism, and unite them once more to your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Render those who bear your Son's image not unto the prince of this world, but unto their Heavenly Father for Whom they were created. Make them to know the beauty of our Father's house, that they may recognize that better is one day in his courts than a thousand elsewhere. Quicken their repentance that they, like David, fashion praise with their lips and offer their contrite spirit upon the altar of mercy. For you, who sought your Son tenderly in the temple and who made ministers like servants His servants of the miracle at Cana, seek the lost. Stay with them in their temporal sufferings, as you did with your Son at His crucifixion, that they may know that death is certain, life is short, and merely a prelude to the inexhaustible joy of eternal life with your Son, prepared for those who seek Him in this life. In this, may your Son be glorified, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever, Amen.

Parishes Picnic

The annual parishes' picnic will be on **Sunday, August 17**, on the grounds of St. George Church. The day will begin with a **10:00 AM Divine Liturgy** followed by the activities. St. George's Men's Club will once again be supplying and grilling the meats, and St. George's Ladies Guild will be preparing the main side dishes and setting up the picnic buffet. Everyone is asked to bring (potluck) side dishes, desserts, or beverages. We are once again having the very popular basket raffle and will be accepting donations of various theme baskets. There will be a dunk tank to dunk Fr. Anthony and more details to follow.



St. George Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., JULY 22 Holy Myrrh-Bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles
5:15 P.M. Akathist
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Johnson Jn Baptiste, offered by Sr. Mary Virginia

THUR., JULY 24 Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb
7:30 A.M. Moleben for those suffering from Drug & Alcohol
Dependence
8:00 A.M. First & Third Hours
12:00 P.M. Sixth & Ninth Hours
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Connie Hersh, offered by Prudy Peya

SAT., JULY 26 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
7:00 P.M. Great Vespers

SUN., JULY 27 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JULY 26 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+Margaret Fellenstein, requested by Carol Fellenstein

Forgiveness is Yours

Jesus' words of healing are worthy of reflection. The paralytic is not told, "Be healed." He is not told, "Rise and walk." But he is told, "Take heart, my son; you sins are forgiven you." The paralytic is a descendant of the original man, Adam. In one man, Christ, all the sins of Adam are forgiven. In this case the man to be healed is brought forward by ministering angels. In this case, too, he is called a son, because he is God's first work. The sins of his soul are forgiven him, and pardon of the first transgression is granted. We do not believe the paralytic committed any sin that resulted in his illness, especially since the Lord said elsewhere that blindness from birth had not been contracted from someone's sin or that of his parents. (*St. Hilary of Poitiers*)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

A reminder that we have our parish days of prayer for fallen-away Catholics this week. Please make every effort to attend and pray for our family and friends who have stopped practicing their faith. We've seen our parishes grow significantly over the past year and this is an opportunity to pray for the continued revitalization of our churches. Please invite your family and friends to attend these wonderful events. **There will be Confession offered beginning at 4:45 Wednesday through Friday of the mission and a social following each Divine Liturgy. Please note as well the Mystery of Holy Anointing is being offered during the Friday evening liturgy.**

A reminder once again to submit any financial questions for St. George to Dan Pinchot, Brian Cushin, or Kathy Kapaldo for the finance council meeting this weekend. We are planning to discuss the roofing/masonry issues at St. George as well as various ways to save money on phone, internet, copier, etc....

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we now have a large outdoor tent to use for fellowship at St. Mary's. It will be set up for the socials at St. Mary's this week for the days of prayer. Thank you to all those who have donated the outdoor plants and flowers as well, and also those who have given their time and energy to planting and maintaining them.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Blessing of Cars Today

St. Elijah ascended into heaven as the Second Book of Kings describes it: "...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Because of this ascension of Elijah into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles. Now each year, we bless our cars and other wheeled vehicles on the feast of St. Elijah.

Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, June 24

The holy martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David, who, princes of Rus' and sons of St. Vladimir the Great, preferred to suffer death than to resist their brother Svyatopolk by violence. Boris obtained the palm of martyrdom on the river Alta near Pereslavl and Gleb a short while later near Smolensk. (1015)

The Journey's End is Knowledge of God

The holy prophet Elias is remarkable among the prophets and fathers for many reasons. Our Church has reflected often on the life of this great prophet, marveling at his power over nature and his boldness before God and men. The texts for this feast call him the 'second fore-runner', and 'pure one'.

He is a fore-runner of the coming of Christ, a figure of John the Fore-runner, and of the Savior himself. He stands between God and man, calling all to faith and fidelity. Against idolatry and injustice, he is an uncompromising prophet of singular dedication.

Reflecting upon Elias' ascension in the chariot of fire, we see that Elias is not yet dead, but has ascended bodily into heaven. But all men must die, so his earthly mission must not yet be complete. So, we answer that Elias will return before the second coming of Christ, acting as a 'second fore-runner'. Elias will call us to prepare for the great day of the Lord's return. Then, it is said, he will suffer martyrdom, and die, giving his life in witness to the presence of the Lord.

But that is not Elias' only mission. In the canon for the feast, the prophet is called 'pure one', a title we hear often in reference to Mary the Mother of God (the Most Pure One) whom he also prefigures. Elias led a life of ascetic prayer, fasting on Carmel, wandering in the desert, wrapped in stillness upon Horeb. Our Orthodox Church has seen him also as a fore-runner of the Mother of God, because Elias in virginity and purity became, in the flesh, worthy of the vision of God's presence. Elias upon the mountain, fasting and praying, has become the icon of the hesychast at prayer. Not in earthquake, mighty wind, or many words; but in the "sound of sheer silence" Elias has encountered God. And this miracle while yet in the flesh! Even today, Elias stands in the body, before the throne of God in heaven. How is this possible? We do not know, but we are glad to wonder, at God whose generosity seems beyond all we might hope for.

Those of the East, who practice prayer of stillness, hesychastic prayer, see in the holy prophet proof, that yet in this life, yet in the body, God can reveal his glory to his servants. Those who in purity of heart, and inner stillness, wait upon God and yearn to enter into the his presence are filled with hope as they recall the gifts given to this prophet. Elias has known in the flesh the fulfillment of the beatitudes, for 'pure in heart, he sees God'.

Silence is discovered by those who know purity of heart. Purity of heart is the crown of the passions conquered. The weapons for this battle are the practice of the virtues and asceticism. This road is formidable and often frightening (Elias found it terrifying), but the journey's end is knowledge of God.

The 'Praises' of the Feast of Elias sums up this spiritual journey, for Elias who "by conquering of the passions" is brought into God's presence. An "angel in the flesh" and a "heavenly man" he dwells among the saints.



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E.C.F. coordinator: Claire Arnold

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation..... Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 P.M. & after Sunday Liturgy.
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office.
Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness.
Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding.
Religious Education Classes.....September through May.
Pirohi Sales Every Friday

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