

July 27, 2025  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



*Veil of Protection*

**SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

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

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 6: pp. 152 - 153

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

**SUN., JULY 27 ..... SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

**11:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

+Monta Lee Tomley, requested by husband, George Tomley

**WED., JULY 30..... Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and Their Companions**

**4:45 – 5:45 P.M. .... Confessions**

**6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

Private Intention, requested by Dymphna

**THUR., JULY 31 ..... Prefestive Day of the Procession of the**

**Venerable and Lifecreating Cross**

**7:30 A.M. .... First & Third Hour**

**FRI., AUG. 1 ..... Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross**

**6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY with Holy Anointing**

Private Intention, requested by Dymphna

**SAT., AUG. 2 ..... EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

**7:00 P.M. .... Great Vespers**

**SUN., AUG. 3 .....EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

**11:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

Art & Mary Ellen Fellenstein, requested by Carol Fellenstein

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

July 27: Savannah Bell, Christine Gubba, July 31: Melissa Plumb

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

None for the week

**Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:**

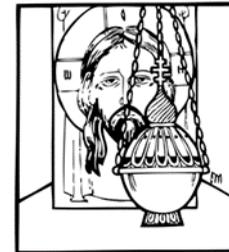
**HOME:** Penny Furis, Ron Jones, William Killian, Joyce Rose, Eleanor Soltis

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

*Christ is Among us! He is and Shall be!*

*Christos posred'i nas! Jest' i budet!*

*Христос – наш заступник! Є і буде*



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 27 – August 2, 2025

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

The Parishioners

**Parish Offerings for July 20, 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)

**Not Available**

**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...

### Parishes Picnic

The annual picnic for our Byzantine Catholic Parishes 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.



### Catholic Conversations: Time for the Lord to Act, Continues Thursdays

The Adult Education series at St. George continues **Thursdays after 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy through August 7**. We are deepening our understanding of the Divine Liturgy, the heart of our Byzantine Catholic faith and opening the treasures of our worship, its theology, structure, and sacred beauty. You can join even if you missed the first sessions.

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### St. George Divine Services for the Week:

**TUE., JULY 29** ..... Holy Martyr Callinicus  
**6:00 P.M.** ..... **DIVINE LITURGY**  
 + Gordon Jn Baptiste, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

**WED., JULY 30** ..... Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and Their Companions  
**7:00 A.M.** ..... **First & Third Hours**

**THUR., JULY 31**..... Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the  
**Venerable & Life-creating Cross**  
**6:00 P.M.** ..... **DIVINE LITURGY, Minor Blessing of Water**  
 + Connie Hersh, 40th day of passing, requested by Francis and JoAnn Hersh

**SUN., AUG. 3** ..... **EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
**8:30 A.M.** ..... **DIVINE LITURGY**  
 + John Galzarano, requested by James Mudron

### St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

**SAT., AUG. 2** ..... **EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**  
**5:00 P.M.** ..... **DIVINE LITURGY**  
 For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

### The Dormition Fast

The feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the most ancient feast of the Mother of God, and more than any other, this feast directs our gaze towards what we are all called to as Christians: communion with the Lord for all eternity. Let us prepare for it well! The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). The observance of this fast is voluntary.

### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Thank you to all those who assisted with our mission this past week. It was a powerful time of prayer and we had a fantastic turnout (over 40 people both Wednesday and Thursday).

**Hours this week will be celebrated 7:00am at St. George on Wednesday and 7:30am at St. Mary on Thursday.**

The Church Father's men's group meets this Wednesday at 7:15pm at St. Mary's following liturgy. All Catholic and Orthodox men of the area are welcome to join us for food, discussion and fellowship.

Our adult education class on the Divine Liturgy resumes this Thursday at 7:15pm at St. George.

This week we celebrate the lesser blessing of water in conjunction with the Feast of the Procession of the Life-Creating cross. We will have this short blessing following our Thursday evening liturgy. This blessing dates back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century and it is a secondary blessing of water done during the year in addition to the Great Blessing of Water at Theophany.

August 1st to August 14<sup>th</sup> is the Dormition fast. Traditionally, this fasting season was similar in strictness to the Great Fast but only 2 weeks. At the very least, it is strongly recommended to abstain from meat on Wednesday in addition to the already required Friday abstinence.

Please turn in Beaver County ECF registration forms (can be found in the back of the Churches) by Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to myself or Claire Arnold. We need a count of students so we can make sure we have adequate teachers and resources.

Finally, there will be no Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to the combined 10am Divine Liturgy and parish picnic at St. George. Sign-up sheet is in the back so we can get a count for food.

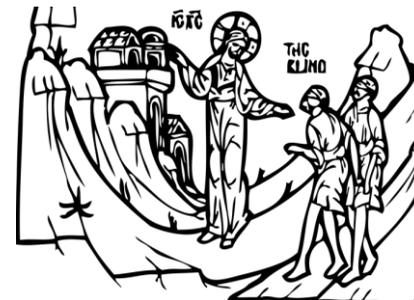
In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

“Have mercy on us, Son of David.”

## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.”*

The Gospel Lesson for the 7th Sunday of Matthew (Matt 9:27-35), centers its attention on two blind men.



The two blind men came following Jesus asking Him to heal them of their malady. He asked them personally, “do you believe that I have the power to heal you, to which they both said yes we believe, after which Jesus healed them. Through the action of God’s Grace and the power of their Faith, the blind men received sight.

It was once said, “a little faith will bring your soul to heaven, a great faith will bring heaven to your soul”. Our beloved St. Paul lists faith among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for the New Testament is *pustis* which means trust but also can be interpreted as faith or faithfulness. Even though faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit, it is also dependent on the quality of our response to God and on the receptivity of the human heart.

In this story of the two blind men, Jesus personally asked if they believed, and because of their personal response of a sincere faith they were healed. This is the great message of this Gospel Lesson: “for according to your faith, be it done to you”... and their eyes were opened!

**Do we have that same personal faith if asked by Jesus?!**

### August 1: Procession of the Cross

It became a tradition to carry the wood of the Venerable Cross through the streets of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city starting in the beginning of August. This was done because illnesses were more common in August at that time. On the eve of the Feast, it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the great Church of Hagia Sophia. From this Feast until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the relic of the Cross, through the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate.



*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*

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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 Anointing .....Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of Marriage .....Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes.....September through May.

Pirohi Sales ..... Every Friday

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***May we all discover what a blessing the Church truly is,  
and honestly become active in being the Church!***