

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Post-Festive Day of the Dormition



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 1, Pp. 125-127. For the Dormition: pp. 352 - 355

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 17 NO LITURGY AT ST. MARY

WED., AUG. 20 POST-FESTIVE DAY of the DORMITION

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

The Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Evangeline Guice requested by Claire Arnold

THUR. , AUG. 21 POST-FESTIVE DAY of the DORMITION

8:00 A.M. First & Third Hours

FRI., AUG. 22 POST-FESTIVE DAY of the DORMITION

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Special Intention requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

SUN., AUG. 24 ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+John Moskorin requested by the Barclay Family

Special Blessing for Barbara & Bill Kushner on the occasion of their 54th wedding anniversary

“If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: ‘Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.’ I must admit, this prayer has never failed me.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Aug. 18: Jody Campbell, Aug. 19: Cathy Hardy, Aug. 23: Jennifer Mosseso, Ron Stewart

Wedding Anniversaries:

August 21: Ted & Judy Kotula, Bill & Barb Kushner

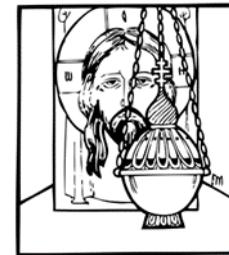
Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

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!



THIS WEEK’S SANCTUARY LAMP

August 17 - 23, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for August 10, 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	\$722.00
Loose Currency	\$60.00
Candles	\$21.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
TOTAL:	\$813.00

Do not neglect good deeds and generosity, God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” (Hebrews 13:16)

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...

Parish Picnic, August 17 at St. George

All are welcome at St. George Church for our annual picnic for our Byzantine Parishes tomorrow, August 17! The picnic will follow today's Divine Liturgy. Picnic festivities include picnic buffet and BBQ, dunk tank, bingo, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, money tree raffle, outdoor games, fun and fellowship.



Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great at Mt. St. Macrina in Uniontown are hosting their 91st annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help August 30 & 31. The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy, opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Adult Enrichment Programs, activities for children, teens, and young adults, and pastoral counseling. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. For more information, visit <https://sistersofstbasil.org/events-2/annual-pilgrimage-honoring-our-lady-of-perpetual-help/>



What is a Pilgrimage?

- A Pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place undertaken as an act of religious devotion.
- A pilgrimage symbolizes life's journey, the leaving aside of daily activities for a deeper experience of mystery, the path of conversion towards the full manifestation of the Lord.

What is the Purpose of a Pilgrimage?

- To give a special honor and veneration to a saint
- To make a request for a cure
- To perform an act of penance
- To express thanks or fulfill a promise

What can I gain from a Pilgrimage?

- From making a Pilgrimage, you can gain an increase in faith and a greater trust in God

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., AUG. 19 **Post-Festive Day of the Dormition**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ Hermancia Mason, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

WED., AUG. 20 **Post-Festive Day of the Dormition**
7:00 A.M. **First & Third Hours**

THUR., AUG. 21..... **Post-Festive Day of the Dormition**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ Sr. Rose Elizabeth, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

SAT., AUG. 23 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
7:00 P.M. **Great Vespers**

SUN., AUG. 24 **ELEVENTH 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., AUG. 23 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
5:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+Mary Hanczar requested by Mike and Jodi Hanczar

During this Post-Festive Time of the Dormition...

“The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. She is always visiting us. Whenever we turn to her in our heart, she is there. After the Lord, she is the greatest protection for mankind. How many churches there are in the world that are dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God! How many healing springs where people are cured of their ailments have sprung up in places where the Most Holy Theotokos appeared and blessed those springs to heal both the sick and the healthy! She is constantly, by our side, and all too often we forget her.”

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all those who helped set up and volunteered for the parish picnic today, it is a true joy!

At long last, the bids for the roofing project at St. George have been submitted to the Archeparchy. Please pray we hear back quickly.

I am pleased to state that we have new copiers at both St. Mary's and St. George that are twice as fast as our previous machines and cost roughly half as much.

We have had generous anonymous donations which will allow us to purchase a new gold priest and deacon's set of vestments, a new red priest's set, and approximately 10 server sticharions for St. Mary's. These will be ordered in the next couple weeks and hopefully arrive by Philip's Fast in November.

Our celebration of the Hours at St. Mary's will now be Thursdays at 8:00am. This fits the schedule of those who attend best.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Total Faith

When someone has total faith, such that he no longer disbelieves in anything found in holy Scripture and has faith like that of Abraham, who so believed in God to such a degree that his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness, then he has all faith like a grain of a mustard seed. Then such a man will say to this mountain – I mean in this case the deaf and dumb spirit in him who is said to be epileptic – “Move from here to another place.” It will move. (*Origen*)

He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him.”

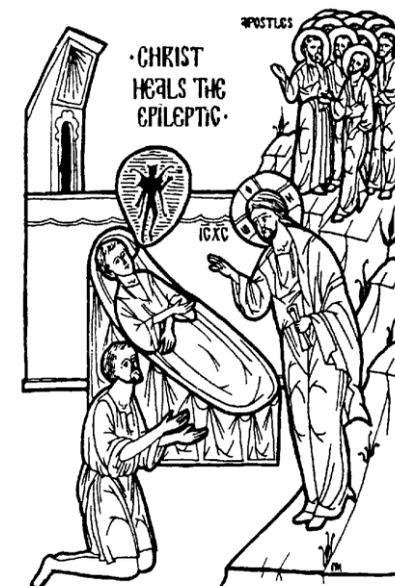
In today’s Gospel reading Our Lord helps us put into perspective the giants that intimidate and try to control our lives. He tells His disciples and us, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you.”

The Gospel is telling us that there is no difficulty bigger than God. He is bigger than any temptation, any sin, any failure, and any problem. When we place our lives in His hands, through a personal act of faith, He gives us the power to become bigger than we ever dreamed we could be – bigger than an illness, bigger than our weaknesses, bigger than our hatred, bigger than our prejudices, bigger than our defeats. With Christ we can have a giant within us. Saint John writes in his first epistle: “He who is in you (that is Christ) is greater than he who is in the world (that is Satan)” (1 John 4:4).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus Himself restores a boy to his right mind after His own disciples fail because they doubted the powers He had given them. In those disciples we easily see ourselves when we confront the giants and mountains of life. The secret to understanding and undoing them is to believe that no person, no situation, no set of circumstances is bigger than God.

A man whose life was guided by that kind of belief was Saint Paul. He was afflicted with a serious physical infirmity which he talks about in his second letter to the Corinthians. He calls it his “thorn in the flesh”. Even though he prayed to be delivered from it, God instead gave Him the power to live with it. That thorn in the flesh did not make the apostle Paul an invalid; it drove him to greater dependence on Christ and to greater power.

Let us to face the mountains in our own lives with the conviction that faith can and will move them. Amen.



O Most Holy Theotokos, Save Us!

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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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