

August 31, 2025
Twelfth 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 3: pp. 131 - 137

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 31 TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
Deposition of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos

11:00 A.M. BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

WED., SEPT. 3 The Holy Martyr Anthimus

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Carmella Tomsic, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

THUR., SEPT. 4 The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God

8:00 A.M. First & Third Hours

FRI., SEPT. 5 Holy Prophet Zachary, Father of the Forerunner, and His Wife Elizabeth

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Spiritual and Physical Well Being of Bernie Sonnett requested by Jordan and Samantha Sonnett

SAT., SEPT. 6 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS;
PRE-FESTIVE DAY of the BIRTH of the THEOTOKOS

7:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

SUN., AUG. 31 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS;
PRE-FESTIVE DAY of the BIRTH of the THEOTOKOS

11:00 A.M. BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Sept. 1: Lori Moskorisin Sept. 3: Eleanor Soltis

Wedding Anniversaries:

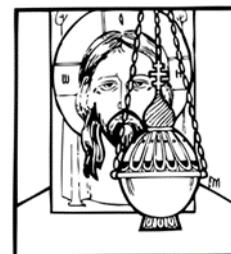
None for the week

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!*



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
August 31 – September 6, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for August 24, 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	\$902.00
Loose Currency	\$141.00
Candles	\$12.00
Holy Day	\$110.00
TOTAL:	\$1165.00

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

**CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULT**

Dance Night!

COME AND BRING A FRIEND FOR PRAYER
FOLLOWED BY A SWINGING GOOD TIME!

**ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
1001 CLINTON ST,
ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

FRIDAY
SEP. 12TH

6:30 PM
MOLEBEN (PRAYER SERVICE)
TO THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-CREATING CROSS

7:00 PM
COUNTRY LINE DANCING LESSONS (& SWING DANCING)
IN THE PARISH SOCIAL HALL. LED BY ONE OF OUR VERY OWN
ST. MARY'S IN AMBRIDGE PARISHIONERS!
DRINKS & LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED.

LEARN LINE DANCES LIKE FOOTLOOSE, COTTON-EYED JOE, AND MORE!

**ALL
SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME!**

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St. George Divine Services for the Week:

MON., SEPT. 1 The Indiction, the beginning of the Church Year

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Private intention for Valentino Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini

WED., SEPT. 3 The Holy Martyr Anthimus

7:00 A.M. First & Third Hours

THUR., SEPT. 4 The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+Alex George, 40th day after passing

SUN., SEPT. 7 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS;

PRE-FESTIVE DAY of the BIRTH of the THEOTOKOS

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+Jessica Jordan, requested by Dottie Hagan

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., SEPT. 7 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS;

PRE-FESTIVE DAY of the BIRTH of the THEOTOKOS

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Spiritual and Physical Well Being of Mary Sonnett, requested by Jordan and Samantha Sonnett

The Beginning of the Church Year (“Indiction”) HAPPY NEW YEAR 7534!

The bishops of the First Ecumenical Council (The First Council of Nicæa), convened anno Domini 325 by the Emperor Constantine the Great, decreed that the Church’s liturgical year should begin on September 1st. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople. The lunar month corresponding to September on the Jewish calendar marks the beginning of the civil or calendar year – Rosh Ha Shanah; it was at this time that our Lord Jesus went into the synagogue at Nazareth and read the words of the prophet Isaiah, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim ‘the acceptable year of the Lord.’ (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4: 16-21).

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

September 1st marks the beginning of our Church New Year. It was decreed by the First Council of Nicaea in 325 that this is the start of the Church year and the Byzantine Church keeps this tradition. As September 1st happens to coincide with Labor Day this year, we will have a 9:00am Divine Liturgy at St. George.

Next Sunday, September 7th we are pleased to celebrate another baptismal liturgy at St. Mary's, this time for Theodore Broussard, son of seminarian and parishioner Alex and his wife Tasney. Most of the seminary community (including the rector) will be attending, so please give them a warm welcome.

September 8th is the Birth of Mary, one of the 12 Great Feasts. Due to scheduling conflicts (such as the Baptism the day before and a lack of cantors available during the daytime) our only liturgy will be held at **6:00pm on Monday, September 8th at St. Mary's.**

Due to the exceptional Monday liturgies there will be **no Tuesday liturgies the next two weeks** so I can maintain a day off.

Friday, September 12th will be our next young adult event, country line dancing at St. George. I have been heavily promoting the event and expect a strong turnout.

The roofing bids for St. George have been submitted to the Archeparchy. The Archeparchy Finance Council (which must approve a project of this magnitude) meets near the middle of September and so hopefully we will hear back after that.

We have many open liturgy intentions for the rest of the calendar year. A reminder: envelopes with forms to request intentions are in the back of all the Churches. Please hand completed forms to myself or my mother.

Finally, please let me or Judy Dzumba (at St. George) or Patty Shuster (at St. Mary) know if you want envelopes for the upcoming Church year.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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Happiness: what is it, and how to reach it? Happiness is in justification of life. Happiness isn't momentary pleasure or temporary transient satisfaction. Happiness is the permanent joyful state of spirit which a person takes with him crossing the border of a new life.

A young man asked Christ about happiness. “What must I do to possess eternal life?” “Keep the commandments”, Christ said to him. What does it mean, “Keep the commandments?” The commandments show us the way of our ascension to God, the way leading to spiritual maturity, getting the power of the Holy Spirit by means of free, voluntary merging of a person's heart and will with God's will. And this way ends by confirmation of a person in love: “Love your neighbor as thyself”. This is the way to happiness.

“If you wish to be perfect, go and sell your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me” (Mt. 19, 21). “But when the young man heard these words, he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth” (Mt.19, 22). Would he have gone away sad if, having gotten an answer to his question, he had kept hope to inherit eternal life? No, this young man refused not only his perfection, but the eternal life itself because he wasn't able to sell his possessions and didn't show proper resolution. Of course, the Savior knew how the young man would act, and so He showed what prevented him from inheriting the eternal life – his attachment to possessions. He exposed not possession itself, but the attachment to it. Possession is great temptation, but it can't be the means to a Christian deed, perhaps one of the most difficult ones. A rich man who was able with God's help to kill in himself the attachment to temporary wealth for the sake of brotherly love and love of God, becomes as if the Lord's steward converting possessions given to him by God for the good of people.

Jesus said to his disciples, “In truth I tell you, it is hard for someone rich to enter the kingdom of Heaven” (Mt. 19, 23). This means that a person having attachment to something earthly practically can't enter the eternal life. Perfection is when you, having some earthly possessions, don't have any attachment to them: To get rid of attachment to all earthly things, maybe even to something beautiful and kind, but less than love to God, is possible only with God's help.



Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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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

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Proverbs 3:9,10)