

September 28, 2025
 Sixteenth 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: See Handout

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

- SUN., SEPT. 28** **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**
 11:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 + **John Moskorisin**, requested by the Barclay Family
- TUE., SEPT. 30** **Protection of the Theotokos, Solemn Holy Day**
 5:00 P.M. **ALL-NIGHT VIGIL**
 Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Tony and Anna Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini
- WED., OCT. 1** **Protection of the Theotokos, Solemn Holy Day**
 10:00 A.M. **THIRD & SIXTH HOUR**
 6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 + **Daniel Koshute** request by Mark and Susan Koshute
- FRI., OCT. 3** **Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Aeropagite**
 9:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 For a Holy and healthy delivery of baby Mary Sonnett, requested by Jordan and Samantha Sonnett
- SAT., OCT. 4** **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**
 7:00 P.M. **GREAT VESPERS**
- SUN., OCT. 5** **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**
 9:45 A.M. **MATINS**
 11:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 For the St. Mary Pirohy workers, requested by Fr. Anthony

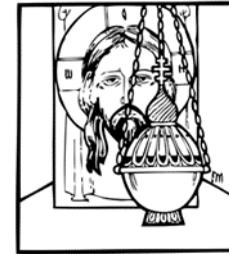
Happy Birthday Greetings:
 October. 2: Daniella Plumb

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!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
 September 28 - October 4, 2025
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for September 14, 2025

Offertory	\$1262.00
Loose Currency	\$50.00
Candles	\$15.00
Holy Day	\$260.00
TOTAL:	\$1587.00

Parish Offerings for September 21, 2025

Offertory	\$542.00
Loose Currency	\$30.00
Candles	\$12.00
TOTAL:	\$584.00

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



ST. MARY'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY
Events Schedule

TUES SEP 30	All Night Vigil (Vespers and Matins) 5:00 PM — Social to follow!
WED OCT 1	Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM — Social to follow!
SUN OCT 5	Matins and Divine Liturgy 9:45 AM Matins 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy Food and Parish open house to follow!

For more details and updates about these events, please visit our website or follow us on social media
stmaryambridge.org

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

THUR., OCT. 2 Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Tony and Anna Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini

SAT., OCT. 4 Our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Jessica Sonnett requested, by Jordan and Samantha Sonnett
11:30 A.M. AKATHIST

SUN., OCT. 5 NO LITURGY AT ST. GEORGE

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., OCT. 4 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas

The Holy Protection of the Mother of God, October 1

On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"



Protected by your appearance, O Mother of God; today, we devout people solemnly celebrate. Gazing up on your most pure icon, we fervently say: Protect us with your holy veil, and deliver us from all evil imploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Women's Day of Recollection

On Saturday, October 4, there will be a day of Recollection for women at St. George Church including Divine Liturgy, Continental breakfast, guest speaker, Akathist, and fellowship. **Sign up today!**

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

It was a true blessing having the Cross of Gratitude at St. George! Thank you to all those who helped put on these special divine services and host our many guests.

Wednesday, October 1st is the Patronal Feast Day of St. Mary's. All services for this feast will be held at St. Mary's. Please note the Tuesday Evening Vigil at 5:00pm, as well as 10:00am Third- and Sixth-Hour Wednesday morning, which are not part of the normal schedule. **Socials will be held both Tuesday and Wednesday evening following Divine Services.**

Please sign up for the Women's morning of recollection for next Saturday at St. George!

Note that there will be one combined Sunday morning liturgy next Sunday at St. Mary's at 11:00am (Matins preceding at 9:45am), followed by parish open house. Please sign up, so we know how much food to get. We will still have the 5:00pm liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel on Saturday, as well as 7:00pm Great Vespers at St. Mary's on Saturday.

Early morning Wednesday and Thursday hours are cancelled until the week of October 12th due to various scheduling conflicts.

Next week, I will be on required clergy retreat the evening of October 5th to 9th. If anyone is sick or in need of sacramental care, please tell me now, as none of the Archeparchy priests will be available, and in fact, the Roman diocese has their priest convocation that week as well. I will be checking my cellphone in case of an emergency, but I will be 2 hours away and there will be very few priests in the area for me to reach out to if a problem were to suddenly arise.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Follow Christ and He will astonish you with blessings!

After toiling the whole night Simon and his companions caught nothing. But in the name of Christ they let down the net and immediately it was full of fish. ... Many have taken part with the holy apostles in their labors, and still do, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea (that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things).

(St. Clement of Alexandria)

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

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He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”

In today's Gospel reading we are told of one of the miracles of Christ. That miracle is a great haul of fish. The Gospel starts with a scene of fishermen washing their nets. We learn that one of the fishermen is Peter. Our Lord tells Peter to take Him out in one of the boats for a catch of fish. Peter explains his doubt because they were fishing all night and caught nothing. However, Peter follows the Lord's command. When Peter drops his net at the Lord's command, it is filled to the breaking point. Peter's response to this miracle is to ask the Lord to depart from him because he is a sinful man. Our Lord's response is that from now on, Peter and his partners, James and John, will catch men instead of fish.

God performs miracles to remind us that He is watchful over the world, that God governs the world and orders it. Thus, what may seem to be the natural order of things in the minds of people is disturbed by the action of God. God is the creator and order of the world. As our Lord says, “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). Miracles also remind us that without God they can do nothing. Saint Paul reminds us of this when he says, “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase” (I Corinthians 3:6-7).

There is a proverb that is similar to this that says, “Men propose, but God disposes.” We often have many desires in our hearts and minds. We plan many things. Many of these plans remain as unrealized ideas. Other plans get put into action, ending in failure, while still other plans are put into action, ending in success. These plans are those that were adopted by God.

The plans that are adopted by God are His, are like Him, and come from Him. All that is not from God, like God, and are not God's, are rejected by God. We are reminded of this in the Psalms, where it says, “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it” (Psalms 127:1). If we plan or build something in our own name, it will fail; but if we plan and build to honor God, it will be successful.

·CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES·



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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

Each of us has a role and responsibility to share the faith with others!



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WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

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

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Cost to attend: \$10

Register by emailing stgeorgealiquippa@protonmail.com
or by calling 724-375-2742

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:00 am Continental breakfast
- 10:30 am Guest speaker Melissa Sartori
Topic: *"Finding Peace In Prayer"*
- 11:30 am Akathist

About the speaker:

Melissa is a wife and mother of five, living in Beaver Falls and homeschooling her children. She and her husband met at the University of Pittsburgh where they both went on to become campus missionaries with Focus.

