

April 13, 2025

The Journey of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! - Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, *Blessing of palms and pussywillows*
+ Pompilio and Lucy Bosetti, requested by Greg Plumb
4:00 P.M. LENTEN VESPERS

(See the extra handout for Holy Week and Pascha Schedule)

SUN., APRIL 20 RESURRECTION of our LORD
10:00 A.M. RESURRECTION MATINS & DIVINE LITURGY
Blessing of paschal food

For the needs and intentions of Jordan Sonnett and his students requested by Samantha Sonnett

Liturgy intentions for this week:

Thurs., April 17: Special Intention requested by Fr. Anthony

Sat., April 19: + Josephine Koshute on the anniversary of her passing requested by Mark and Susan Koshute

Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Happy Birthday Greetings:

April 14: Michael Dusold

Wedding Anniversaries:

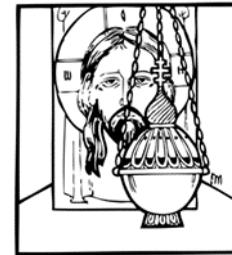
None for the week

Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

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

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

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THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

April 13 - 19, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for March 23, 2025

Offertory	\$677.00
Candles	\$9.00
Loose Currency	\$230.00
TOTAL:	\$916.00

Parish Offerings for March 30, 2025

Offertory	\$457.00
Candles	\$12.00
Loose Currency	\$81.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
TOTAL:	\$570.00

Parish Offerings for March 23, 2025

Offertory	\$786.08
Candles	\$31.00
Loose Currency	\$20.00
Holy Day	\$7.70
TOTAL:	\$844.78

A Cordial Invitation from St. George to St. Mary Parishioners

We cordially invite St. Mary parishioners to our Patronal Feast Day celebration. There will be a Divine Liturgy on our Patronal Feast Day, **Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 P.M.** The following **Sunday, April 27**, we will continue our celebration at St. George Church with a **Liturgy at 9:30 A.M. followed by a Parish Luncheon.** We welcome all parishioners and guests to come and honor our Patron, St. George the Great Martyr and to celebrate together as a parish family. **A sign-up sheet for the luncheon is in the Narthex.**



Hosanna! Save us Now!

Is this the crowd who would applaud His crucifixion? How was their hatred earned from his grace? Even the words of their commendation pointed to the power of redemption. "Hosanna" in Hebrew signifies the redemption of the house of David. They are calling upon the Son of David. They are celebrating the inheritance of the eternal kingdom. They are proclaiming the blessing in the name of the Lord. Soon their shouting of "Crucify Him!" would be blasphemy. But at present, the deeds he was doing there were exhibiting the form of the future. It is granted that the crowd was doing these things with very confused emotions. The things that would follow would be different. Nevertheless they were, inadvertently and without willing it, pointing to heavenly things unfolding. In this way the whole city of Jerusalem was stirred.



Church Mice

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A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Congratulations to our newly baptized members of St. George, Brian Garvey and Carson Cushin! We celebrated a beautiful baptismal liturgy on Lazarus Saturday. One of our ECF students, Isabella Rubino, also received sacraments as well.

Holy Week has arrived at last! During this most solemn week of the year, I encourage you to make every effort to attend as many of our beautiful divine services as possible. For the longer weekday services, know that it is acceptable to show up late or leave early if you cannot stay for the whole thing. **Correction to Holy week schedule: Matins Holy Thursday morning at St. George will be at 8:30am, not 9:00am. I was asked to concelebrate with Metropolitan William and the other priests of the Archeparchy at 11:00am at St. John's Cathedral in Munhall at a special liturgy for the consecration of Chrism. All invited and welcome to attend.**

A couple of changes to the upcoming liturgy schedule:

On Sunday, April 27th, we will be celebrating liturgy at **9:30am** at St. George to more easily facilitate a feast-day luncheon afterwards. All are welcome to attend and a sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church. As I did not cancel St. George's liturgy for St. Mary's feast day in October, there will still be an 11:00am liturgy at St. Mary's with a guest celebrant.

The weekend of Sunday, May 4th there is the Spring St. Nicholas Liturgy and Dinner at St. Nicholas Chapel at 3:00pm. Fr. Valerian Michlik, the spiritual director of the GCU, initiated this wonderful annual celebration last year and I am pleased to help coordinate this event with him. **There will be no 5:00pm Saturday Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel on May 3rd and no 8:30am Divine Liturgy at St. George on May 4th.** The 11:00am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's will occur as normal for those who do not want to attend the special liturgy at the Chapel. While I do not like to cancel Sunday liturgies, simply put, it is too much for me to serve three liturgies on a given Sunday.

Please turn in Pastoral Council nomination forms by Easter Sunday. **I will be announcing who is on both finance and pastoral council on Sunday, May 11th.** With the busyness of Pascha, this will give me enough time to make sure that those people I select from those nominated agree to serve on the council and find replacements if anyone declines.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Excerpt from St. Andrew of Crete's Homily on Palm Sunday

"Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today he returns from Bethany and proceeds of his own free will toward his holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of his own free will to make his journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the psalmist says: He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble, and he will make his entry in simplicity.



Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, and imitate those who met him then, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him by being humble and by trying to live as he would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at his coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

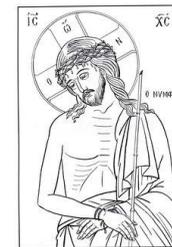
In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens - the proof, surely, of his power and godhead - his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.

So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel."

Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Holy & Great Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

Passion Week is upon us, the most solemn week of the year. The most important thing for us to realize is that our salvation is at hand. The Holy Apostle Paul tells us: "Rejoice in the Lord always...the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). The theme around these days centers on Christ as the Bridegroom. Jesus comes to redeem His bride – the Church. And who is the Church? The people of God – us. The Bridegroom Jesus thus comes to secure salvation, the Holy Zion, the New Life with Him in eternity.



Holy & Great Thursday



On Holy and Great Thursday, three events are recalled: the betrayal of Judas, the washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus, and the Institution of the Eucharist. We are reminded of Judas' plot to hand over Jesus to the Roman authorities. The evening service consists of Great Vespers with the St. Basil Divine Liturgy. We shall be with the Lord as He institutes the Divine Eucharist which is to be perpetuated until His second coming in an unbloody manner. We also celebrate the institution of the Priesthood on this day.

Holy & Great Friday

On Holy & Great Friday, STRICT ABSTINENCE (no meat or dairy products) is observed. The theme throughout the day is the passion, death, and burial of Christ. In the morning, Passion Matins is celebrated. A feature of this service is that twelve Gospels are read recalling the passion of our Lord. The afternoon of this day is dedicated to the time our Lord hung upon the cross. In the evening, Entombment Vespers are celebrated. At the end of Vespers, the priest along with the faithful make a procession around the Church as the priest carries the burial Shroud of Christ and places it in the tomb made ready to receive it.



Holy & Great Saturday

On Holy & Great Saturday, we celebrate an office of specially chosen psalms, ancient stichera (hymns), and readings from the Old Testament, the apostolic writings and the Gospels. The passion and death of our Lord is proclaimed in each of the four Gospels. The Christians of the early Church gathered at the tomb of our Lord in Jerusalem to recount His descent into Hades following His salvific death. In the afternoon of this day, the message of Christ's Radiant Resurrection already begins to be announced by the breakthrough and annihilation of Hades.

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Cantors: Tasney Broussard, Rebecca Leroy, Naedia McCann
E.C.F. coordinator: Joyce Rose

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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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE of LITURGIES

SAINT GEORGE
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1001 CLINTON ST,
ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

SAINT MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
624 PARK RD,
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003

SAINT NICHOLAS
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHAPEL
5400 TUSCARAWAS ROAD
BEAVER, PA. 15009

LAZARUS SATURDAY - APRIL 12TH

10am | Baptismal Liturgy at *St. George*
5pm | Palm Sunday Vigil Divine Liturgy at *St. Nicholas*



PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13TH

8:30am | Divine Liturgy at *St. George*
11am | Divine Liturgy at *St. Mary's*
4pm | Palm Sunday Vespers at *St. Mary's*

HOLY & GREAT MONDAY - APRIL 14TH

No Divine Services Scheduled

HOLY & GREAT TUESDAY - APRIL 15TH

6pm | Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing at *St. George*

HOLY & GREAT WEDNESDAY - APRIL 16TH

6pm | Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing at *St. Mary's*

HOLY & GREAT THURSDAY - APRIL 17TH

8:30am | Matins of the Commemoration of the Mystical Supper at *St. George*
6pm | Vespertal Liturgy of Basil the Great at *St. Mary's*

HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY - APRIL 18TH

9am | Matins of the Twelve Passion Gospels at *St. Mary's*
1pm | Royal Hours of Good Friday at *St. Nicholas*
6pm | Vespers of the Burial of our Lord, God,
and Savior Jesus Christ at *St. George*
8:30pm | Jerusalem Matins at *St. Mary's*



HOLY & GREAT SATURDAY - APRIL 19TH

9am | Vespertal Liturgy of Basil the Great at *St. Mary's*
12pm | Blessing of Easter Baskets at *St. Mary's*
4pm | Paschal Divine Liturgy with Blessing of
Easter Baskets at *St. Nicholas*
7pm | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at *St. George*

PASCHA - APRIL 20TH

10am | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at *St. Mary's*

BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULE of LITURGIES

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PASCHA - APRIL 20TH

10am | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at *St. Mary's*

BRIGHT MONDAY - APRIL 21ST

11am | Divine Liturgy with Paschal Procession at *St. Mary's*

BRIGHT TUESDAY - APRIL 22ND

No Divine Services Scheduled

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY - APRIL 23RD

FEAST OF ST. GEORGE

6pm | Divine Liturgy at *St. George*

BRIGHT THURSDAY - APRIL 24TH

6pm | Divine Liturgy at *St. George*

BRIGHT FRIDAY - APRIL 25TH

11am | Divine Liturgy at *St. Mary's*