

May 11, 2025
 Sunday of the Paralytic Man



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
 Хрісто́сь воскрéсе! Воистину воскрес!*

Propers for Pascha: pp. 177 – 180

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., MAY 11 SUNDAY of the PARALYTIC MAN
 11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

WED., MAY 14 Mid-Pentecost

4:45 - 5:45 Confessions

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

FRI., MAY 16 Venerable Father Theodore

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Veronica Ramirez, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., MAY 18 SUNDAY of the SAMARITAN WOMAN

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

In the middle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams of devotion. For you, O Savior, have exclaimed to all: Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. O Christ our God, Fountain of Life, Glory to You! (Troparion of Mid Pentecost)

Happy Birthday Greetings:

May 15: Melissa Kowalsky, May 17: Rita Shuster

Wedding Anniversaries:

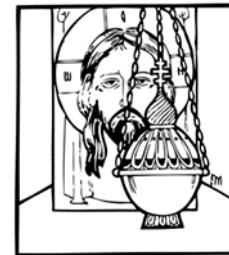
May 15: George & Antoinette Kurash, May 16: Andrew & Candace Miller

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

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THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 11 - 17, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for May 4, 2025

Offertory	\$225.00
Loose Currency	\$2.00
Candles	\$3.00
Easter	\$20.00
TOTAL:	\$250.00

Parish Offerings for April 27, 2025

Offertory	\$1069.08
Loose Currency	\$30.00
Candles	\$15.00
Easter	\$161.10
TOTAL:	\$1275.18

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 Councils Announced

Thanks to all those who have generously agreed to serve our parishes in these capacities!

St. George's Finance Council

Dan Pinchot
Kathy Kapalda
Brian Cushin

St. Mary's Finance Council

Deacon Tom
Greg Plumb
Patty Shuster
Robin Pesa

Combined St. George's, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas Pastoral Council

Deacon Tom
Francis Hersh
JoAnn Hersh
Jackie Pinchot
Lilian Dziabiak
Jonathan Dohanich
Claire Arnold
Gene Nagy

St. George Family Bowling and Fellowship Night Invitation

St. George Church is having a bowling and fellowship night at Sheffield Bowling Lanes in Aliquippa on **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 PM**. Even if you do not wish to bowl or are not able to bowl, you can still join us for fellowship and food. Ricky Dee's Pizza and soft drinks are included in the event, and you are also welcome to order extra food from their menu. Sheffield Bowling Lanes also has a lounge. Plan on joining us for this Church family fun event! We will need to know the number attending to reserve the proper number of lanes. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.**

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the Ordination

St. Mary Church will host the Ordination of Mark LeRoy to the Holy Order of Deacon. Archbishop Metropolitan William Skurla will officiate with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Sunday, **May 25 at 3:00 P.M. at St. Mary Church** followed by a reception in the Church Hall. *(See the flyer in today's bulletin)*

St. George Church Flea Market

St. George's annual Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale will be on **Friday & Saturday, June 20 & 21**. They are NOW accepting and are in need of donations. If you have items you need to find a new home for, consider donating them to the Flea Market. Donations can be brought to St. George Center on Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. or set up time with Fr. Anthony. Thank you!

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

TUES., MAY 13 MID-PENTECOST
6:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Serin Yoo, requested by Grant Gaylord

THURS., MAY 15 Venerable Father Pachomius the Great
4:45 – 5:45 P.M. Confessions
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Spiritual Welfare of Michael Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini

SUN., MAY 18 SUNDAY of the SAMARITAN WOMAN
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Jeanne Sirko, requested by Prudence Peya

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., MAY 17 SUNDAY of the SAMARITAN WOMAN
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Charles & Louise France, requested by Lane Vinton

Mid-Pentecost

Mid-Pentecost celebrates the midpoint between the feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. Specifically, it falls on the 25th day of Pascha, this year May 14. The theme of the feast is Christ as Teacher, based upon the words of the Gospel of the day (John 7:14-30): "Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught... Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Get up and walk

Jesus reveals Himself as the Merciful Savior who frees the man from his lifelong ailment. We share in the joy of this at our baptism when the same Savior washes us free from sin and makes us whole through His grace. Thus His life-giving death and glorious resurrection free us from the crippling effects of sin and recreate us in the image and likeness of God. Do you want to be healed? Say yes to Christ and then follow Him. Respond to His gifts of forgiveness and grace by choosing to follow Him each and every day.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

We have many exciting events coming up in the life of our Churches. This Wednesday is the Feast of Mid-Pentecost, the halfway point between Pascha and Pentecost. We will have a **Vespertal Liturgy Tuesday at 6:00pm at St. George** and a **6:00pm Divine Liturgy Wednesday at St. Mary's followed by a social in the rectory**. If the weather is nice, I will open up the patio as well. Come enjoy food, drinks, and fellowship as we celebrate this joyful feast.

The chairlift at St. Mary's has been installed, at no cost to the parish thanks to a generous donation! We need to get it inspected by the state (which we are doing as quickly as possible) and then we will be able to operate it.

I am thrilled to announce that **Subdeacon Mark LeRoy** (who regularly attends St. Mary's as well as St. George's when not occupied at the seminary) is **being ordained to the diaconate at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan William at 3:00pm at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 25th**. This is a true honor to be able to celebrate such a wonderful moment in Mark's life with him and to host our Metropolitan in a liturgy with the full splendor of his role as successor of the apostles on display. We expect extra priests, deacons, and guests of Mark. We will have a reception following liturgy open to all. There is a signup sheet in the back of the Churches so please sign up! We have cantors from both St. Mary's and St. George's collaborating, and I highly encourage all to attend this great event. Because of this great celebration, there will be no 11:00am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Sunday, May 25th. The rest of our schedule will be unchanged.

I am also very excited to announce that seminarian **Alex Broussard**, who has been one of our cantor's at St. Mary's and has been very actively involved along with his wife and children in our parish life, **has been assigned by Metropolitan William to our parish family for 8 weeks** this summer under my supervision. It will be a joy to have Alex's help this summer and provide him with many opportunities for experience and growth as he prepares for the priesthood.

Our St. George bowling outing is taking place Thursday, May 22nd at Sheffield Lanes at 7:30pm following our 6:00pm Divine Liturgy. Signup sheets in back of the Church.

Parish Men's Group will begin on Wednesday, May 28th at 7:15pm in the St. Mary's rectory. Join us for spiritual conversation, food, beverages, and cigars. All men 21 and over are welcome.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

How tragic today's story of life is...A man had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. He had lain at a short distance from healing, but he, himself, had no strength to merge into the waters of ablution. And no one - no one in the course of all these years - had had compassion on him.

We are surrounded by people who are in need. It is not only people who are physically paralyzed who need help. There are so many people who are paralyzed in themselves, and need to meet someone who would help them. Paralyzed in themselves are those who are terrified of life, because life has been an object of terror for them since they were born: insensitive parents, heartless, brutal surroundings. How many are those who hoped, when they were still small, that there would be something for them in life. But no, there wasn't. There was no compassion. There was no friendliness. There was nothing...

So we are surrounded, all of us, by people who are in the situation of this paralytic man. Do you see that paralyzed person in your life, in your family or in your neighborhood? As Christians we are responsible for each of them. We are responsible, mutually, for one another; because when we look right and left at the people who stand by us, what do we know about them? Do we know how broken they are? How much pain there is in their hearts? How much agony there has been in their lives? How many broken hopes, how much fear and rejection and contempt that has made them contemptuous of themselves and unable even to respect themselves - not to speak of having the courage of making a move towards wholeness, that wholeness of which the Gospel speaks in this passage and in so many other places?

On this Sunday, let us look at one another with understanding, with attention. Christ is there. He can heal; yes. But we will be answerable for each other, because there are so many ways in which we should be the eyes of Christ who sees the needs, the ears of Christ who hears the cry, the hands of Christ who supports and heals or makes it possible for the person to be healed. Let us look at this Gospel reading of the paralytic with new eyes; not thinking of this poor man two thousand years ago who was so lucky that Christ happened to be near him and in the end did what every neighbor should have done. Let us look at each other and have compassion, active compassion; insight; love if we can. And then this Gospel reading will not have been spoken or this event will not have been related to us in vain. Amen.



SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Христосъ воскресъ! Воистину воскресъ!

You are warmly invited to a
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

with the Ordination of Mark LeRoy to the Diaconate

Celebrated by
**Metropolitan Archbishop
William Skurla**

Sunday, May 25th

3:00pm

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church
624 Park Rd. Ambridge, PA 15003

Reception to Follow in the Social Hall

Please RSVP by May 19 so we may prepare for your presence.

724-266-2030

stmaryambidge@protonmail.com

A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the church.

**Come witness this sacred milestone
in Mark's life and in the life of our parish.**

*This rare and beautiful liturgy is a profound honor for our parish,
a full Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the ordination of one of our own. Don't miss this
unforgettable day of prayer, tradition, and celebration!*

Ambridge, PA | 2025

St. George Church

FLEA MARKET

Haluski Sale, Bake Sale

June 20 & 21

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

1001 Clinton Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001

www.stgeorgebyzantinecatholicchurch.org

Mark Your Calendar!!

St. George's annual Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale will be on Friday & Saturday, June 20 & 21. *Donations are NOW being* If you are paring down or spring cleaning, consider donating your items to our Flea Market. Ask family and friends to consider donating items to our Flea Market too! Any time you have items to donate, please leave it in the Center.