

May 18, 2025  
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman



*Veil of Protection*

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., MAY 21 ..... Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost;  
The Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother  
Helen, Equals to the Apostles  
4:45 - 5:45 ..... Confessions  
6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
Spiritual and temporal welfare of Lovette, requested by Grant Gaylord

FRI., MAY 23 ..... Venerable Father & Confessor Michael Bishop of Synnada  
9:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
Special intention, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

SUN., MAY 25 ..... SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND,  
Third finding of the head of John the Baptist  
3:00 P.M. .... HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY  
Mark LeRoy on his ordination to the diaconate

Happy Birthday Greetings:

May 24: Debra Kuczma

Wedding Anniversaries:

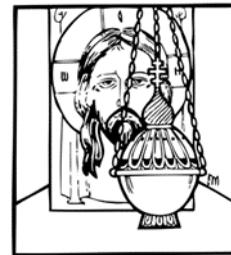
May 19: George & Katie Kowalsky

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 18 - 24, 2025

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for May 11, 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 .....	\$785.00
Loose Currency .....	\$71.00
Candles .....	\$12.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$868.00</b>

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

*Do you partake of "living water" offered by Christ? Do you kindle the desire of others for this "living water"?*

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...

### Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the Ordination , Next Sunday

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.

**This Week!**

### 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. **Last day to sign-up in the narthex.**

### St. George Church Flea Market

You are invited to St. George's annual Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale 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!

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SAMARITAN	SYCHAR	JACOB
JOSEPH	WELL	WOMAN
WATER	DRINK	JEW
BUCKET	CATTLE	HUSBAND



### St. George Divine Services for the Week:

TUES., MAY 20 ..... Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost;  
The Holy Martyr Thaleleus  
6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
Private Intention requested by Justin and Valentina Tomko

THURS., MAY 22 ..... Holy Martyr Basiliscus  
4:45 – 5:45 P.M. .... Confessions  
6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Catherine Bogedin requested by Fr. Anthony

SUN., MAY 25 ..... SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND,  
Third finding of the head of John the Baptist  
8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
+John Dzumba, requested by John and Susan Poiarkoff

### St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., MAY 24 ..... SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND,  
Third finding of the head of John the Baptist  
5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

### The Week of the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan woman, Photina (Svetlana in Slavonic), is an image of our baptism. Since Jacob's well could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and in truth. In this week we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photina, Great Martyr and Equal to the Apostles, the woman enlightened by our Lord. Martyred during the reign of the Emperor Nero, her feast day is February 26th . The Orthodox church of Jacob's Well is located in the city of Nablus on the West Bank. The current church is the 5th structure to stand over the site, which has been venerated by Christians as the Well of Jacob since the 4th century.



### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we are most excited to welcome Metropolitan William to St. Mary's next Sunday for a 3:00pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the Diaconate ordination of seminarian Mark LeRoy. Please sign up in the back of the Church by Monday if you are planning on attending so we can make sure we have enough Eucharist to distribute and so we can order and prepare food for the reception following. This will replace the normal 11:00am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's next Sunday. Please keep Mark in your prayers. He will be staying in the Ambridge rectory this week doing his retreat to prepare for ordination so you will likely see him around.

Seminarian Alex has begun his assignment at our parishes. His first task is to help prepare a chant group for this Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and make the programs, which is quite a bit of work!

Our St. George bowling outing is taking place this Thursday, May 22nd at Sheffield Lanes at 7:30pm following our 6:00pm Divine Liturgy.

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.

On Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate Kneeling Vespers at 4:00pm at St. Mary's. All are welcome to attend this beautiful service in which we beseech the mercy of God upon ourselves and upon our Church and kneel for the first time liturgically after the Paschal season. Following, we will have a 5:00pm young adult (ages 18-39) cookout. Having such events for young people is an important part of continuing to attract new members to our parishES.

We will begin our schedule of praying the Hours and Vespers in our Churches beginning in June.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

*Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!*

## *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

Not only did our Lord Jesus Christ teach large crowds - for example, at the Sermon on the Mount - but he also spent time with individuals, in one-on-one situations. The Gospel for this Sunday, the account of the Woman at the Well, the Samaritan Woman, is one example of this and a very interesting one it is.

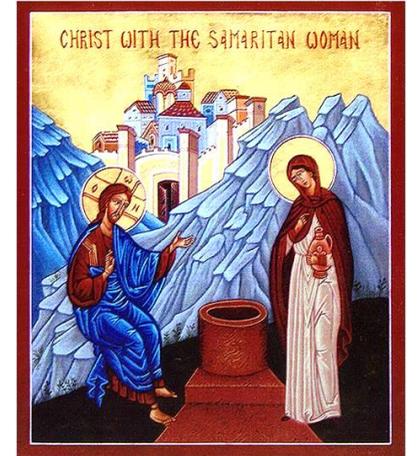
Our Lord knows what is in everyone's heart, He knew what was in the Samaritan woman's heart, and He also knows our own hearts and our weaknesses. He knows us well and can help us, only we must not fall prey to despondency. Tradition holds it that the Samaritan woman, who was called Photina, was persecuted during Nero's reign in approximately 66 A.D. for spreading Christianity, and died a martyr's death by being thrown into a well. Despite leading a sinful life, the Samaritan Photina had a sincere desire to know the true faith, and the Lord did not overlook her desire. In other words, she was not lukewarm in faith as is, unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of contemporary mankind. The Lord accepted the sinful Samaritan woman, but did not approve of the scribes and the Pharisees, despite the fact that outwardly their life may have appeared more righteous.

Today's Gospel reading teaches us to approach all spiritual issues in our life from within: to pay scant attention to externals, for the internal has more value than the external. And whenever we are faced with the question of whether we are acting correctly in such-and-such a case, we should look upon it from within the heart: if the answer is "yes" - then thanks be to God, and if the answer is "no" - then we must try to change ourselves.

### Further Reflection...

We are told in our society today to keep religion out of the public sphere. We are told that we should not talk about religion in social settings, in school, or at work. We are told that we should not proselytize and make convert to Christianity. We are told to leave others alone to follow their own path. But, if we are truly convinced that Christ is "the way, the truth, and the life," and this is true for all people, how can we possibly stay silent about something which impacts a person's salvation?

In what ways can we bring the message of Christ to others in a way that respects their freedom?



# SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

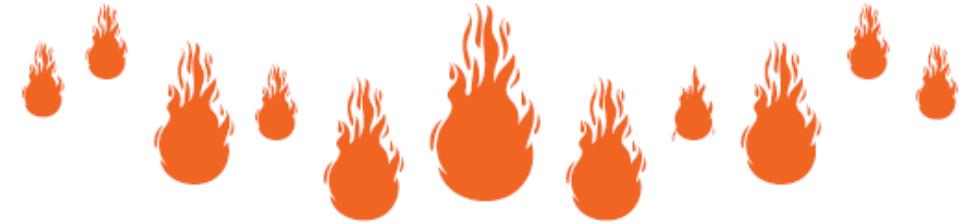
Holy Mystery of Anointing .....Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of Marriage .....Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes.....September through May.

Pirohi Sales ..... Every Friday

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## YOUNG ADULT PENTECOST VESPERS + BBQ

**AN EVENING OF PRAYER, NEW LIFE, AND GOOD FOOD.**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
JUNE 8TH**

**ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
624 PARK RD.  
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003**

### **4:00 PM KNEELING VESPERS**

After a season of standing as much as possible during our liturgical prayer in the joy of the Lord's Resurrection, we return to our knees together. This is the first time since Holy Week we kneel in worship, praying for the Holy Spirit to renew the Church and fill the world with mercy.

### **5:00 PM BBQ + HANGOUT**

After Vespers, the grill is ON. We'll have delicious food, great people, and relaxed vibes as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the start of summer.

### **BRING A SIDE DISH, DESSERT, OR APPETIZER**

Leave food in Social Hall (back-up location in case of rain) during Vespers. We'll handle the main grill setup.

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

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*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!*



# St. George Church



**Haluski Sale, Bake Sale**

**June 20 & 21**

**9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

1001 Clinton Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

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