

May 25, 2025
Sunday of the Man Born Blind



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Хрісто́сь воскресе́! Воистину́ воскресе́!*

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St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., MAY 28 THE ASCENSION of our LORD, *obligation*
4:45 – 5:45 Confessions
6:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
+ Philomene Ragni, requested by Gio Navarini

THURS., MAY 29 ASCENSION of our LORD
7:30 A.M. 1ST AND 3RD HOURS

FRI., MAY 30 POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE ASCENSION
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Special Intention for Valentino Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini

SUN., JUNE 1 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 1ST NICEAN COUNCIL
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Happy Birthday Greetings:
May 29: Ginny Sabol

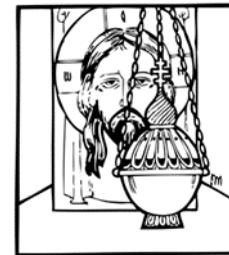
Wedding Anniversaries:
None for the week

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

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THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 25 - 31, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for May 18, 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	\$685.00
Loose Currency	\$30.00
Candles	\$18.00
TOTAL:	\$733.00

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

*The Holy Spirit reminds us" not to reject the traditions of our elders,
which they have learned from their fathers" (Sirach 8:9).*

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...

Young Adult Event

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.

A reminder that St. Mary's men's group will begin this Wednesday, May 28th at 7:15pm at St. Mary's



St. George Flea Market

Bake Sale, Haluski Sale, AND Stuffed Cabbage Sale

You are invited to St. George's annual Flea Market, Haluski, and Bake Sale on **Friday & Saturday, June 20 & 21**. They are also offering **Stuffed Cabbage** for take-out this year! St. George is 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!

If there are any bakers in our Beaver County Byzantine Catholic Community who LOVE to bake and feels so inclined to bake something for the St. George Bake Sale, it would be a blessing and GREATLY appreciated!

Be Lifted Up!

The Ascension of Christ is our elevation. Hope for the body is also invited where the glory of the Head precedes us. Let us exult, dearly beloved, with worthy joy and be glad with a holy thanksgiving. Today we not only are established as possessors of paradise, but we have even penetrated the heights of the heavens in Christ. (*St Leo the Great, Sermon 73*)

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

MON., MAY 26 **Holy Apostle Carpus, Memorial Day**
9:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**, *First Homily of Deacon Mark Le Roy*
+ Rick Costantino, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

TUES., MAY 27 **Leave-Taking of Pascha**
6:00 P.M. **RESURRECTION MATINS and DIVINE LITURGY**
Special intention for Luca Navarini requested by Gio Navarini

THURS., MAY 29 **THE ASCENSION of our LORD**, *obligation*
4:45 – 5:45 P.M. **Confessions**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+Margaret Lamison requested by Lane Vinton

SUN., JUNE 1 **SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 1ST NICEAN COUNCIL**
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ Arlene Tesla Hribar, requested by Prudence Peya

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., MAY 31 **SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND**
5:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ **James Vinton**, requested by Lane Vinton

The Leave-taking of Pascha

After Wednesday's end, we cease chanting the Paschal hymns. The canon, the stichera, even the ubiquitous tropar: Christ is Risen... all come to an end. It is the last day to rejoice in the pure Paschal joy in the presence of the Risen Lord before his Ascension. For the next nine days there is a kind of silence hovering over the Church's liturgy. There is still a certain Paschal joy and expectation for Pentecost; for example, we still do not kneel...but there is an air of waiting, of not quite full Paschal joy...

But for today, sing your heart out! It is the last chance till next year.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Metropolitan William cannot be with us for the ordination. Instead, we welcome His Grace, Bishop Robert Pipta of the Parma Eparchy for our Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and ordination of seminarian Mark Le Roy to the diaconate.

The newly ordained Deacon Mark will assist as deacon and give his first homily at a special 9:00am Divine Liturgy for Memorial Day Monday morning at St. George. He will be assisting and preaching at St. Mary at the 11:00 Divine Liturgy next Sunday, June 1st. After that, he will be assigned to the Cathedral for the summer.

As mentioned we will begin praying the Hours as part of our liturgical life. The regular schedule will be announced the next week, but we will begin this Thursday with the Great Feast of the Ascension.

Wednesday is the leave-taking of Pascha, thus ending the Paschal Season. It is the last day in which we joyfully exclaim "Christ is Risen!" On this final day of the feast, we celebrate with much of the same ceremonial as Bright Week. We will celebrate Resurrection Matins with a Paschal Divine Liturgy Tuesday Evening at 6:00pm at St. George to end this great feast.

This Thursday, the Ascension of Our Lord is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. To celebrate this great feast, we will have 6:00pm Vespereal Liturgy on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's. We will also have 6:00pm Divine Liturgy Thursday evening at St. George.

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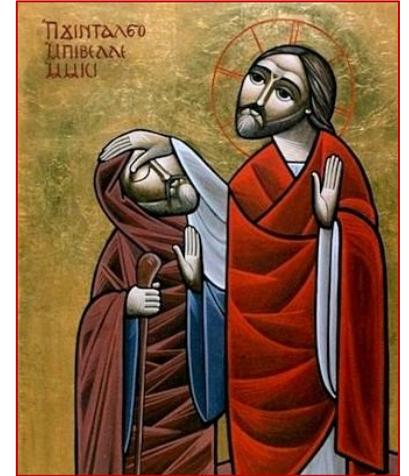
Looking ahead, Wednesday, June 4th is the 3rd anniversary of my priestly ordination and the first anniversary I've celebrated at our parishes. There will be a small celebration following the 6:00pm Divine Liturgy that evening that a couple members of our communities asked if they could put on. Thank you very much for your support and it is a joy being your priest!

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him..."



On this Sunday, that before the Feast of the Ascension of Christ, the Church recalls to our attention the Gospel of the man born blind. Today, let us meditate upon the words of Christ about why the man was born blind. Replying to His disciples, He says that his blindness was not because the man sinned, or his parents, but so that the works of God be made manifest in him. In other words, according to Our Lord Himself, illness or handicap does not always occur on account of personal sin or the sin of others, but they may be providentially allowed for the glory of God to shine forth.

We can see this in the lives of some disadvantaged people. They find their disadvantage to be a challenge, a challenge that may bring out the best in them. We can also think of some blind people who, having lost one sense, have refined another sense almost to perfection, and show an understanding of the inner self that the sighted do not have. We can all think of examples of incredible courage and love among disadvantaged people. Why? Because the grace of God is upon them: "the works of God are made manifest in them".

In the case of the man born blind, all his life had been but a preparation for his meeting with Christ. Not only was his soul pure enough, refined by his lifelong handicap, to receive healing from the Lord, but also he confessed Him as the Son of God, thus making the works of God manifest in himself.

Feast of the Ascension - *This Thursday, May 29, is the feast of the Glorious Ascension into Heaven of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a holy day of precept (obligation) for all Byzantine Catholics.*

Christian Greeting During Ascensontide

Beginning Thursday and throughout Ascensontide, we are called upon to proclaim the sublime reality that following the Ascension event with this Christian greeting, "**Christ is glorified!**" As we joyously render the response to this festive greeting, we affirm to all people everywhere that we must "**Exalt Him forever!**"

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 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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FLEA MARKET

BAKE SALE

Take out

Homemade Potato Dumpling

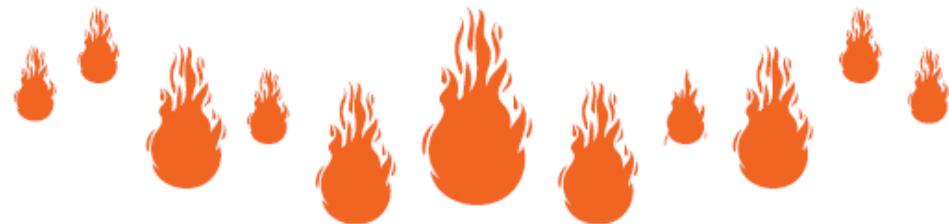
**HALUSKI
&
STUFFED CABBAGE**

Until Sold out

**June 20 & 21
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

St. George Church
1001 Clinton Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Come and find your treasure and take home some lunch!



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.