

June 1, 2025

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Propers for this Sunday: pp. 196 – 202

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 1 .....SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 1<sup>ST</sup> NICEAN COUNCIL

11:00 A.M. ....DIVINE LITURGY

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

WED., JUNE 4 ..... Post-Festive Day of the Ascension

7:30 A.M. .... 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> HOURS

4:45 – 5:45 ..... Confessions

6:00 P.M. ....DIVINE LITURGY

Fr. Anthony on the 3rd anniversary of his priestly ordination, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

THURS., JUNE 5 ..... Post-Festive Day of the Ascension

7:30 A.M. .... First and Third Hour

FRI., JUNE 6 ..... Post-Festive Day of the Ascension

9:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

+ Paul Modrak, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

SAT., JUNE 7..... PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:00 P.M. .... Great Vespers

SUN., JUNE 8 .....PENTECOST SUNDAY

11:00 A.M. ....DIVINE LITURGY

For the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Brittany and Nicholas Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini

4:00 P.M. ....Kneeling Vespers

Happy Birthday Greetings:

June 2: Candace Miller

Wedding Anniversaries:

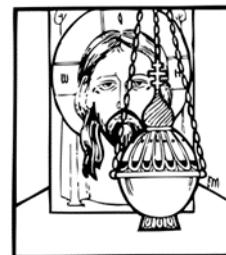
None for the week

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 Glorified! Exalt Him Forever!  
Christos Proslavlennyj! Velicajme Jeho vo v'iki!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

June 1 - 7, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for May 25, 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 ..... \$535.00

Loose Currency ..... \$165.00

TOTAL: \$700.00

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.

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*Our first pastoral council meeting will be  
Saturday, June 7th at 10:30am at St. George.*

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### 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!*



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

TUES., JUNE 3 ..... Post-Festive Day of the Ascension

6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

+ Clifford and Myrtle Moore, requested by Lane Vinton,

THURS., JUNE 5 ..... Post-Festive Day of the Ascension

4:45 – 5:45 P.M. .... Confessions

6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

Special Intention for Perock Family, requested by Brian Cushin

SAT., JUNE 7 ..... Fifth All-Souls Saturday

9:00A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY, *Panachida, Hramoty*

For the + Deceased Members of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

SUN., JUNE 8 ..... PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

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

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

SAT., JUNE 7 ..... PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

+ John & Beulah Weber, requested by Lane Vinton

### We Prepare to Celebrate Pentecost

Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, which is a celebration of the fulfillment of the promises of God. Pentecost Sunday – the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is also known as the **Green Sunday**. Why? Green is the color of spring and summer, the color of life, and life is an attribute of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord and giver of Life” who animates us all. In commemoration of Pentecost, please **WEAR GREEN** to celebrate this day!



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*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end. (Symbol of Faith)*

### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who helped put on the Hierarchical Liturgy and the reception. It was a truly beautiful and blessed experience.

This week, we will begin our public praying of the Divine Office.

This Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, is the third anniversary of my priestly ordination. The exact details have not been revealed to me, but a social is being planned following the 6:00pm liturgy. All are welcome to come and celebrate this joyous occasion.

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, we will pray 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour at 7:30am at St. Mary's. This is only a 25-minute-long service and the idea is it is short enough and early enough that people could go to work.

This Saturday evening, we will offer Great Vespers for the first time. The plan is to celebrate odd Saturdays of the month at St. Mary's and even Saturdays at St. George. We will plan on grilling hamburgers/hotdogs following Vespers this week with the new grill at St. Mary's, and God-willing plan to make this a regular occurrence at both parishes over the summer.

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is the Fifth and final All Souls Saturday of the year. We will have Divine Liturgy with Hramoty at 9:00am at St. George.

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> we have 4:00pm Kneeling Vespers for Pentecost (open to all) followed by a young adult event.

I will be away June 12-18. With the probable exception of June 18, weekday Divine Liturgies will be cancelled. I have coverage for the weekend, and the hours/Vespers will be prayed as reader services.

Envelopes are in the back of all the Churches if you desire to submit liturgy intentions. This is a wonderful way to offer prayer for both your living and deceased family and friends, as well as the needs of the world. There is not much of a backlog of intentions at this point so please feel free to submit more requests. As mentioned before, I will offer liturgy for your intentions regardless of if you are able to provide the usual stipend.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

*Christ is Glorified! Exalt Him Forever! ~ Christos Proslavlenyj! Velicajme Jeho vo v'iki!*

### ***Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea***

Today, we are commemorating the Fathers of The First Council of Nicaea held in the year 325 AD. It is the first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church. Most significantly, it resulted in the first, extrabiblical, uniform Christian doctrine, called the Nicene Creed.



With the creation of the creed, a precedent was established for subsequent local and regional councils of Bishops (Synods) to create statements of belief and canons of the true faith — the intent being to define unity of essential beliefs for the whole of Christendom.

The council did not create the doctrine of the deity of Christ, but it did settle, to some degree, the debate within the Early Christian communities regarding the divinity of Christ. This idea of the divinity of Christ, along with the idea of Christ as a messenger from God (The Father), had long existed in various parts of the Roman Empire.

The divinity of Christ had also been widely endorsed by the Christian community in the otherwise pagan city of Rome. The council affirmed and defined what it believed to be the teachings of the Apostles regarding who Christ is: that Christ is the one true God in deity with the Father. Derived from Greek "ecumenical" meaning "worldwide or universal." One purpose of the council was to resolve disagreements arising from within the Church of Alexandria over the nature of the Son in relationship to the Father. Saints Alexander of Alexandria and Athanasius claimed that Christ is God and the popular presbyter Arius, from whom the term Arianism comes, denied this claim. The council decided against the Arians overwhelmingly. Of the estimated 318 attendees, all but two agreed to sign the creed and these two, along with Arius, were banished to Illyria. Another result of the council was an agreement on when to celebrate Easter, the most important feast of the ecclesiastical calendar.

### **Eternal Life in Christ**

In asking to be glorified, Jesus is asking his Father not to give him glory so much as He is seeking to reveal the honor the Father had already given Him. The Son's willing obedience and his glorious deeds reflect back on the Father. They are then passed onto us as the gift of salvation we receive through faith.

The Gospel recounting the High Priestly Prayer is placed on this Sunday after Ascension because today we also celebrate the memory of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council held at Nicea in A.D. 325. It was at this Council when the Church affirmed that Christ was of one essence with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

***Christ is Glorified! 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 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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*Be exalted above the heavens O God,  
and let Your glory be over all the Earth!*

# FLEA MARKET

## BAKE SALE

Take out

Homemade Potato Dumpling

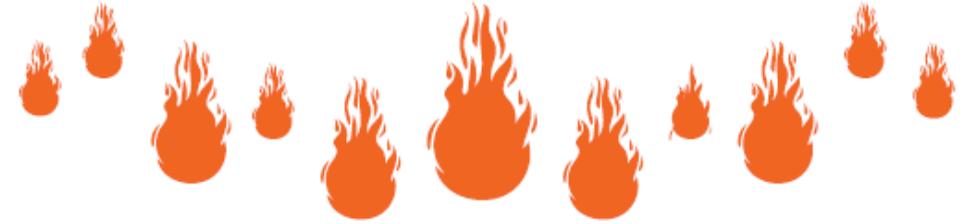
**HALUSKI  
&  
STUFFED CABBAGE**

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.