

June 29, 2025
 Third Sunday after Pentecost,
 Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JUNE 29 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST ,
 Holy Glorious and Illustrious Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul, **Obligation**
 11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 +Paul Modrak, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

WED., JULY 2 Deposition of the Robes of the Theotokos
 7:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR
 6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 + Rick Costantino, requested by Mike & Patty Costantino

THUR., JULY 3 Holy Martyr Hyacinth
 7:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

FRI., JULY 4 Independence Day
 9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 + Edmund Black, requested by Christine McCauley

SAT., JULY 5 FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
 7:30 P.M. Great Vespers

SUN., JULY 6 FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
 11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Happy Birthday Greetings:
 July 3: Roseanna Merek, July 5: Bruce Sisson

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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Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
 June 29 – July 5, 2025
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for June 22, 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	\$742.00
Loose Currency	\$30.00
Candles	\$6.00
TOTAL:	\$778.00

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

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...

ST. GEORGE PRESENTS:

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS

ON

'TIME for the LORD TO ACT'

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DIVINE LITURGY

THURSDAYS

JUN. 26TH - AUG. 7TH
(No session on July 24th)

7:15PM

AFTER 6:00PM
DIVINE LITURGY

ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

1001 CLINTON STREET, ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

COST

\$10 DONATION TO COVER BOOK

No one turned away, come even if cost is a concern.

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Come deepen your understanding of the Divine Liturgy, the heart of our Byzantine Catholic faith. Whether you've grown up in the rite or are newly discovering it, this series will help open the treasures of our worship, its theology, structure, and sacred beauty.

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Save the Date

The annual parishes picnic will be on Sunday, August 17 on the grounds of St. George Church. St. George's Men's Club will once again be supplying and grilling the meats, and St. George's Ladies Guild will be preparing the main side dishes and setting up the picnic buffet. Everyone is asked to bring (potluck) side dishes, desserts, or beverages. We are once again having the very popular basket raffle and will be accepting donations of various themed baskets. More details to follow.



St. George Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., JULY 1 Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonderworker Cosmas and Damian

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ Shirlee Yasick, requested by Ken & Jacki Kessler

THUR., JULY 3 Holy Martyr Hyacinth

4:45 - 5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ Margaret Klacik (5 years since passing), requested by JoAnn & Francis Hersh

SUN., JULY 6 FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ Connie Hersh, requested by Mike & Patty Costantino

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JULY 5 FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+Ardel Phillips, requested by Christine McCauley

God Bless America!

As we rightly celebrate Independence Day this Friday and give thanks for our many blessings and freedoms, let us remember what true freedom is and from Whom it comes.

Saints Peter and Paul, June 29

[Jesus] said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



Who is Jesus to you?

Peter did not say “you are a Christ” or “a son of God” but “the Christ, the Son of God.” For there are many christs by grace, who have attained the rank of adoption [as sons], but [there is] only one who is by nature the Son of God. Thus, using the definite article, he said, the Christ, the Son of God. And in calling him Son of the living God, Peter indicates that Christ himself is life and that death has no authority over Him. And even if the flesh, for a short while, was weak and died, nevertheless it rose again, since the Word, who indwelt it, could not be held under the bonds of death. (*St. Cyril of Alexandria*)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

This upcoming week, a friend of mine Fr. Matt Marinelli will be visiting from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey. He has graciously agreed to preach our weekday liturgies this week, Wednesday through Friday, so you will get to hear a different homilist than myself who you may be tired of hearing every liturgy!

Fr. Matt was appointed a "Missionary of Mercy" by Pope Francis in March shortly before his death.

As explained by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Website: "Missionaries of Mercy are priests – diocesan or religious – who have been commissioned by the Holy Father to give particular emphasis to the duty shared by all priests to “hear confessions and preach on behalf of and promote the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” They are to be an intentional, visible expression of the mercy of God, which is at the heart of the priesthood and all of Catholic life. In addition, Missionaries of Mercy have the authority, granted by the Holy Father, to pardon certain sins reserved to the Holy See."

All this is to say, we are blessed to have Fr. Matt be with us for the week and he would be a wonderful priest to go to Confession too!

Friday, July 4th, we will have an Independence Day liturgy at St. Mary's at 9:00am.

Following Great Vespers at 7:00pm on Saturday, July 5th, there will be a trip for anyone interested in going to see the fireworks at Walter Panek Park in Ambridge.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

"If therefore thine eye be pure thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness."

Here the mind is called the eye, and the entire composition of the soul is called the body. Thus, when the mind is simple then it is light in the soul; when the mind is evil, then it is dark in the soul.

What are a simple mind and an evil mind? A simple mind is one which accepts the word of God as is written and is convinced beyond a doubt that all is indeed as is written. It has no deceit, no wavering, or hesitation. An evil mind is one which approaches the word of God with slyness, artful disputing, and questioning. It cannot directly believe but subjects the word of God to its sophistry. It approaches the word not as a disciple, but as a judge and critic, to test something stated there, and then either scoffs at it, or says in a haughty manner, “Yes, not bad.” Such a mind has no firm tenets, because it clearly does not believe the word of God, and its own rationale is always unstable — today one way, tomorrow another. It has only wavering, confusion, questions without answers; everything is out of place with it, and it walks in the dark, fumbling its way.

A simple mind sees everything clearly: everything in it has a definite character, determined by the word of God. That is why everything in it has its place, and it knows exactly how to behave with relation to things — it walks along open, visible roads, with complete assurance that they lead to the true goal.

St. Theophan the Recluse

Trust in the Lord

Jesus teaches us to trust in God our Father at all times and in all circumstances. St John Chrysostom, in his commentary on Matthew 6: 22-34, speaks to us about the meaning of the images used in this passage. Just when the lilies of the field are all decked out Jesus no longer calls them lilies but “grass of the field.” He then points further to their vulnerable condition by saying “which are here today.” Then He does not merely say “and not tomorrow” but rather more callously “cast into the oven”. These creatures are not merely “clothed” but “so clothed” in this way as to be later brought to nothing. Do you see how Jesus everywhere abounds in amplifications and intensifications? He does so in order to press home his point. Then He adds, “Will he not much more clothe you?” The force of the emphasis is on “you” to indicate covertly how great is the value set upon your personal existence and the concern God shows for you in particular. It is as though He were saying, “You, to whom He gave a soul, for whom He fashioned a body, for whose sake He made everything in creation, for whose sake He sent prophets, and gave the law, and wrought those innumerable good works, and for whose sake he gave up his only begotten Son.” **This is a powerful message.**



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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

“Let us extol Peter and Paul, those two great Luminaries of the Church, for they shine brighter than the sun in the firmament of faith.”