

July 6, 2025
 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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

TUE., JULY 8 Holy Great Martyr Procopius
 7:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

WED., JULY 9..... Holy Martyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste & His Ten Disciples
 4:45 – 5:45 P.M. Confessions
 6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 + Edeltraud Oismuller

THUR., JULY 10 Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia
 7:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

FRI., JULY 11 Holy Martyr the Illustrious Euphemia
 9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 + Jane Black, requested by Christine McCauley

SUN., JULY 13 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
 11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
 + John Moskorisin, requested The Barclay Family

Happy Birthday Greetings:

July 6: Nick Magera, Helen Sisson, July 7: Michael Moskorisin, July 8: Emily Shuster

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
 July 6 - 12, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for June 29, 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	\$777.00
Loose Currency	\$54.00
Candles	\$15.00
Holy Day	\$65.00
TOTAL:	\$911.00

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...

4 Day Prayer Mission July 22 - 25

Flyer in today's bulletin

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FOR THE RETURN OF FALLEN AWAY CATHOLICS**

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Catholic Conversations: Time for the Lord to Act, Continues Thursdays

The Adult Education series at St. George continues Thursdays after 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy through August 7 (*No session July 24*). We are deepening our understanding of the Divine Liturgy, the heart of our Byzantine Catholic faith and opening the treasures of our worship, its theology, structure, and sacred beauty. You can join even if you missed the first sessions.

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.



Christ is Among us! He is and Shall be! ~ Christos posred'i nas! Jest' i budet!

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SAT., JULY 12 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

7:00 P.M. Great Vespers

SUN., JULY 13 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ Connie Hersh, requested by Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JULY 12 ... SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

The Fathers on Scripture

Some argue that the Centurion, by his description, implied the reason why he had not brought his servant to Jesus saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress," as though he was at his last gasp, or even as Luke said, he was "at the point of death." In my opinion, however, the reason he had not brought him in was itself a sign of his great faith, even much greater than those who let the patient down through the roof. Because the Centurion knew for certain that even a mere command was enough for raising the servant up, he thought it unnecessary to bring him.

St. John Chrysostom, the Gospel of Matthew, Homily 26.1

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I am going to experiment with the morning schedule and offer 1st and 3rd Hours at 7:30am on Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary's and 7:30am on Wednesday at St. George. We've had a good response at St. Mary and my hope is by offering it at St. George it will allow people living on the other side of the river to go to a short service (25 min) before work. If it's too exhausting for me I may reduce the number of times I offer this service but I want to give it a try.

We have our 2nd annual days of prayer for fallen-away Catholics coming up July 22nd to July 25th. I would highly encourage everyone to make an effort to attend some of the many services offered and to invite others. We have four excellent guest homilists for the evening liturgy.

First, Fr. Nathaniel Tapsak, the administrator of Holy Trinity Parish in Sykesville, PA and Nativity Parish in Dubois, PA. I spent a semester at the seminary with him when I was getting ready to serve our parishes and he is an excellent priest with a beautiful singing voice.

Second, Fr. Luke Iyengar, who is being ordained today at the Cathedral! It will be a joy to welcome a newly ordained priest of our Archeparchy who grew up in nearby McKees Rocks.

Third, Fr. Joe Freedy. Fr. Joe is the parochial vicar of Divine Grace parish in the Roman Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is known as one of the best homilists and speakers in the Pittsburgh area. He was a Division 1 college football player and played against Ben Roethlisberger before becoming a priest.

Finally, Fr. Thomas Bailey, a Benedictine Monk. He serves as the vice-rector of our Byzantine Catholic seminary and the priest at St. Mary's Romanian Catholic Church in McKeesport.

Sign-ups for ECF will be coming out shortly. After consulting the pastoral council, as well as the families involved, we will be doing one combined Beaver County ECF.

We have 11-12 children at St. Mary's coming regularly and 2-4 at St. George. Without higher numbers, it is impossible to run separate programs. We will be having classes Sundays approximately twice a month at 10:00am at St. Mary's which works best for most of the families involved and allows children to attend either parish (or St. Nicholas Chapel) for liturgy. However, we intend to have activity at St. George as well, especially since it has the longest-running ECF in the Archeparchy and wonderful facilities. We have several special events planned at St. George (which will be announced in greater detail) including a family Olympics, a teaching on Rusyn Christmas traditions before our annual St. Nicholas party, an Easter Basket making class, and a short vacation Bible school. I understand it may be disappointing to some to no longer have separate programs and I can appreciate that. However, we simply do not have volunteers to run two separate programs, and I believe it is best for the children to be learning in larger groups with more students their age. Given that we only had 3 children regularly attending the two parishes combined last summer I believe this is remarkable growth and a good sign for the future of the parishes.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

4 - Day Prayer Mission for the Return of the Fallen Away: July 22 - 25

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But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."



The Gospel story of the centurion tells us about a man whose faith exceeded that of the Jewish people, although he himself was a pagan. A person dear to him was ill and he came to Christ, asking for a miracle, asking that the Lord should have mercy on him. Christ answered the man saying, "I will come, I will heal him." This is where the amazing centurion's faith was manifested. So often when we pray, we ask the Lord insistently to come close to us, to make His presence felt, so that we may clearly feel His power. This man acted with great simplicity, saying to Christ: "No don't trouble yourself to come. I am a sinful man and not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed." One word from God - that was what the man asked for, not the joy of contact which we all long. We ask the Lord that He should fulfill our requests and, in addition to that, grant us the miraculous joy of His presence.

The centurion appreciated in his heart how holy the Lord was, how great, and was ready to forgo this joy if only his friend, his servant would recover. Often we could turn to God and say, "Help me, Lord. I do not need to know what is happening, nor to feel Your action; only do Your will, silently, as it were from a distance, unnoticed by me." If only we were able to turn to God with such faith, with such a feeling of His holiness, how close the Lord would be. He is always close, He is always approaching us, but we can sense Him only with a loving and humble heart. A spark of love we sometimes have, but there is not much humility. So if we were to turn to God and say, "Lord, let the good, the holiness that my soul longs for be fulfilled for my dear ones, and me you can leave out. Pass me by on your way to them", how the Lord would rejoice at the love which is ready to lay down its life, its joy, for others. Amen.

-Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

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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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