

October 5, 2025  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Veil of Protection*

**SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

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

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 8, pp. 161 - 163

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., OCT. 5 ..... SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

9:45 A.M. .... MATINS

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

For the St. Mary Pirohy workers, requested by Fr. Anthony

FRI., OCT. 10 ..... Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia

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

Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Michael Xavier Ford requested by Gio Navarini

SUN., OCT. 12 ..... SUNDAY of the FATHERS at the 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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

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

**Are you a son of the Most High?**

“Lend to those from whom you do not hope to receive in return.” “And what sort of a loan is this,” he says, “to which there is no hope of return attached?” Consider the force of the statement, and you will admire the kindness of the Lawmaker. When you have the intention of providing for a poor person for the Lord’s sake, it is as the same time both a gift and a loan. It is a gift because of the expectation of no repayment. It is a loan because of the great gift of the Master who pays in his place and who, receiving trifling things through a poor person, will give great things in return for them.

*(St. Basil the Great, Homily on Psalm 14)*

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

October. 5: George Cirka

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

None for the week

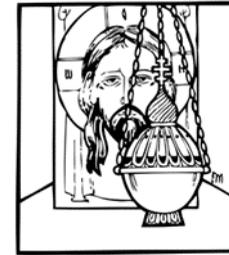
**Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:**

**HOME:** Penny Furis, Ron Jones, William Killian, Joyce Rose, Eleanor Soltis

**Franciscan Manor** (71 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010) - George Cirka

*Christ is Among us! He is and Shall be!*

*Christos posred’i nas! Jest’ i budet!*



THIS WEEK’S SANCTUARY LAMP

October 5 - 11, 2025

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

The Parishioners

**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



***Pirohi Sale this Friday, October 10!***

## Beaver County Byzantines Happenings...



### **Today we begin our Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program!**

The seeds of God's grace are planted in our hearts hoping to find fertile fields that will bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit and, in particular, ministerial service in the Church. Prayer is integral in the process of nurturing Church vocations.

Today, the entire Byzantine Catholic Church in America is beginning a Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Each week, the icon is taken by a household in the parish. Those who accept the icon agree to pray during that time for religious and priestly vocations. **Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to have this Pilgrim Vocation Icon "The Call of the Disciples" in their home for one week** and pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the narthex. Prayer booklets are provided. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Father Anthony.

### **Pirohi Sale this Week!**

Our pirohi sale returns this **Friday, October 10**. Join us for this important tradition for our St. Mary Church by volunteering and/or purchasing pirohi.



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

**THUR., OCT. 9 ..... Holy Apostle James Alpheus**

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

**Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Almaz Yussupo, requested by Gio Navarini**

**SAT., OCT. 11 ..... SUNDAY of the FATHERS at the 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**7:00 P.M. .... GREAT VESPERS**

**SUN., OCT. 12 ..... SUNDAY of the FATHERS at the 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

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

**+ Connie Hersh, offered by James Mudron**

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

**SAT., OCT. 11 ..... SUNDAY of the FATHERS at the 7<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

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

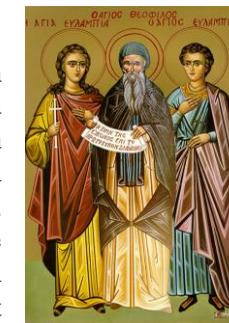
**Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Ed Gaylord, requested by Grant Gaylord**

### ***Saints this Week***

**Holy Apostle James Alpheus, October 9:** The holy apostle James Alpheus was one of the Twelve, a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a witness of his passion, resurrection, and ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it fell to James to preach the Gospel in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding area. He suffered in Egypt in the town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans.



**Saints Eulampius and Eulampia, October 10,** were brother and sister. They lived at the beginning of the 4th century in the city of Nicomedia. Eulampius became upset after reading the decree of the emperor Maximian (284-305) sentencing all Christians to execution. Eulampius was horrified that the emperor was taking up arms against his own subjects rather than fighting the enemies of his country. The youth was brought to trial and commanded to renounce the Christian Faith. His sister, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared that she also was a Christian. The martyrs were tortured and thrown into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded Eulampius, but Eulampia died from her torments before she could be beheaded.



### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Thank you for all your help with the many special events we have had recently! Its been a joy to have our parishes be so active.

I will be on our mandatory clergy retreat until Thursday afternoon. I will be checking my phone periodically for emergencies, but please save business related questions for another time.

Pirohy sales resume at both St. George and St. Mary's this Friday!

Next Saturday our combined pastoral council meeting. Please contact one of the pastoral council members or myself or if there are any topics that you would like to discuss or any questions that you have.

Our "normal" liturgical schedule will be resuming next week.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

*Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them.*

## **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Once again, St. Luke reveals the abiding mercy of God as a major theme of his Gospel. He challenges the Christian to go beyond the conventional thinking about love and mercy – that we love those who love us, forgive those who forgive us, and lend to those whom we are certain will pay us back.

Reflecting Jesus, St. Luke breaks through to a new and radical approach - love your enemies, do good to those who may have hurt you, lend to those from whom you're not certain of payback. He goes even further - if someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him your other; and if a person steals your coat, give him your shirt as well. We read these passages and wonder if St. Luke is serious. Moreover, does Jesus really expect this kind of behavior from us?

It seems so unrealistic and naïve. It deprives us of the satisfaction of revenge, our unspoken instinct to put into practice “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” Logically, to respond to our enemy in kind teaches an important lesson. For Jesus, this is the wrong lesson. Think of how we expect God to repeatedly and compassionately forgive us our sins, great and small, while at the same time we strike out at our enemies to exact vengeance for their sins.

Jesus tells us that such a merciless response misses the very heart of Christian discipleship. He instructs us in clear and unambiguous language: “Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful.” As difficult and challenging as it may be to love and embrace our enemies, rather than hate and destroy them, Jesus meant what He said, in the terms that He said it. This is not mere poetry of “Bible talk” to be diluted or explained away. Jesus expects us to be merciful and compassionate to those we love and especially to those who seem beyond the reach of our caring. All of us have someone like that in our lives.

Today’s Gospel passage summons us to make our hearts as deep and wide as is the heart of God Himself. We are to become His sons and daughters, more Christ-like, precisely because instead of the impulse to strike back, we revealed His face of mercy to a hurting human being. To the God of mercy and compassion be honor and glory this day and forevermore!



## **Church Mice**

Karl Zorowski



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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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