

October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!*

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 2, pp. 130 - 132

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., OCT. 19 NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ **Bobbie Klacik, 14th year of passing**, requested by husband Tom

WED., OCT. 22..... Holy Bishop Albercius, Equal to the Apostles

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ **Kathleen McCullough**, requested by Chuck McCullough

FRI., OCT. 24 Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions

8:45 A.M. FIRST HOUR

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Special Intention for Luca Navarini, requested by Gio Navarini

SUN., OCT. 26 TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

+ **Jack Kotula**, requested by Betty A. Kotula

Happy Birthday Greetings:

October 22: Paul Lebanik, October 25: Sarah Cassidy, Timothy Cassidy

Wedding Anniversaries:

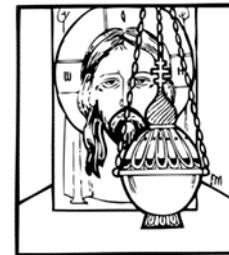
October 19: Michael & Rita Shuster

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 19 - 25, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for October 12, 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	\$971.08
Loose Currency	\$253.00
Candles	\$21.00
Holy Day	\$7.20

TOTAL: \$1252.28

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 and more...

Two Young Adult Events:

Country Swing and Line Dancing Night

Join us for a night of Country Swing and Line Dancing on Friday, October 24 at 7:00PM at St. George Church's Center. Come ready to learn and bring a friend(s)! **A flyer is in today's bulletin.**

Young Adult Trivia Night

Join us for Great Vespers with Litija for Holy Synaxis of Archangel Michael and All Angels, followed by Trivia Night on Friday, November 7 at St. Mary Church. Vespers begins at 6:00 PM, Trivia at 7:00 PM. **A flyer is in today's bulletin.**

43rd Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration

On **Sunday, October 26, St. John the Baptist Church in Uniontown** located at 201 E. Main Street, is celebrating its annual ethnic festival in the Parish Social Hall from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m. There will be ethnic foods such as holubki, pirohi, halushki, kolbasi and sauerkraut, soup, pagach, baked goods (long rolls, a variety of pastries, cakes, kolachi, breads, and much more). Performances of Rusyn Folk music by SOKYRA begin at 12:30 p.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon. There will be a speaker and/or video presentations on Rusyn cultural aspects such as customs and traditions. The day will include a display of artifacts, authentic costumes, models of Rusyn wooden churches, photographs, and documents. There will be folk art demonstrations such as pysanky, embroidery, iconography, bobbin lace making, as well as a church tour, and children's activities. Crafts, embroidered Easter basket covers, parish cookbook, Carpathian Cookery, will be for sale, and more.

For information, check the parish website: www.stjohnbaptist-byzcatch-uniontown.org/ or www.facebook.com/StJohnByzUniontown or call 724-438-1382 (leave message).

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program Continues

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. **Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the narthex.** Prayer booklets are provided. Our Metropolitan Church's vocations website is now live at byzantinecatholicvocation.com.

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

- TUE., OCT. 21** Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ Michael "Mitch" Vignovich, requested by Richard Mudron
- WED., OCT. 22** **Holy Bishop Albercius, Equal to the Apostles**
7:00 A.M. **First & Third Hours**
- THUR., OCT. 23** **Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
Spiritual welfare of Rebecca and Alex Kahn, requested by Gio Navarini
- SAT., OCT. 25** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,**
The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius
7:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
- SUN., OCT. 26** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,**
The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+ **George Grachen**, requested by the Cushin Family

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

- SAT., OCT. 25** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,**
The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius
5:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

How deeply is the Lord rooted in you?

This good seed is worthy of admiration. Rich and well-productive land brings forth fruit a hundredfold. They say that the best soils sometimes under cultivation produce a hundredfold, so this is a mark of every fertile and productive spot. One of the holy prophets said from the mouth of God, "And all nations shall congratulate you because you are a desirable land." (Mal 3:12) When the divine word falls upon a pure mind skillful in cleansing itself from things hurtful, it fixes its root deeply and shoots up like an ear of corn. It brings its fruit to perfection being strong in blade and beautifully flowered.

(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I am trying as quickly as possible to get the roof project at St. George underway. I was able to transfer funds from the Archeparchy this week and now we are waiting for the bank hold to clear.

The retaining wall near the rectory driveway at St. Mary's is sliding towards a collapse. We are getting a price on repairing this and hope to address this as soon as possible.

This Friday there will be Country Swing and line Dancing for Young Adults 18-39 at St. George from 7:00-9:00pm. There was enough interest from the first time we did this event that the plan is for this to happen monthly.

Pirohy sales are back at St. Mary's this Friday! Please volunteer if you are available or at least buy some to support our Church.

At St. Mary's, we will be having a young adult trivia night on Friday, November 7th beginning with Great Vespers for the feast of St. Michael the Archangel at 6:00pm.

Finally, a week with a regular schedule! However, I will be taking my last substantial vacation of the year (per Archeparchy policy, priests are given a weekly day off and four weeks of vacation a year) from Monday, October 27th to Tuesday, November 4th. There will be no Divine Services during this time other than weekend Divine Liturgies. If you have any urgent pastoral concerns, please make sure to contact me this week.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

When we hear the Word of God, our concern is to “hold it fast in an honest and good heart.” This, in turn, will cultivate “fruit with patience.” Every Liturgy presents us with the opportunity of “hearing” the living Word of God. If we have “ears to hear,” the seed of the Sower will fall on “good soil.”

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

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As we hear the Parable of the Sower, Our Lord presents to us the different types of earth — the path, the rock, the soil with thorns, and the good soil? And so, I ask you today, what type of soil are you? What is the condition of your heart?

Are you like a path that is hard, untilled, devoid of any fertility because it is constantly trampled upon? Are you closed to allowing the divine seed from finding any way into your heart and mind? If you find yourself to be a worn and beaten path, then drive away any flocks of birds that might come to snatch away the word of God. Then awake! And cultivate yourself through prayer, and the reading of the word of God — the scriptures, so that you may be like productive and well-tilled soil that will bring forth fruit to the glory of God and for your salvation.

If you are like the rock, that upon hearing the word receive it with joy but have no root and in time of temptation fall away; like those whose faith has not been proved and depends only on words and not applying your life to the living of the Gospel; like those who enter the Church, who feel pleasure in seeing many assembled together, but once you have left the Church, you have forgotten to live the Liturgy daily in your life; if you are like those who in times of trouble forget God and the Church, then do not despair, for today is the day of salvation. Today is the day to lift yourself out of your troubles and find refuge and shelter in Christ.

If you are like the soil whose seed is choked by thorns, whose life is choked and confused by worldly cares and desires; whose life is, as the prophet Hosea said “becomes a handful that can produce no meal” then today is the day to begin cleaning out the thorns. Today is the day to remove from your life — to tear up by the root — whatever is injurious and distances you from a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And if you are like the good soil, worthy of admiration, well productive and abundant in fruit, then take care. Beware that your fertile soil does not become dry, but water it daily with the Word of God, who said, “The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Word, come into come into our hearts and minds and cultivate our lives for His glory! Amen.



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Cantors: Alex Broussard, Tasney Broussard, Naedia McCann

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

Is the soil of our heart ready to receive the Word of God or are we rocky ground?

S T M A R Y ' S

Young Adult Trivia Night

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL
MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELIC POWERS

JOIN US FOR:

- ✦ 6PM GREAT VESPERS WITH LITIJA
- ✦ FOLLOWED BY TRIVIA AT 7PM

624 PARK ROAD
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003

NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | FRIDAY

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT

COUNTRY SWING AND LINE DANCING

COME READY TO
LEARN & BRING
A FRIEND!

FRIDAY
OCT 24
7:00 P.M.

ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1001 CLINTON STREET, ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001