

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,
Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Propers for this Sunday: See handout

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

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

SUN., NOV. 2 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ William Plumb, requested by Greg Plumb

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 2 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

Fr. Anthony will be away until the evening of Tuesday, November 4th. You may call Fr. Joseph Raptosh, our Protopresbyter, at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg at 724-745-7117 in case of a sacramental emergency. For a Beaver county contact you may also call Saint Augustine Parish at 724-846-7540.

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Oct. 29: Kate Kowalski, Oct. 30: Brian Bartko,
Oct. 27: Nicole Slappo, Oct. 28: Dianne Wood

Wedding Anniversaries:

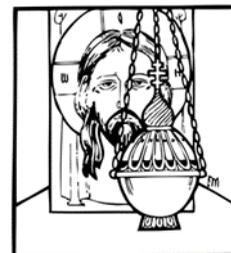
None for the week

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 26 – November 1, 2025
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for October 19, 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	\$623.10
Loose Currency	\$30.00
Candles	\$15.00
TOTAL: \$668.10	

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...

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.

Carpatho-Rusyn Day

October 26 is **Carpatho-Rusyn Day** in North America. The Carpatho-Rusyn Consortium of North America, a coalition of six cultural organizations representing the Rusyn people, designated October 26 as Carpatho-Rusyn Day in the United States and Canada. October 26 was chosen to commemorate a gathering at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1918, at which Carpatho-Rusyns were recognized for the first time as a distinct nationality by the members of the Mid-European Union as well as the U.S. government.

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 in Ambridge. Vespers begins at 6:00 PM, and Trivia at 7:00 PM. **A flyer is in today’s bulletin.**

Theodore Romzha Event

The Byzantine Catholic Churches of St. Mary in Weirton, WV and St. John the Baptist in Avella, PA are having a two-day event, Thursday & Friday, October 30 & 31, for the Feast of Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo. **There is a flyer in today’s bulletin with all the information.**

Save the Date!!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 6** for our annual dinner celebrating the Christmas season with a **St. Nicholas Dinner Celebration** for parishioners and friends of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas parishes. Fr. Anthony will celebrate Vespers and Divine Liturgy St. George, times to be announced, followed by the celebration in the church hall. Expect great food and fellowship as well as music and entertainment, including once again the fun white elephant gift exchange game. More details to follow!



Remember to turn your clock 1 hour back this Saturday, November 1, before you go to bed. Standard Time resumes Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, at 2 a.m..

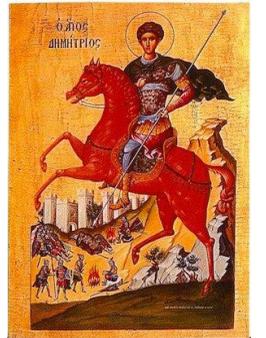
St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

**SAT., NOV. 1 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY**

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

The Holy & Glorious Demetrius of Thessalonica, October 26

The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessalonica. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of St Demetrius were secretly Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father’s home.



By the time Demetrius had reached maturity and his father had died, the emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confident in Demetrius’ education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father’s position as proconsul of the Thessalonica district. The main tasks of this young commander were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The emperor’s policy regarding Christians was expressed simply, “Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ.” The emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrius he had provided a way for him to lead many people to Christ. Accepting the appointment, Demetrius returned to Thessalonica and immediately confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and idolatry.

The compiler of his Life, St Simeon Metaphrastes, says that because of his teaching zeal he became “a second Apostle Paul” for Thessalonica, particularly since “the Apostle to the Gentiles” once founded at this city the first community of believers (1 Thess. and 2 Thess.).

The Lord also destined St Demetrius to follow the holy Apostle Paul as a martyr... He began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom. When the emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrius, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian gave orders to lock up the confessor in prison. At dawn on October 26, 306, soldiers appeared in the saint’s underground prison and ran him through with lances. The body of the holy Great Martyr Demetrius was cast out for wild animals to devour, but the Christians took it and secretly buried it in the earth.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

There will be no divine services this week other than weekend liturgies. Fr. Tom Dansak, a retired military chaplain, will be filling in next weekend. He is a tremendous help as he is the only priest who regularly covers weekend liturgies around the Archeparchy when the pastor is away. Please give him a warm welcome.

Looking ahead to after my return, 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.

We will have a 9:00am Divine Liturgy Saturday, November 8th at St. George to celebrate the feast. Due to this addition, Vespers will be cancelled and will resume Saturday, November 15th.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Blessed Theodore Romzha

On October 31 we commemorate Blessed Theodore Romzha in our Byzantine Catholic Church. *"I would rather die than betray my Church,"* Blessed Theodore Romzha (1911-1947), told his Soviet Communist persecutors. The apostolic administrator of the Ruthenian Catholic Mukachevo Eparchy in Ukraine, Bishop Romzha told his flock, *"Faith is our greatest treasure on this earth."* The NKVD secret police soon poisoned him.



See the flyer in today's bulletin for a local Blessed Theodore Romzha event.

Are you alive in Christ?

The Lord compared the priests of the people with him who was clothed in purple. Nothing is more honored than purple clothing. He compared the disciples of the cross with Lazarus. There were none more lowly than Lazarus was. He revealed the names of his beloved ones through Lazarus, his beloved one. He also wished to reveal the name of his enemies through the words, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets." It is not the case that all those living are alive, or that all those buried are dead.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

"If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead."

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

On this Sunday again we hear a very familiar parable about the Rich Man and the poor man named Lazarus. From this Gospel reading we learn that if we give our love to money and to the things of the world that it buys and not to God, we suffer, we are committing sin, because we are choosing to live against God and against the principle of our nature. The reason it is "sinful" to love money and the things it can buy is because it goes against the law of our nature. The law of our nature is to love God in whom we were made. Only when we love God are we truly healthy, whole and alive. When we give our love to money and to the lusts of the flesh that money can buy, we give our love to that which has no life, to what passes away. We are then giving our love to death. This is why we are sick in soul and body. In our love for money, we have become disconnected from ourselves, disjointed, and fragmented.



The Rich Man in this morning's parable represents anyone who loves money and the things of the world it can buy. Perhaps the Rich man in this morning's Gospel represents especially us who call ourselves Christian. We say we love God with our lips; but what do we love in our secret heart? Outwardly, we attend the Divine Services. Outwardly, we say our prayers. We may even say them regularly, faithfully. But in our heart, who, what do we love?

According to this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, the chief distinguishing mark of the lover of money is indifference to his neighbor in need. Engrossed in the endless chase to get ahead, he is in total disregard to the suffering and the needs of others. On this Sunday let us renew the vision of the Gospel that the Church through her prophets, her preachers and teachers, cries out to all of us: "In the fear of God, with faith and love draw near." Turn away from the love of money and from the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life; for these are not of the Father but they are of the world, and the world passes away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever. Serve God as your only Master. To take up your cross is to take up the work of learning to love Him with all your heart and your neighbor, even your enemy, the suffering and the needy as yourself; and so you may live and go in and take possession of the land, the Kingdom of Heaven, that the Lord, the God of our fathers, has given to you. 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

“Do not turn your face away from any poor man, and the face of God will not be turned away from you.”

Events at St. Mary in Weirton, WV & St. John the Baptist in Avella, PA

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**

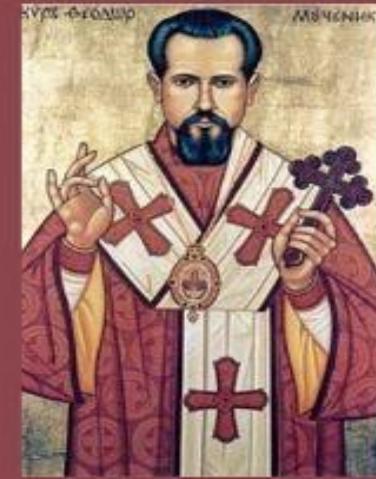
**624 PARK ROAD
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003**

NOVEMBER 7, 2025 | FRIDAY

Please join the Byzantine Catholic Churches of St. Mary's in Weirton and St. John the Baptist in Avella to celebrate the

Feast of the Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo

with an icon holding a piece of the martyr's skull for veneration



Thursday, October 30

6pm at St. Mary's: 6pm Great Vespers (solemn Evening Prayer) and Moleben (short prayer service) to Bl. Theodore

Friday, October 31

9am at St. John the Baptist: Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass)

6pm at St. Mary's: Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass)
Party following

Church Addresses:

St. Mary's: 3116 Elm St. | Weirton, WV 26062

St. John the Baptist: 176 Cross Creek Rd. | Avella, PA 15312