

November 2, 2025
Twenty-First 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 4: pp. 141 - 142

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 2 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + William Plumb, requested by Greg Plumb

WED., NOV. 5 The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of the McCullough Family, requested by Chuck McCullough

FRI., NOV. 7 Holy Thirty-Three Martyrs at Melitene

8:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare Adrienne Miele, requested by Chuck McCullough

6:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS with LITIJA, Solemn Holy Day

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

SUN., NOV. 9 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Bessie Kotula, requested By Ann Michalik

Fr. Anthony is away until Tuesday evening, 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:

November 6: Aidan Wood

Wedding Anniversaries:

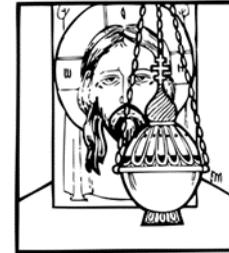
November 2: Jerome & Roseanna Marek

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

November 2 - 8, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for October 26, 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	\$762.00
Loose Currency	\$98.00
Candles	\$9.00
Holy Day	\$20.00

TOTAL: \$889.00

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 and more...

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.

Seminary Saint Nicholas Celebration Dinner

All parishioners are invited to attend the 68th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius. This will take place on Sunday, December 7 at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral and Center in Munhall. A moleben to Saint Nicholas will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 3:30 PM, followed by a social hour and dinner in the Center. Tickets are \$45 for adult dinner reservations and \$20 for children ages 12 and under. Reservations and payments must be received by Monday, November 17. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to contribute as a sponsor of the event. Reservation and sponsor forms are available at the bulletin table.

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.

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 at 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!

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

THUR., NOV. 6 Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Aaron Lang, requested on his birthday

SAT., NOV. 8 Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, Solemn Holy Day

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Natalie Gaylord, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., NOV. 9 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Raymond Ozimok , requested by Phyllis Ozimok

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., NOV. 8 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

Don't be a Swine!

If there is anyone among us who is wanton, swinish, filth-loving, impure, and willingly contaminated with the abominations of sin, God will permit him to fall into their power and sink into the abyss of damnation. It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them. It will never happen to us as long as we walk in his footsteps, avoid negligence in the performance of what is right, desire those things which are honorable, and belong to that virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us by the precepts of the Gospel.

(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

O Angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me of everything I have done to offend you every day, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never offend God by my sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Amen.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

We will resume weekday Divine Services beginning Wednesday evening with 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's.

Saturday, November 8th is a Solemn Holy Day, the Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers. To celebrate, we will have Great Vespers at 6:00pm the evening before at St. Mary's followed by our Young Adult Trivia Night. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated 9:00am Saturday morning at St. George. There will be no Great Vespers Saturday evening.

Philip's Fast begins November 15th. More information to be included in next week's bulletin.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

The Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and all Angels

On **November 8**, we celebrate the **synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and all the Angelic Powers** (sometimes called the "bodiless powers"). **Synaxis** means "assembly", and can refer to one of two kinds of gatherings:

- a gathering of the faithful in honor of some person or event
- a group of saints, honored together at a liturgical service



On this day, both meanings are present. The faithful gather together to recognize that God created the angels in advance of human beings, and that they have their own place in the divine plan. They serve as God's messengers; help to protect us from evil; and intercede before God.

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

“Faith is our greatest treasure on this earth.”

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Around 2,400 years ago an elderly and respected man stood trial for his life. When he was about to be condemned to death, he said something that has remained with us even today. The man was the Greek philosopher Socrates and in that most important moment he stated before his judges, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” In other words, one who goes about life without considering what he does, why he does it, where his life is headed, and how he might improve himself, is not really living.



In this we are reminded that there are two types of “life” that we can speak about—bodily life and spiritual life. It is very possible to be alive in the body and dead in the spirit. It is also possible to die in the body and be alive in the spirit.

In the Gospel text today, we learn of Jesus’ journeys “to the other side of the sea” where he meets one who is in every way like the “living” dead. There Jesus confronts “life” apart from God – which is described in the most horrific terms, the “life” of the demons – and drives it out of the man and into the sea. While the story of the demoniac may seem to be an extreme example, it helps us see what life apart from God looks like in its ultimate end.

Jesus, who is God, comes to us in our sin (the demoniac), under the dominion of the devil and “living in the tombs.” Notice that Jesus does not wait for us to come to him, but in the mystery of the Incarnation, he takes on our human nature, and he himself enters into our life as he entered the land of the Gerasenes – and there he comes to heal us, and to “raise us up” that we may no longer be under the dominion of death but under the dominion of life.

Just like the demoniac, we who have received this gift of new life in Christ Jesus are called to live accordingly. Does the demoniac go back to live in the tombs? No! His life has changed! He is no longer living in death but in the light of Christ.

The Gospel concludes by telling us that “the man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying “return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city everything that Jesus had done for him.

The story of this healing should remind us that our heart must be centered upon Christ. He has given us newness of life and this new life must be shared with others. When is the last time that we “proclaimed throughout the whole city how much Jesus has done for us”? When is the last time we intentionally brought Christ into a conversation in our homes and with our friends? When is the last time we invited someone to come to church with us? We have received a new life in baptism – but are we living it? Or are we still living in the tombs? Do we prefer the friendship of the devil over the friendship of Christ? “The unexamined life is not worth living.”

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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

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! Psalm 113:3