

November 9, 2025  
Twenty-Second 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 5: pp. 147 -148

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

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

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

*Intention: + Bessie Kotula, requested By Ann Michalik*

WED., NOV. 12 ..... Holy Martyr Josaphat

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

*Intention: + Lisa Snyder, requested by Chuck McCullough*

FRI., NOV. 14 ..... Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip

8:45 A.M. .... THIRD HOUR

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

*Intention: + Deceased members of the Reolow/Mannippo Family, requested by Karen Luksis*

SAT., NOV. 15 ..... TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

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

SUN., NOV. 16 ..... TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

10:45 A.M. .... THIRD HOUR

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

*Intention: + Bessie Kotula, requested by Lillian Dziabiak*

Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вики!

**Happy Birthday Greetings:**

Nov. 13: Michael Shuster

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

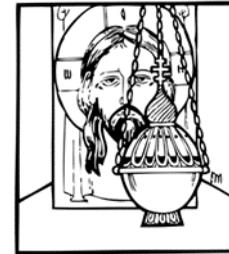
None for the week

**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

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



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

November 9 - 15, 2025

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

The Parishioners

**Parish Offerings for November 2, 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 .....	\$890.44
Loose Currency .....	\$40.00
Candles .....	\$14.00
Holy Day .....	\$5.00

**TOTAL: \$949.44**

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...

### Parish Almsgiving Collection

St. Mary's is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Center for Hope. Our long-standing parishioner, Betty Kotula, has placed a cardboard box in the back of the Church. Please place all donations there. *Thank you!*

### Vocation Icon

Thank you to those who have signed up to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon "The Call of the Disciples" in your home for one week. There are available weeks for those of you who have not signed up yet. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex of the church.. You will be greatly blessed for inviting this icon into your home. Our Metropolitan Church's vocations website is now live at [byzantinecatholicvocation.com](http://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!

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

TUE. NOV. 11 ..... Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent  
 6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Deceased Members of the Ursino Family, requested by Karen Luksis*

WED., NOV.12 ..... Holy Martyr Josaphat  
 7:00 A.M. .... FIRST HOUR & THIRD HOUR

THUR., NOV. 13 ..... Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople  
 6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Fr. Joseph Kurutz, requested by Chuck McCullough*

SUN., NOV. 16 ..... TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,  
 The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew  
 8:15 A.M. .... FIRST HOUR  
 8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel*

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

SAT., NOV. 15 ..... TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,  
 The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew  
 3:00 P.M. .... Aft. of Recollection with Franciscan University Byzantine Club  
 5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of EK Gaylord, requested by Grant Gaylord*

### Happy Veteran's Day

On Tuesday, November 11 we honor those who have served our country in the armed forces, on Veterans' Day. We thank those from our parish community who have served and recognize and respect them for their commitment and loyalty to our nation. May the Lord bless all those who served, all those who continue to serve, and the families of those serving.



*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to be back and to resume our regular liturgical schedule.

This Monday, masonry work will begin at St. George.

We begin Philip's fast this upcoming Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is called Philip's fast since it begins after the Feast of St. Philip on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It is a penitential season meant to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

In terms of prayer, I would recommend trying to increase time in daily prayer and attend at least one additional divine service during the week. To help us facilitate extra prayer as parishes, we will be praying **First Hour fifteen minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgy at St. George and Third Hour fifteen minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's**. This is a wonderful way to help prepare one's heart and mind to enter more prayerfully into the liturgy. If you arrive at Church while the Hours are already being prayed, you are welcome to enter at whatever point you arrive; no need to wait in the narthex. I ask that conversations be limited to the social hall or outdoors once the hours have begun to keep the Church quiet for those praying the Hours.

In terms of fasting, traditionally no meat or dairy was consumed during this entire time period. We are **required** to abstain from meat or perform an equivalent penance on Fridays (as we are required to do every Friday except during a few "privileged" weeks of the year that are fast-free) and the Archeparchy **recommends** abstaining from meat on Wednesdays as well during this season.

You might consider one of the following suggestions:

1. Increase abstinence from meat on Mondays and/or Wednesdays in addition to Friday.
2. Observe a strict fast (abstinence from meat AND dairy/eggs) on any or all of the above days.
3. Do not eat in between meals and restrict the amount of food eaten.

For almsgiving, we have a box in the back of St. Mary's to donate food to the Center for Hope. I would encourage everyone to consider volunteering at Church or at some other charitable organization during this time period as well.

The Franciscan University of Steubenville Byzantine Club will be coming to St. Nicholas Chapel and St. Mary's next week for an afternoon of talks, Divine Liturgy, Vespers, and a social. All approximately college age young adults are welcome to join.

Looking ahead, next **Friday, November 21st is one of the 12 Great Feasts, the Entrance of the Theotokos**. On Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy, and 7:15 Theology on Tap (a presentation with fellowship and adult beverages, all adults 21 and over are welcome) at St. George. Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> we will have 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's followed by a social.

In Christ,

*Fr. Anthony*

*Do not fear; only believe*

### ***Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost***

Today's Gospel reading is not only about miracles and the mercy of God; to me it is about hope beyond hope. In the story of the daughter of Jairus we see a child already dead; everyone knows about it; there is such certainty that when the Son of God, become the Son of Man, says, No! This child has not died, it is fallen asleep, and everyone contradicts

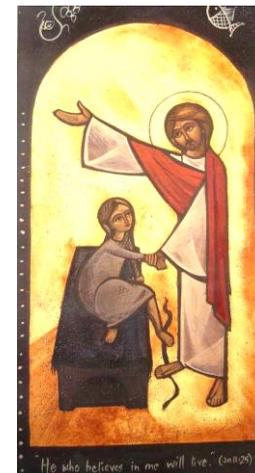
Him: No, this child has died. Then Christ, with a word of power, but in an act of love calls the child to earthly life again.

Isn't this, apart from being a true event of our human history, isn't this also a parable, and an image of so many human situations? How often we would say, "There is no point in doing anything about this person, this person is lost anyhow; there is nothing to do about redeeming a given situation, this situation is beyond redemption." And we must remember the words which were spoken by Christ to Peter when he said, "Who then can be saved?"

The Lord said to him, what is impossible to man, is possible unto God." In the case of this child, it happened immediately. In our relation to one another and to people it may take years, years of patient love, years during which we will give ourselves, but also endure, endure endlessly the most unendurable things; and in the end there can be redemption. There can be redemption on this earth, in the form of a person who was thought to be hopeless, beyond help, and who begins to change, and then we see a miracle, and we are elated, and hope becomes complete and real, and joy fills our heart.

But there is also another way in which this sacrificial love can be redemption. A western theologian has said around the time of the last war, when feelings were deep and pain acute, he said that suffering is the meeting place between evil and humanity; suffering is always caused by human agency or human agency turns away from it and does not alleviate it. And suffering always cuts into the soul or into the body of people. But when it has happened, the victim acquires divine power to forgive, and by forgiveness to undo the evil, and to redeem those who have done the evil. This is also hope beyond hope. And to me it is connected with this contrast between the sinful, the false, the blind knowledge expressed by the people in the house: they laugh at Christ, they know that the child is dead, hope is superfluous, it is drowned in despair, - and the victory of love and of mercy which is shown in the event but which can extend in so many ways into our personal lives on the simplest level, and on the most heroic ones. Let us therefore give thought to it, and choose for hope beyond hope, for that love and that faith that conquer. Amen.

- From the writings of Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom)



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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 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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*Run to the Hem of Christ*

# THEOLOGY ON TAP



FOR ADULTS 21 & OVER



FR. JOE WILL TALK ABOUT HIS VISIT TO  
THE CHURCH IN ZADAR, CROATIA THAT  
HOLDS THE INCORRUPT BODY OF SAINT  
SIMEON, THE SAINT THAT WAS  
PRIVILEGED TO HOLD BABY JESUS AT HIS  
PRESENTATION.

GUEST SPEAKER

**FR. JOE CODORI**

5:00 pm Vespers  
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy  
7:15 pm Presentation  
& Social

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church  
1001 Clinton St., Allquippa, PA

Thursday  
Nov. 20

