

November 23, 2025

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost,
Post-festive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos



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., NOV. 23 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

WED., NOV. 26 Venerable Father Alpyius the Stylite

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Special intention, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

SAT., NOV. 29 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew

7:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

SUN., NOV. 30 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the needs and intentions of the St. Mary pirohy workers, requested by Fr. Anthony

Come, O Jesus, our Savior, redeem and save us!

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:

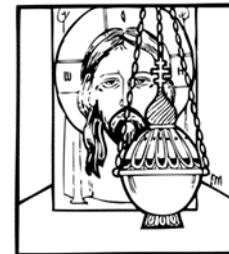
None for the week

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

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THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

November 23 - 29, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for November 16, 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	\$452.00
Loose Currency	\$45.00
Candles	\$15.00
TOTAL:	\$512.00

Do not neglect good deeds and generosity, God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."
(Hebrews 13:16)

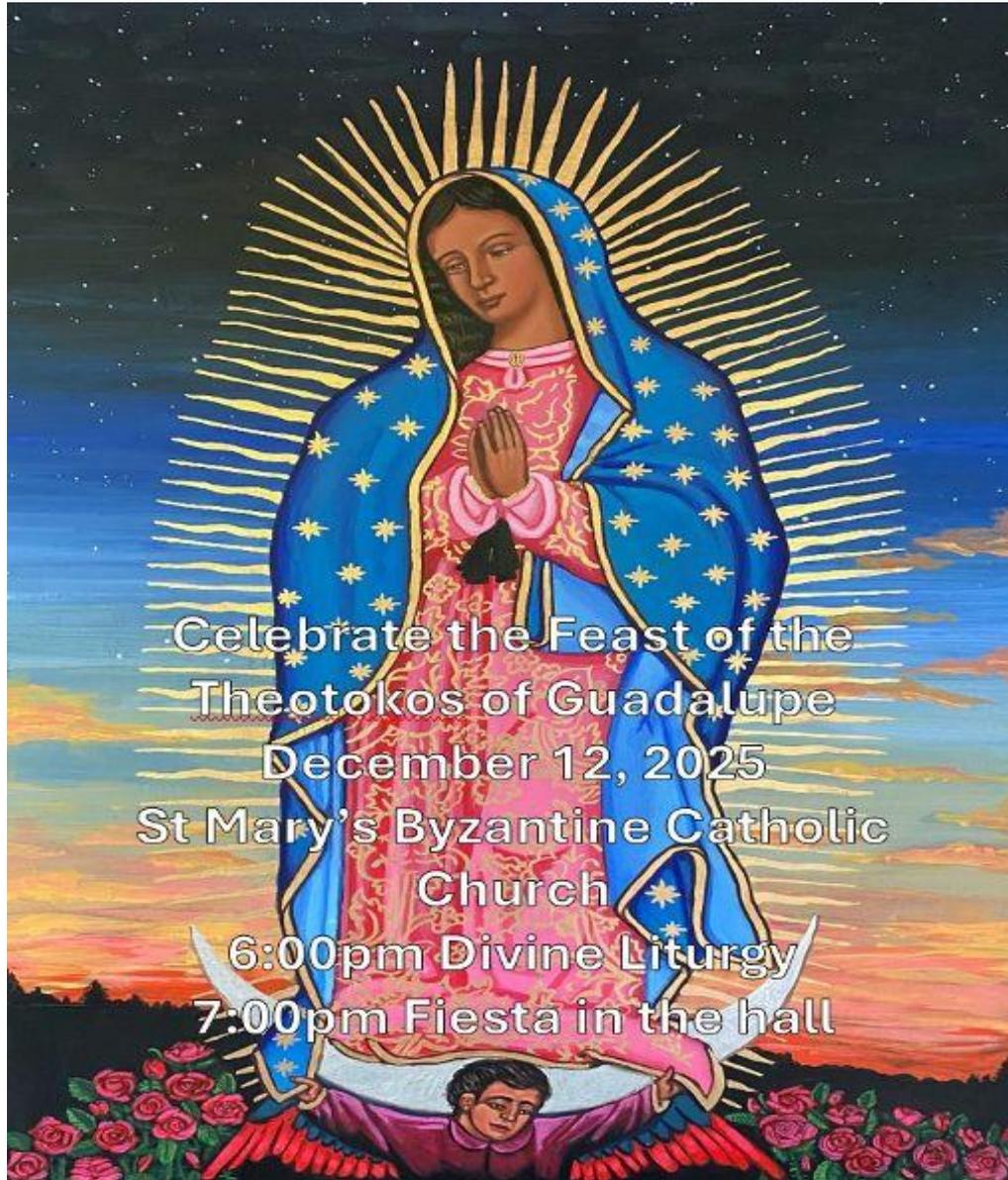
Regular Confessions Offered

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...



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!*

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

TUE. NOV. 25 Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Theotokos
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of EL Gaylord, requested by Grant Gaylord

WED., NOV.26 Venerable Father Alpyius the Stylite
7:00 A.M.FIRST HOUR & THIRD HOUR

THUR., NOV. 27 THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Andrew Kayla Sr., requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

SUN., NOV. 30 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Anthony and Louise Battalini, requested by Prudence Peya

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., NOV. 29 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Nativity Fast Nov.15 - Dec.24

How can we prepare for Christ's arrival?

One way is by increasing our prayer. "The two great movements of the soul have always been withdrawal and return...withdrawal into God's presence through prayer for strength...without prayer, the quality of our service deteriorates. Without prayer we forget the world; with prayer we remember." Advent is a time to remember that in God, we move and breathe and have our being, and we must be *with* Him and consciously *in* Him before we can have authentic love and relationship with others." ~ Fr. Anthony Coniaris



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I am very much looking forward to Thanksgiving. It is one holiday with no major liturgical celebrations which means I can relax more! That said, we will have a 9:00am Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving Day at St. George. There will be no Friday morning Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's.

A reminder to please sign up for our St. Nicholas Celebration at St. George on Saturday, December 6th. There will be no liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel that Saturday evening, although we will have a Vespereal Divine Liturgy there December 5th for the actual feast itself, time to be announced. The morning of December 7th, there will be no Divine Liturgy at St. George and instead Matins and Liturgy at St. Mary's.

Please pick up your envelopes for next year if you have not done so yet.

By next weekend, I hope to have our schedule published for Christmas and Theophany so you can plan accordingly.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Every Divine Liturgy is at Heart a Service of Thanksgiving

The beginning of the anaphora the priest prays: *“Out of nothing You brought us into being, and when we had fallen, raised us up again; and You have left nothing undone until You brought us to Heaven and graciously gave us Your future Kingdom. For all these things, we **thank You and Your Only-Begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit:** for all these blessings, known and unknown, manifest and hidden, that were lavished upon us. We thank You also for this Liturgy which You are pleased to accept from our hands, though there stand before You thousands of archangels and myriads of angels...”*

At the Ambon Prayer the priest prays: *“Lord, blessing those who bless you and sanctifying those who trust in you, save your people and bless your inheritance. Preserve the fullness of your Church, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house, glorify them in return by your divine power, and do not forsake us who hope in you. Grant peace to your world, to your churches, to the priests, to our government, and to all your people. For all generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from you, the Father of Lights; and we give glory, **thanksgiving**, and worship to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.”*

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But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



The Rich Man in today's Gospel reading was defined by his riches. His preeminent thoughts were about collecting, protecting and hoarding his wealth. He forgot that he would have to let it all go one day. Our Lord tells us that “where your treasure is your heart will also be.” The Rich Man was so distracted by his material wealth that he could not see that the real treasure was not his possessions. The real treasure lay within. The real treasure within is eternal. Jesus called it “the Kingdom of heaven.” That night the Rich Man had to face death and he was not ready for it...

Because we are out of touch with the kingdom of heaven we get lost in life. We lose sight of what matters. Today Our Lord asks us to detach from earthly things because this is how we come alive to what is real, to His presence, to the kingdom of heaven within us. And he does it with such words as these, “Do not resist the evil man, but if he strikes you on the left cheek turn and offer him your right.” “If a man asks for your shirt, give him your coat as well.” “If a man asks you to go one mile with him, go with him two.” The Lord asks us to push the envelope and act in a way that is against our natural inclination to self-defense because this is how to deflate and eventually transform the ego that thinks only of itself. So when we are insulted Jesus exhorts us to bless! He commands us to love our enemies, and not in words only, but from the depth of our hearts. By doing the opposite of what seems natural to us, striking back, and taking revenge, cursing our enemies we allow what is negative and ungodly in us to die and what is positive and godly in us to rise.

Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” How do we become “poor in spirit”. By detaching ourselves from everything that we hold on to so dearly. To be “poor in spirit” is to be free of attachments, to be free from things, to nurture relationships that are free and unencumbered by desires and expectations, to let go of our own self-definitions and to rest in the knowledge and experience of God who is “in all places, filling all things.” As we continue our journey of the Christmas Lent we are to remember to let go of earthly things, possessions and the cares of this life and to be grateful to God in every situation. In this way we cleanse the inside of the cup, as Jesus said, and begin to shine like the stars of heaven from within. Amen.

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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.

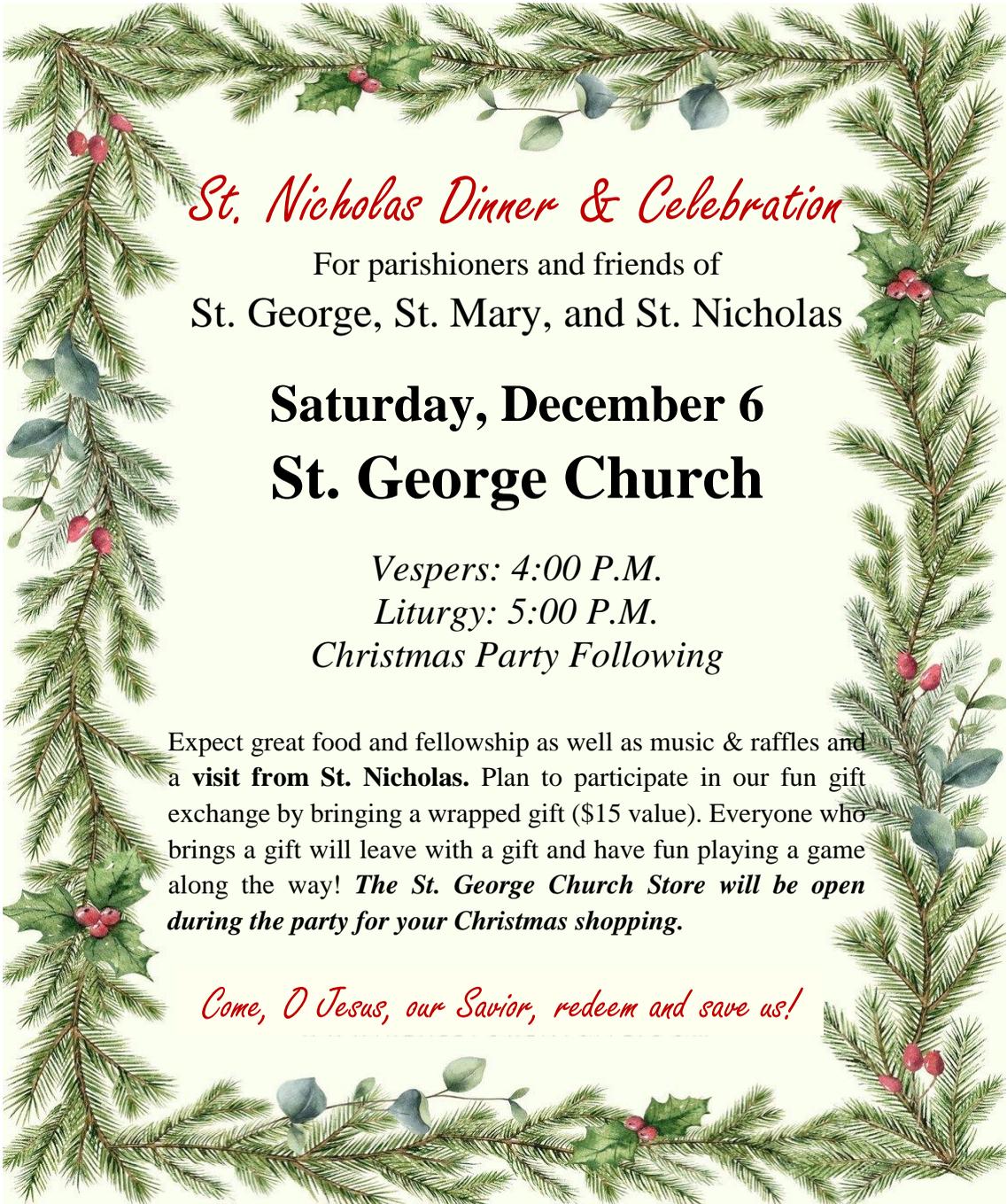
Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes.....September through May.

Pirohi Sales Every Friday

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St. Nicholas Dinner & Celebration

For parishioners and friends of
St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 6
St. George Church

Vespers: 4:00 P.M.
Liturgy: 5:00 P.M.
Christmas Party Following

Expect great food and fellowship as well as music & raffles and a **visit from St. Nicholas**. Plan to participate in our fun gift exchange by bringing a wrapped gift (\$15 value). Everyone who brings a gift will leave with a gift and have fun playing a game along the way! *The St. George Church Store will be open during the party for your Christmas shopping.*

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