

November 30, 2025
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,
Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew



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: See handout

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., DEC. 3 Holy Prophet Zephaniah

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: +Michael Koshute, requested by Mark and Susan Koshute

SAT., DEC. 6 Holy Father Nicholas Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Solemn Holy Day

9:00 A.M. FESTAL MATINS

SUN., DEC. 7 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

9:15 A.M. FESTAL MATINS

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

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

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:

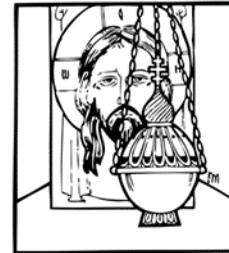
None for the week

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 30 - December 6, 2025
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for November 23, 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)

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| Offertory | \$1022.00 |
| Loose Currency | \$605.00 |
| Candles | \$29.00 |
| Holy Day | \$25.00 |

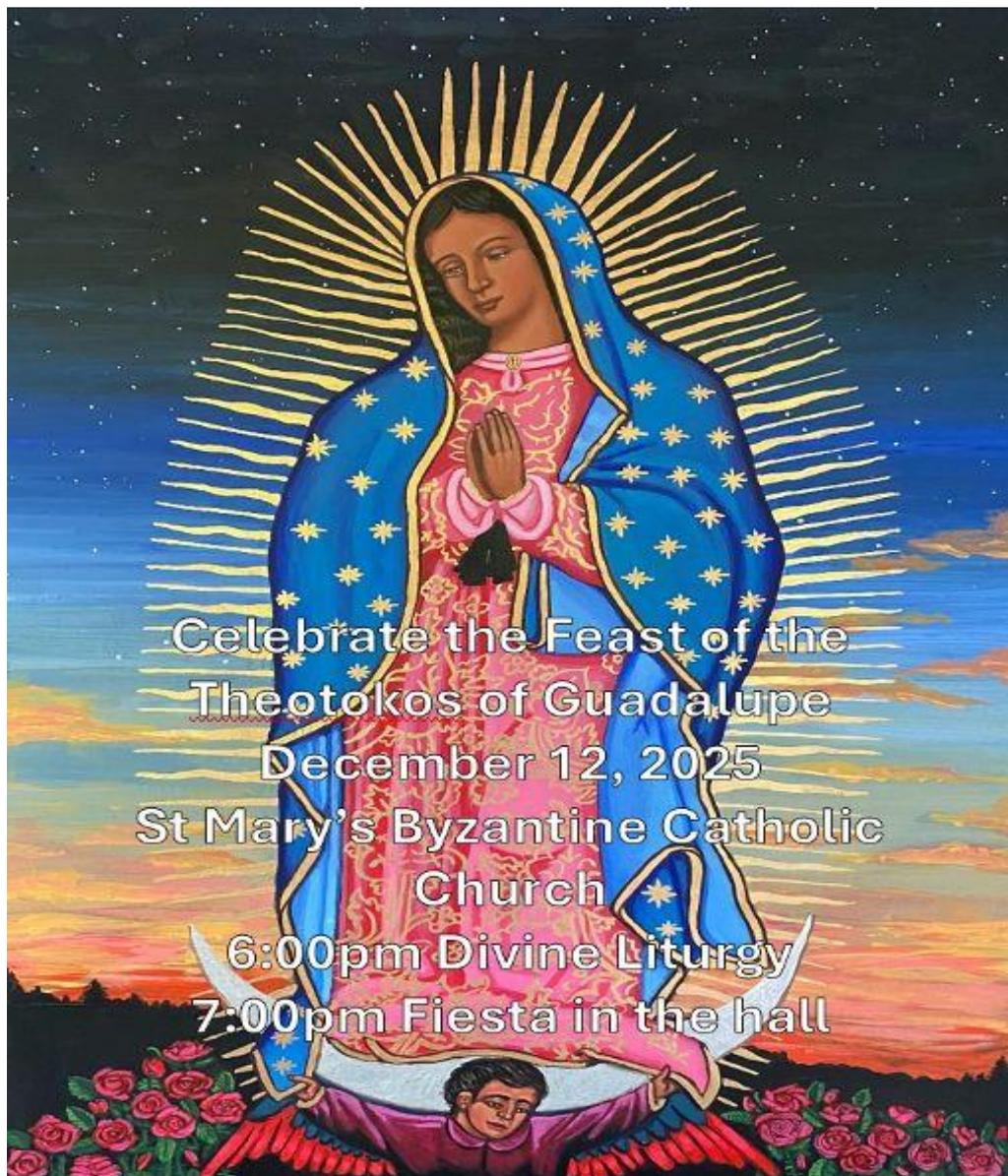
TOTAL: \$1681.00

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. DEC. 2 Holy Prophet Habbakuk
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of EL Gaylord, requested by Grant Gaylord

WED., DEC. 3 Holy Prophet Zephaniah
7:00 A.M. FIRST HOUR & THIRD HOUR

SAT., DEC. 6 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
4:00 P.M. VESPERS
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY, *St. Nicholas Party following*
Intention: + Connie Hersh, requested by St. George Ladies Guild

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

FRI., DEC. 5 Holy Father Nicholas Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Solemn Holy Day
5:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Enis Masciantonio, requested by Pete Masciantonio

Preparing to Receive the King of Glory

If the Twelve Days of Christmas (originally the days between the birth of Christ and Epiphany) has been given to us in order to celebrate the birth of Christ, then the forty days of Advent that come before it is meant to prepare us to celebrate properly. Think of it this way, if it was announced that a king was coming to your house for dinner in a month's time, wouldn't you begin right away with all of the preparations to receive such a guest? And wouldn't you even complain that one month was not enough time to do all that would need to be done? Well, on Christmas, in a spiritual manner of speaking, we will be receiving a king – the King of Glory. How much more should we prepare the room of our heart to receive the Master of All? This is what Advent is: a time to prepare the “cave” or “manger” of our heart to receive the Savior. To do this we abstain from certain foods, while increasing our prayer life and almsgiving – not because God needs it – but because we do! These practices are pleasing to God, when they are done in His Name, and collectively they purify our hearts of self-centeredness, pride, and all the other things that separate us from Him. May the King of Glory, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity and Son of God, make each of us worthy to receive Him into our heart and celebrate His birth in a manner that is worthy of His Glory. Amen. - *Fr. Vasili Hillhouse*



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A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Masonry work at St. George is complete. The roof is being patched and the new roof will be put on once the weather warms up.

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas, patron of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. Due to this special feast, we have the following changes to the schedule, so please pay attention.

1. There will be no Thursday evening Confessions or Divine Liturgy at St. George.
2. No morning Friday liturgy at St. Mary's and we will have a Friday **5:00pm Vespertal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas chapel.**
3. 9:00am Festal Matins Saturday morning at St. Mary's.
4. 4:00pm Vespers and 5:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George (for Sunday obligation) followed by St. Nicholas Party. (No St. Nicholas Chapel Saturday evening liturgy).
5. No Liturgy at St. George Sunday morning. 9:45am Festal Matins and 11:00am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's.

The following week, our string of Holy Days continues!

Monday, December 8th is the Maternity of Anna. Due to the cramped schedule the only liturgy will be 6:00pm Monday evening at St. Mary's. I will take Tuesday as my day off.

The Theotokos of Guadalupe is Friday, December 12th. We will have 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George on Thursday, December 11th. Friday, December 12th, there will be a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by a fiesta. Although originally advertised for the hall, it will most likely be held in the rectory due to the pirohy sale earlier in the day.

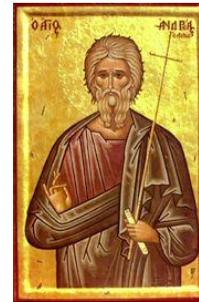
In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Today, the Church presents for our consideration the image of the woman who was bent over and unable to stand up because of the evil spirits that afflicted her. As the Fathers of the Church explain, this woman is a symbol of our human nature oppressed by a sinful life – the life of vice and of sin. As Saint Athanasios explained in his great work *On the Incarnation*, man having “rejected the contemplation of God” was weighed down by sin and unable to lift up his eyes to contemplate heavenly realities. It is for this reason, Saint Athanasios explained, that God became man and was born in a manger—that we who were bent over like the animals and feeding ourselves on earthly things might meet God face to face in the feed trough of the manger and be raised in him and returned to our proper stature to contemplate the things above.



St. Andrew the First-Called



Jesus' First Disciples

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So, they went and saw where he was staying and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. (*John 1:35*)

St. Andrew in Tradition

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St. Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, and Ukraine. He stopped overnight on the hills of Kyiv. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: “See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches.” The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. He also went to Thrace, where in the small village of Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ. On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans, but through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked many miracles.

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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

O Christ the Savior, marvelous Fruit of the Holy Spirit, come to us and save us!

CHRISTMAS *through* THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

SAINT MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
624 PARK RD.
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003

SAINT NICHOLAS
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHAPEL
5400 TUSCARAWAS ROAD
BEAVER, PA. 15009

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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Prefestive Day of the NATIVITY of our LORD - DEC 22ND

Mon, 11am | Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord at St. Mary's

NATIVITY of our LORD - DEC 24TH /25TH

OBLIGATION
HOLY DAY

Wed, 4pm | Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at St. Nicholas

Wed, 7pm | Great Compline with Litija and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George

Thu, 9:30am | Festal Matins at St. Mary's

Thu, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Mary's



SOLENN
HOLY DAY

SYNAXIS of the THEOTOKOS - DEC 26TH

Fri, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George

SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS - DEC 27TH /28TH

Sat, 5pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas

Sun, 8:30am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George

Sun, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Mary's

SOLENN
HOLY DAY

CIRCUMCISION of our LORD - DEC 31ST / JAN 1ST

Wed, 7:30pm | All Night-Vigil with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at St. Mary's

Wed, 11pm | New Year's Celebration at St. Mary's

Thur, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at St. George

SUNDAY before THEOPHANY - JAN 3RD / 4TH

Sat, 5pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas

Sat, 7pm | Great Vespers at St. Mary's

Sun, 8:30am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George

Sun, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Mary's

THEOPHANY - JAN 5TH /6TH

OBLIGATION
HOLY DAY

Mon, 6pm | Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Great Blessing of Water at St. Mary's

Tue, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Great Blessing of Water at St. George

Tue, 6pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas