

December 7, 2025
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost,
 Pre-Festive Day of the Maternity of the Holy Anna



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., 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

MON., DEC. 8 MATERNITY of HOLY ANNA, Solemn Holy Day

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Deceased Members of the Conroy Family, requested by Karen Luksis

WED., DEC. 10 Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Fr. Gabriel Sabado, requested by Grant Gaylord

FRI., DEC. 12 THEOTOKOS of GUADALUPE

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

7:00 P.M. FIESTA

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Naton, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., DEC. 14 SECOND SUNDAY before the NATIVITY,
 SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS

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

Happy Birthday Greetings:

December 8: Bill Kushner, December 10: Patti Shuster

Wedding Anniversaries:

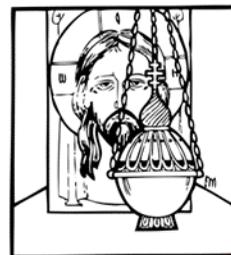
None for the week

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

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



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

December 7 - 13, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for November 30, 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	\$630.00
Loose Currency	\$115.00
Candles	\$22.00

TOTAL: \$767.00

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

CHRISTMAS *through* THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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HOLY DAY



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WED., DEC. 10 Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eucraphus
7:00 A.M. FIRST HOUR & THIRD HOUR

THUR. DEC. 11 THEOTOKOS of GUADALUPE

5:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joseph Klacik, requested by JoAnn & Francis Hersh

SUN., DEC. 14 SECOND SUNDAY before the NATIVITY,
SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, 40th day after passing

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., DEC. 13 SECOND SUNDAY before the NATIVITY,
SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

What is the nature of the invitation? "Come, for look, all things are ready." God the Father has prepared in Christ gifts for the inhabitants of the earth. Through Christ, he bestowed the forgiveness of sins, cleansing away of all defilement, communion of the Holy Spirit, glorious adoption as children, and the kingdom of heaven. To these blessings, Christ invited Israel, before all others, by the commandments of the Gospel. He has even said by the voice of the psalmist: "But I have been sent as a king by him," that is, by God the Father, "on Zion his holy mountain to preach the commandment of the Lord." (Psalm 2:6) As we prepare for the Christmas and Theophany holy days let us not lose sight of the fact that we have been invited to a Great Feast. Let's not let the presents, trimming and other preparations blind us to the coming of the Savior. *Come, Lord Jesus, come!*



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who helped prepare our St. Nicholas party at St. George. This is the largest party we've had in recent years so I'm very thankful for all those who put in so much work.

Monday, December 8th is the Maternity of Anna, a Solemn Holy Day. Due to the extremely packed schedule this weekend the only Divine Service for this day will be at 6:00pm at St. Mary's Monday evening.

No Tuesday liturgy and no Saturday Vespers this week (I was asked to give a day of recollection at Mt. St. Macrina).

Friday, December 12th is the feast of the Theotokos of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. We will celebrate 5:00pm Great Vespers and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George on Thursday the 11th. We will also have a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's on Friday the 12th followed by a (meatless) fiesta complete with authentic Mexican and Colombian food.

We have Pirohy Sales at both parishes this week, please place your order!

As I often emphasize, our fasting seasons are a good time to take advantage of the Mystery of Repentance (Confession). On Sunday, December 21st Fr. Don Voss will be hearing Confessions before and during liturgy at both St. George and St. Mary's.

Please consult the flyer for the schedule for the time between Christmas and Theophany.

In Christ

Fr. Anthony

CONFESSION for Christmas - The Nativity Fast (Advent) is a season of penitence and fasting. To better prepare for the coming of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) the faithful are encouraged to make an examination of conscience and, if appropriate, to make a confession of their sins to a priest. – On Sunday, December 21st Fr. Don Voss will be hearing Confessions before and during liturgy at both St. George and St. Mary's. , so that the faithful can avail themselves of this Sacramental Mystery.

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

The Maternity of St. Anne, December 8

Celebrated for many centuries under a variety of titles, the feast widely known in the Eastern Church as the Feast of the Conception by St. Anna is celebrated in the Roman Church as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This Feast commemorates Saint Anna's conception of Mary, the Mother of God.



Anna and Joachim had lived devoutly in marriage for fifty years. They gave a third of their income to the poor and a third to the Temple in Jerusalem. Still, they were scorned for being without offspring. With heavy hearts, they prayed that God would bless them with a child to comfort them in their old age. The Almighty God answered their prayers by allowing Anna to conceive a child who would be the Mother of God's own Son, Jesus Christ.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Today, in the Gospel accounts of the healing of the ten lepers, we learn of a most serious sin. Truly, it is a sin which is at the foundation of so many other sins and temptations which we face today. The sin is that of forgetfulness. Today it seems that so many in our world have forgotten God, and we ourselves are tempted to do the same in our daily life. This foundational sin of forgetfulness leads us to frustration and anger, jealousy and covetousness, and so many other sins which spring from our forgetting God. And in place of our remembrance, in the absence of our constant communion with the Lord, our society today has convinced many of the "rights" which every member of society must enjoy. Everything, we are told, is ours by "right." And when we do not get what we want or what we think is owed to us, we become frustrated, angry, and jealous.



The truth is quite different. All we have, from the air we breathe and the ground we stand upon, to the home we live in and the life we enjoy is a gift from God. And when we remember this, when we live in constant awareness of the gifts of the Lord, then we cease to be jealous, angry and frustrated, and begin to live the life of thanksgiving. This is the new life, the life of thanksgiving, that the Samaritan leper, the only one to return to Jesus after he had been healed, discovered when we were cleansed by the Lord. It is the most important lesson that we can learn if we seek and follow Christ.

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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

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