

January 11, 2026  
Sunday after Theophany



*Veil of Protection*  
SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! ~ Christos Krescajetsja! Vo Jordani!  
Христос Крестается! в Иордане!*

Propers: See Handout

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JAN. 11 ..... SUNDAY after THEOPHANY

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

11:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom

*Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Isabella Rubino, requested by Todd and Ann Wilson*

WED., JAN. 14 ..... Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho

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

*Intention: Private*

FRI., JAN. 16 ..... Veneration of the Chains of St. Peter

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

*Intention: Private*

SUN., JAN. 18 ..... SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS

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*

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Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:

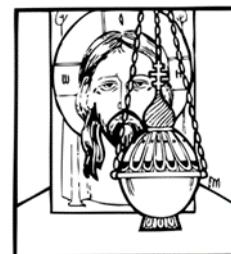
None for the week

Please Pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

HOME: Penny Furis, 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  
January 11 - 16, 2026

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

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for January 4, 2026

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 .....	\$824.20
Loose Currency .....	\$10.00
Candles .....	\$12.00
Holy Day .....	\$13.25
Christmas .....	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$899.45</b>

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

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**ADULT TRIVIA Night**

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

**6:00 pm – Great Vespers for St. Anthony the Great**  
**7:00 pm – Trivia in the Social Hall**

Snacks & drinks provided!

21 and over

Prizes for the winners!

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church  
 1001 Clinton St., Aliquippa



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

**TUE., JAN. 13 ..... Hermolaus and Stratonicus Martyrs**  
 6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Hermancia Mason, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

**WED., JAN. 14 ..... Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho**  
 7:00 A.M. .... FIRST & THIRD HOUR

**THUR., JAN. 15 ..... Paul and John Venerables**  
 6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Joseph Jn Baptiste , requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

**FRI., JAN. 16 ..... St. Anthony the Great**  
 6:00 P.M. .... GREAT VESPERS, followed by Trivia Night

**SUN., JAN. 18 ..... SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS**  
 8:15 A.M. .... FIRST HOUR  
 8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by James Mudron*

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

**SAT., JAN. 17 ..... SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS**  
 5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Eric Kitcho, requested by Karen Luksis*

**Seasonal Christian Greeting for the Theophany Feast**

Through January 14, the greeting that we salute each other with is, *Christ is Baptized!* The response is *In the Jordan!* And in Slavonic, *Christos Krescajetsja!* With the response *Vo Jordani!* Let us glorify the Lord this festive season by greeting and responding with this traditional custom celebrating the Lord Jesus' Baptism!

*“At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father’s voice bore witness to you, calling you His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ, Who appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You!”*

*Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!*

**A Note from Fr. Anthony**

Dear parishioners,

We are returning to "basically" our normal schedule. I say basically as we will have Great Vespers at St. George at 6:00pm Friday evening rather than Great Vespers Saturday Evening due to our Trivia Night. Thank you for the patience with the many schedule shifts, as it is difficult coordinating three liturgical schedules and maintaining my own energy levels. It is possible I may have to cancel Saturday evening Vespers later this month as well to accommodate all the house blessings that have been requested this year, over 40! It is a good problem to have an overly full schedule due to growing Churches.

On Tuesday, I will be blessing the parish hall, classrooms, and rectory at St. George after Divine Liturgy. I will be doing the same at St. Mary's on Wednesday.

One of our St. George parishioners, Daniel, will be joining the Air Force on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for him as he goes to support our country.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

**Receive Him**

John's preaching of repentance was not precisely the same as the preaching of Jesus, yet the Savior preaches in ways commensurable with John, for there is one God who sent them both. John first says "repent" in order to make ready a "people prepared" for God. Jesus, when he has received a people who have been made ready and who have already repented, does not merely say to them "Repent." For he does not preach in competition with the law and the prophets. When John had fulfilled the old covenant, Jesus "began to preach" the new, being himself the beginning of it. For this reason, the words "he began" are not written of John, for he was an end. Moreover, the one preaches in the wilderness, the other in the midst of the people. (*Origen*)

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***Sunday after Theophany***

In today's Gospel (Matthew 4:12-17), Jesus begins His public ministry. After His baptism in the Jordan, Matthew tells us that Jesus withdraws to Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." This moment marks a turning point—the Light of the world steps into the ordinary rhythms of human life, calling us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Theophany revealed Christ as the Son of God, and now we see what that means for us: God does not remain distant. He comes to where we are, in our own "Galilee," and invites us to conversion. His first words in this passage are simple yet profound: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance is not just sorrow for sin; it is a change of direction, a reorientation toward God's presence and His reign in our lives.

For Byzantine Catholics, this Sunday reminds us that baptism is not the end but the beginning of a lifelong journey. Just as Christ's baptism led to mission, ours calls us to live as witnesses of the Kingdom, bringing light to the places of darkness around us.

**Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples**

- Examine Your Direction – Ask: Where am I walking away from God? What small step can I take today to turn back toward Him?
- Bring Light to Others – Offer encouragement to someone struggling. A kind word or listening ear can be Christ's light for them.
- Live the Kingdom Daily – Make choices that reflect God's reign: honesty in work, patience in family life, generosity to those in need.
- Stay Rooted in Prayer – Begin or end your day with the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner."

**Take Holy Water to Your Homes**

Please fill a container with Holy Water to take to your home. You should drink Holy water when you feel a spiritual need, that is when you find yourself strongly tempted; feel in an evil way; are about to set out on a journey; will miss the divine services; before a difficult encounter; in illness, afflictions, etc. *The taking of Holy Water to our homes is to have in it a fount of continued blessings and protection against all evil.*



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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 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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*Great are you, O Lord, and wonderful are your works; no word suffices to give praise to your wonders*

(From Great Blessing of water)