

March 8, 2026
 Third Sunday of the Great Fast



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

See handout for Propers, Typical Psalms: pp. 16-17, Beatitudes: pp. 23-24, St. Basil melodies: pg. 96

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., MARCH 8 THIRD SUNDAY of LENT, VENERATION of the CROSS

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil the Great

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

WED., MARCH 11 Mid-Lent

6:00 P.M. LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

7:15 P.M. Adult Education, Byzantine Lent 101

THUR., MARCH 12 ... Theophane Venerable-Confessor

4:45-5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

FRI., MARCH 13 Translation of the Relics of Nicephorus-Patriarch

9:00 A.M. SIXTH & NINTH HOUR

SUN., MARCH 15 FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST, St. John Climacus

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil the Great

Intention: For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Susan Goetz requested by Carol Fellenstein

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Feb. 24: Jennifer Shuster, Feb. 27: George Kurash, Feb. 28: Deacon Tom Klacik
 March 2: Natalie Moskorisin, March 3: David Jones

Wedding Anniversaries:

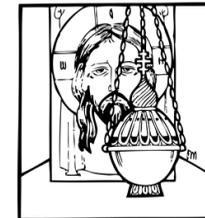
March 11: Scott & Diane Wood

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

*Christ is among us! He is and shall be!
 Christos posred' i nas! Jest' i budet!*



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

March 8 - 14, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for March 1, 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	\$2000.00
Loose Currency	\$40.00
Candles	\$15.00
Total:	\$2055.00

Regular Confessions Offered

St. George 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Fridays 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

Take Up Your Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV)

Based on Mark 8:27-38



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WORLD	CHRIST	LIFE	TEACH	DISCIPLES
DENY	KILLED	SOUL	FOLLOW	SATAN
FORFEIT	VILLAGES	LOSE	GOSPEL	GAIN
PROPHETS	SUFFER	SAVE	RISE	CROSS

Deanery Vespers will be at 4:00pm TODAY, March 8th at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg. A Lenten meal will follow.

Lost & Found

If anyone found a zippered pouch with a rosary inside, please turn it in to the Church office. Thank you!

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

MON., MARCH 9 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

6:00 P.M. LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFT

(Please note schedule change to Monday this week)

WED., MARCH 11 Mid-Lent

7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOURS

FRI., MARCH 13 Translation of the Relics of Nicephorus-Patriarch

4:45-5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

SAT., MARCH 14 THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom, *Panachida, Hramoty*

SUN., MARCH 15 FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST, St. John Climacus

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil

Intention: For the people of St. George, St. Mary, & St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., MARCH 14 FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST, St. John Climacus

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil the Great

Intention: + Paul Prigorac, requested by Renee Pintado

Third Sunday in the Great Fast

The Third Sunday in the Great Fast is the twenty-first day of the forty-day fast. We are halfway to our Holy Week observance of the Lord's passion and resurrection. At this mid-point the Church directs our attention to the holy cross and to Christ's injunction, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34).

Fasting and Taking Up the Cross

We still have a few weeks of the Fast remaining. They give us the opportunity to assess whether we are more committed to our small comforts or to the call of Christ. If we are so enslaved to certain foods and entertainments, how will we be able to give up something more serious for the sake of God's kingdom? The Great Fast helps us to see the depth of our willingness to take up the cross in our daily life.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

For this week, please note one schedule change. **Presanctified Divine Liturgy will be held Monday, March 9th at 6:00pm at St. George due to the Feast of the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste.** These heroic men were executed after surviving frozen water in the 4th century for their faith.

Tuesday will be my day off this week.

This Wednesday is Mid-Lent, the halfway point between Clean Monday and Easter! Let us continue to persevere in our Lenten journey.

Fr. Don Voss will be coming to St. Mary's to hear Confessions next Sunday, March 15th beginning at 10:30am. Fr. Ryan Liebhaber will be a guest homilist at St. George for Presanctified Friday, March 27th and will be available to hear Confessions beginning at 5:00pm.

Looking ahead, we will have an **Easter Basket making class at St. George's on Saturday March 28th at 10:00am** following Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday. This is a great opportunity to learn the spiritual meaning of what we put into our Easter baskets and to be exposed to a beautiful Rusyn custom.

Please see the flyer for this year's Holy Week schedule. I am grateful for the assistance of our cantors in their hard work allowing us to celebrate as many of these very important services as possible.

Please sign up if you wish to join us for our parish field trip to Christ the Bridegroom Monastery for Bridegroom Matins on Wednesday, April 1st at 10:00am celebrated by Bishop Robert Pipta.

Finally, we still are in need of parishioners to sign up for AED training at St. Mary's.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Third Sunday of the Great Fast

As followers of Christ today we may find that our stations in life will give up many opportunities for self-denial. The clergy are continually called upon to make sacrifices for the Church they have been called to serve. Monastics in their communities and spouses in their homes have daily opportunities to offer themselves for one another and the members of their families. Every Christian with open eyes will see that God gives us countless opportunities to humble ourselves for the service of others in the parish or the wider community in which we live. Taking up the cross means putting others first every day.



Our changing society is increasingly giving us opportunities to shoulder the cross in a more drastic way. You may lose your job. You may lose your health. You may lose your home. You may lose your pension or your reputation. You may lose everything on which you rely.

In this we look to Christ as our model. In the words of St. Paul, *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Philippians 2:5-11).

Christians living in countries dominated by other religions or by an aggressive secularism are finding themselves increasingly isolated and discriminated against for their faith in Christ. They might find it easier to see the choice that they are called to make than we in our as yet more accepting society. Their choice may be to deny Christ or leave town. Our choice may be to affirm a neighbor's abortion or to lose the friendship of their family.

In either case these cautionary words of our Lord apply: *“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels”* (Mark 8:35-38).

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E.C.F. coordinator: Jonathon Dohanich

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

True fasting lies is rejecting evil, holding one's tongue, suppressing one's hatred, and banishing one's lust, evil words, lying, and betrayal of vows.

(St. Basil the Great)



3RD ANNUAL

SPRING ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION



Join us on the first Sunday in May at the GCU St. Nicholas of Myra Chapel in Beaver, PA, as we gather to honor our patron saint, St. Nicholas! This special celebration, established by Fr. Val Michlik, is a meaningful opportunity for all the faithful to come together in devotion. We'd love to see you there!

DIVINE LITURGY

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at St. Nicholas Chapel at 3^{PM} celebrated by Bishop Artur Bubnevych

MUSEUM

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the GCU Museum, combining Greek Catholic, and Carpatho-Rusyn histories, will be opened to all visitors until 5^{PM}

BANQUET

A banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club will follow. \$40 for adults, \$20 for children (12 & under). Must be registered and prepaid online.

SUN, MAY 3RD

3^{PM} - 7^{PM}

ST. NICHOLAS
BYZANTINE CHAPEL
5400 Tuscarawas Rd
Beaver, PA 15009

Banquet to follow at:
SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB
132 Lisbon Rd, Beaver, PA 15009

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration required for both the Liturgy & Banquet. Due to the size of the chapel, the Liturgical celebration is limited to the first 80 who reserve a spot.

Register today!



gcuusa.com/pages/spring-st-nicholas-event



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Happenings...

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE of LITURGIES

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

LAZARUS SATURDAY - MARCH 28TH

9am | Divine Liturgy at St. George

10am | Easter Basket Making Class at St. George

5pm | Palm Sunday Vigil Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29TH

8:30am | Divine Liturgy at St. George

11am | Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's

HOLY & GREAT MONDAY - MARCH 30TH
No Divine Services Scheduled

HOLY & GREAT TUESDAY - MARCH 31ST

6pm | Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing at St. George

HOLY & GREAT WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1ST

6pm | Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing at St. Mary's

HOLY & GREAT THURSDAY - APRIL 2ND

9am | Matins of the Commemoration of the Mystical Supper at St. George

6pm | Vespers Liturgy of Basil the Great at St. Mary's

HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD

9am | Matins of the Twelve Passion Gospels at St. George

1pm | Royal Hours of Good Friday with Burial Procession at St. George

6pm | Vespers of the Burial of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ
(with fast-friendly snacks available afterwards) at St. Mary's

8:15pm | Jerusalem Matins at St. Mary's



HOLY & GREAT SATURDAY - APRIL 4TH

9am | Vespers Liturgy of Basil the Great at St. Mary's

4pm | Paschal Divine Liturgy with Blessing of
Easter Baskets at St. Nicholas

6:30pm | Midnight Office of Pascha at St. George

7pm | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. George

PASCHA - APRIL 5TH

10am | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. Mary's

St. George
Byzantine Catholic Church
Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 27, 2026

6 pm



Guest Homilist
Fr. Ryan Liebhaber

Administrator of St. Michael's
Byzantine Catholic Church in
Pleasant City, OH

*Fr. Ryan will be available for confessions
beginning at 5 pm*

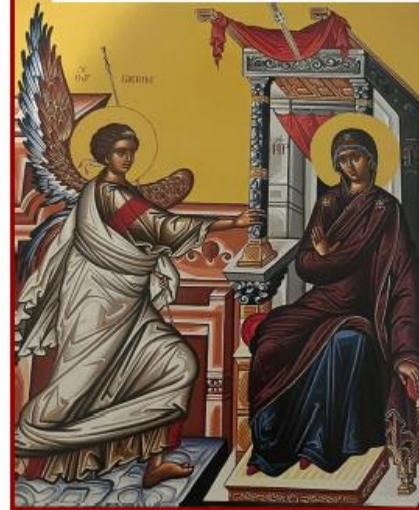


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We bow to Your Cross, O Lord, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection!

ST. MARY BYZANTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE
ANNUNCIATION
OF THE
THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH
VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
6:00 PM

Fr. Ladis J. Cizik of St. Augustine
Parish will be giving the homily:
The Mystery of the Annunciation



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GUEST HOMILIST

FR. LADIS J. CIZIK

Father Cizik is a Catholic Priest serving as the 'Chaplain' at St. Augustine Parish in Beaver County. He was ordained in 1987. He has offered the Traditional Latin Mass in various places around the country and world.

Besides serving in several parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, he was the Executive Director and Vice President of the National Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima and was posted at its headquarters in Washington, New Jersey from 2000 to 2003. His duties included directing the Blue Army's National Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, NJ, and administration of the Blue Army's hotel for pilgrims in Fatima, Portugal, *Domus Pacis*. During this time, Father Cizik served as the Editor and as a writer for the Blue Army's official worldwide publication, *SOUL* magazine.

Father Cizik has led numerous pilgrimages to Catholic Shrines around the world, most notably to Fatima, Portugal many times, as well as numerous trips to Rome and to San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, where St. Padre Pio served. Other countries visited on pilgrimage included: Israel, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and various locations in the United States.

Father Cizik served as a writer for various traditional Catholic publications, including "the Remnant" newspaper and "Catholic Family News." Father served as Chaplain, since 1988, to the Divine Child Jesus Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group and, since 2003, to the Beaver Valley Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, both presently meeting at Saint Blaise Church in Midland.