

April 5, 2026

Pascha, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Христосъ воскресъ! Воистину воскресъ!*

Propers for Pascha: pp. 164 - 171

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., APRIL 5 RESURRECTION of our LORD
10:00 A.M. RESURRECTION MATINS and DIVINE LITURGY,
Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Hall
Intention: + Jack Kotula, requested by Betty Kotula

TUE., APRIL 7 BRIGHT TUESDAY, Solemn Holy Day
8:30 A.M. RESURRECTION MATINS
Intention: Joseph Parkinson, requested by Karen Luksis

SUN., APRIL 12 THOMAS SUNDAY
10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Tom Benic, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Христосъ воскресъ! Воистину воскресъ!
Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En Verdad ha resucitado!
al-Masīh qām! Haqqan qām!

Happy Birthday Greetings:

April 4: William Rose, April 9: Janelle Kurash

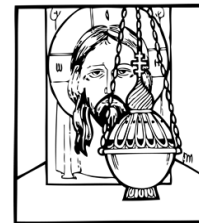
Wedding Anniversaries:

April 6: Rich & Ginny Sabol

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



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

April 5 - 11, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

The Parishioners

Parish Offerings for March 29, 2026

Offertory	\$745.00
Loose Currency	\$154.00
Candles	\$22.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
Total:	\$931.00

Parish Offerings for March 22, 2026

Offertory	\$405.00
Loose Currency	\$49.00
Candles	\$21.00
Holy Day	\$5.00
Total:	\$480.00

Parish Offerings for March 15, 2026

Offertory	\$1355.00
Loose Currency	\$26.00
Total:	\$1381

BLESSED KARL OF AUSTRIA WEEKEND CONFERENCE

Featured Speakers:

Princess Maria Anna Gallitzine

Granddaughter of Blessed Karl

Suzanne Pearson

North American Delegate of the Emperor Karl Prayer League

Paul Van Wie

Founder of the Kaiser-Karl Archive of North America

Conference Schedule:

Friday, 17 April 2026, St. Titus Church

952 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa PA 15001

6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Traditional Latin Mass

Conference after Mass – \$40/person

(Payable at the door or in advance.)

Saturday, 18 April 2026, St. George Byzantine Catholic Church

1001 Clinton St, Aliquippa PA 15001

8:15am Akathist (Byz Marian Service), 9am Divine Liturgy

Breakfast & Conference after Divine Liturgy – \$50/person

(Payable at the door or in advance.)

Sunday, 19 April 2026, St. Titus Church

952 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa PA 15001

1:30pm Rosary, 2pm Traditional Latin Mass

Conference after Mass – \$40/person

(Payable at the door or in advance.)

**Prepaid Discount - All Three Conferences \$100/person
If Paid in Advance by 13 April 2026**

Children 17 & Younger - FREE

Full-Time Student Discount - \$25/person For All Three Conferences

Make Check Payable and Mail To:

Knights of Columbus 2161

2335 Concord St, Aliquippa PA 15001

Sponsored By: Knights of Columbus, Woodlawn Council 2161

Additional Info: KnightsOfColumbusLatinMass.blogspot.com

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

MON., APRIL 6 BRIGHT MONDAY, Solemn Holy Day

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY,

MYSTERY of CROWNING – Chris and Christine Winslow

Followed by Paschal procession

SUN., APRIL 12 THOMAS SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, *distribution of the Artos*

Intention: +Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Sandy Stewart

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., APRIL 11 THOMAS SUNDAY

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

Parish offices are closed for Bright Week. Please do not contact me or our office volunteers unless there is an emergency.

Fr. Anthony will be away until Tuesday, April 7th until Saturday, April 11th. Please call Fr. Joseph Raptosh our Protospesbyter, at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg at 724-745-7117 in case of a sacramental emergency.

St. Mary's parishioner Betty Kotula wishes to thank all who have been donating food in the back of the Church to the Center for Hope. Know that your small donations of non-perishable food are a major help to those in need and a wonderful chance for us to show Christ's love to our neighbors.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Bright Monday and Tuesday are both Holy Days in which we continue to celebrate the joy of Pascha and we are encouraged by the Church to attend liturgy at least one of these days if possible. Bright Monday's Liturgy will include the Mystery of Crowning for Chris and Christine Winslow. All are most welcome to attend as they begin a sacramental marriage. We will not have divine services Wednesday to Friday to give myself and our cantors a chance to recover from several intense weeks of services.

Due to the joy of Bright Week, there is no fasting this week. Enjoy burgers, steaks, bacon, etc. on Wednesday and Friday in the spirit of Paschal joy.

St. George will be hosting the Woodlawn Knights of Columbus' Blessed Karl of Austria Conference Saturday, April 18th (*Flyer in today's bulletin*). He was the last emperor of the Austro-Hungarian empire, which is a region where Ruthenian Catholics are. His granddaughter will be in attendance. The conference is free for St. George parishioners, but sign-up is required.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Come, Receive the Light Which Never Fades!

By His death and resurrection Christ has defeated Death once and for all. He destroys our enslavement to sin. Through faith He offers us new life. Let us celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and, in faith, allow Him to transform our lives.

I was buried yesterday with You, O Christ; but today I rise, resurrected with You. Yesterday I crucified myself with You, O Savior. Now glorify me with You in Your kingdom.

(From Pascha Matins)

Privileged Week

During Bright Week (Sunday of Pascha to the Sunday of St. Thomas), there is no fasting at all. Bright Week is seen, liturgically speaking as one single day – a continuation of Pascha throughout the whole week.

THE PASCHAL HOMILY *of our father among the saints John Chrysostom Archbishop of Constantinople*

Is there anyone here who is a devout lover of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival.
Is there anyone who is a grateful servant?
Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!
Are there any now weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!

If they have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he shall have sustained no loss. And if any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him who toiled from the first.

To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the work as he greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends. Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry; partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when he descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he said, You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below. Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar, because it was mocked. It was in an uproar, for it was destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar because it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and it discovered God. It took earth and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you, O death, are annihilated!
Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is risen, and life is liberated!
Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ, having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PRIEST: FATHER ANTHONY COSTANTINO



Deacon Thomas J. Klacik
624 Park Road – Ambridge, PA 15003
Fr. Anthony's Cell #: (878) 226-0878
OFFICE PHONE: 724-266-2030
CHURCH FAX: 724-266-1834
CHURCH HALL: 724-266-8642



PARISH WEBSITE: www.byzantinecatholics.org

Cantors: Alex Broussard Mike McCann Naedia McCann Catherine Richthammer

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

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Voskrese! Хри́сто́съ воскресе́! Восстину́ воскресе́!

2026 Paschal Message

Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen.

Christos Voskrese!
Voistinu Voskrese!

May the blessing of the Risen Lord bless you and your families during this Easter Season!

After the coldest and longest winter in the Northeastern United States, it was the first time in my 14 years in Pittsburgh to see the grass turn brown. We rejoice to see the return of green grass, pussy willows, and the blooms of trees and flowers. The winter snow and rain have fed the plants and brought our yards, forests, and fields back to life.

Likewise, the season of fasting and listening to readings of the Lenten season have allowed us the time to turn our attention inward to our souls, and to have space in our hearts for the breaking of the Good News that Jesus Christ is Risen. The Paschal Easter Sunday and Bright Week stories of our Lord and God Jesus Christ continue to change our hearts and the world.

After many years of war in over twenty countries, we hope that the Lord gives us peace. “May the Lord give you Peace” was a saying of Saint Francis of Assisi whose memory we celebrate this year. I took it as my Episcopal motto when I received my Episcopal ordination. Wars and the rumors of war have always been a part of our world. It is especially difficult to live in Ukraine and the Middle East where our families struggle to survive.

Our Holy Father Pope Leo offered his hope for peace in the world based on Words of the Risen Lord. The first gift of peace was given at Jesus first appearance to the apostles. They were filled with fear, sadness, helplessness and a sense of betrayal after experiencing the darkness of Good Friday. Jesus first words were “peace be with you!”.

The second greeting of peace was given by Risen Jesus to the apostles just before they were to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower them to overcome the darkness and fear of the people. When there is true and just peace, we can overcome hatred and violence of war. All types of persecution can be overcome if we can truly follow the way proclaimed in the Easter message.

The third greeting of Peace is to the Apostle Thomas. The Risen Lord makes a return visit to extend His peace to Saint Thomas who was always late and struggling to understand and believe the teachings of Jesus. Saint Thomas is an example for us and to anyone who is having difficulty understanding and believing in the power Jesus’s Resurrection. The peace of the Lord makes it possible to believe that the Lord is Risen. Belief in the Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of all Christian teaching on how to live and to believe in the true power of the Resurrection. It also gives us hope that when our time comes, we too will be raised from the dead.

Our personal problems frighten us and test our faith in the same way that the apostle’s were tested after Jesus’s crucifixion and death. Each time that we sing “Christ is Risen!”, the Lord give us a shot of the grace of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to become more like Christ. The news and images of growing chaos in world can overwhelm us. Besides war, the crushing effects of the cost of living and health problems can be overwhelming. But with the aid of this healing of the Fast and power of the Risen Lord, we can go beyond our fears and receive at least a little peace to a world in need of healing.

We give thanks for all who entered into our Byzantine Catholic Church. Holy Week has been a time of new Baptisms and professions of Faith for many new Byzantine Catholics. We have also been blessed with many ordinations to diaconate and priesthood this year. Please pray for our seminarians and those called to priestly, diaconal, and religious orders as well as lay leadership for our Byzantine Catholic Church.

On behalf of the Metropolitan Church, the Cathedral of Saint John in Munhall, we thank you for your journey through the Lenten Fast and participation in celebrations for the Great Week. All Easter food is exempt from calories during Bright Week. Carry the joy of the Resurrection that fills your heart and mind to your family, friends, and to the whole world.



Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh