

May 10, 2026

Sunday of the Man Born Blind, Sixth Sunday of Pascha



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Propers for this Sunday: See Handout

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., MAY 10 SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND

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

TUE., MAY 12 LEAVE-TAKING of PASCHA

5:00 P.M. RESURRECTION MATINS

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the Holy Souls most in need, requested by Carol Fellenstein

WED., MAY 13 ASCENSION of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

5:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS with LITIJA

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY, **Obligation Holy Day**

Intention: For the Sanctification of all priests and increase in priestly vocations, requested by Carol Fellenstein

Following Social

THUR., MAY 14 ASCENSION of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

9:00 A.M. FESTAL MATINS, **Obligation Holy Day**

FRI., MAY 15 POST-FESTIVE DAY of the ASCENSION

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Judi Rubino, requested by Prudence Peya

SUN., MAY 17 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Maren and Petra Guice, requested by Claire Arnold

Happy Birthday Greetings:

May 15: Melissa Kowalsky

Wedding Anniversaries:

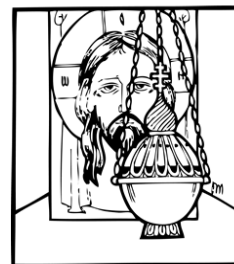
May 15: George & Antoinette Kurash, May 16: Andrew & Candace Miller

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 Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 10 - 16, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

**Our Mother's,
Living and Deceased**

Parish Offerings for May 3, 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 \$ 1,874.50

Loose Currency \$85.00

Candles \$20.00

Total: \$1979.50

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

The Ascension of our Lord

Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven...

The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated by our Holy Church as one of the Great Feasts on the fortieth day after Pascha-Resurrection of Our Lord. The Ascension of Christ shows the last stage in God's plan for mankind: total union with Himself upon one's departure from the world. According to a great scholar Fr. George Florovsky, "in the Ascension resides the meaning and the fullness of Christ's Resurrection....and with Christ, man's nature ascends also."



"We who seemed unworthy of the earth, are now raised to heaven," says our holy father John Chrysostom. "We who were unworthy of earthly dominion have been raised to the Kingdom on high, have ascended higher than heaven, have come to occupy the King's throne, and the same nature from which the angels guarded Paradise, stopped not until it ascended to the throne of the Lord."

By His Ascension, the Lord not only opened to us the entrance to heaven, not only appeared before the face of God on our behalf and for our sake, but likewise transferred us to the high places. "He honored them He loved by putting them close to the Father." God quickened and raised us together with Christ, as St. Paul says, "and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6). Heaven received the inhabitants of the earth. "The First fruits of them that slept" sits now on high, and in Him all creation is summed up and bound together. "The earth rejoices in mystery, and the heavens are filled with joy."

Be Lifted Up!

The Ascension of Christ is our elevation. Hope for the body is also invited where the glory of the Head precedes us. Let us exult, dearly beloved, with worthy joy and be glad with a holy thanksgiving. Today we not only are established as possessors of paradise, but we have even penetrated the heights of the heavens in Christ. (St Leo the Great, Sermon 73)

Christ is glorified! Exalt Him forever!

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

**THUR., MAY 14 ASCENSION of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ
6:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY, **Obligation Holy Day****

Intention: + Sr. Mary Phillips, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

SUN., MAY 17 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

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

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., MAY 16SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND

4:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

5:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Omid Dodell, requested by Grant Gaylord

Eternal Memory

We offer prayerful condolences to the family of St. Mary's parishioner Rebecca Cirka who fell asleep in the Lord. Fr. Anthony was able to give her last rites, and she died a peaceful death. Her funeral will be at 10:30am at St. Mary's on Friday, May 22nd, with a visitation preceding from 9:00-10:00am. ***In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Rebecca and remember her forever! Vičnaja jej pamjat'!***



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

This week, we have a bit of a schedule change due to the Leave-taking of Pascha and the Ascension. **We will have 5:00pm Resurrection Matins and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy on Tuesday evening at St. Mary's for the Leave-taking of Pascha.** This day, which brings Pascha to a close, is celebrated as a day of Bright Week and is one final celebration of Easter Joy. After this day, the burial shroud, which has been on the altar since Pascha, disappears.

Thursday, May 14th is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Due to scheduling conflicts with cantors, I will have liturgy at St. Mary and St. George only. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday May 13th

5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's followed by a social

Thursday, May 14th

9:00am Festal Matins at St. Mary's

6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George.

I recognize the schedule at St. Mary's heavy this week, but this sometimes happens with a shared priest, such as when we had 2 weeks solid of weekday services at St. George during the Cross of Gratitude's visit.

Next week, I have Archeparchy Clergy Days Tuesday to Thursday. I am hoping to squeeze in a weekday service, but I won't know until I am given the schedule as my attendance is required.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

In today's Gospel (John 9:1-38), we witness an extraordinary transformation—not just of sight, but of faith. A man born blind is healed by Jesus, but his journey does not end with physical sight. Instead, he moves toward a deeper recognition of who Jesus truly is.



At first, he knows Jesus only as the one who healed him. Then, through questioning and opposition, he comes to understand that Jesus is more than just a healer—He is sent from God. And finally, in a moment of grace, he professes his belief: “Lord, I believe,” and worships Him.

This passage reminds us that spiritual blindness can often be more limiting than physical blindness. How often do we fail to see the presence of God in our lives? How often do distractions cloud our vision of faith?

Jesus invites us today to open our eyes—not just to the miracles around us, but to the truth of His love and salvation. Like the man born blind, may we grow in our awareness of Christ and confidently proclaim, “Lord, I believe.”

Touched by Divine Light

St. Ambrose of Milan teaches that the blind man touched by Jesus received more than just his sight. In one instant we see both the power of his divinity and the strength of his holiness. As the divine light, he touched this man and enlightened him. As priest, by an action symbolizing baptism he wrought in him his work of redemption. The only reason for his mixing clay with the saliva and smearing it on the eyes of the blind man was to remind you that he who restored the man to health by anointing his eyes with clay is the very one who fashioned the first man out of clay, and that this clay that is our flesh can receive the light of eternal life through the sacrament of baptism.

You, too, should come to Siloam, that is, to him who was sent by the Father, as he says in the Gospel: “My teaching is not my own; it comes from him who sent me.” Let Christ wash you, and then you will see. (Adapted from Letter 67)

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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

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Voskrese! Хри́сто́съ во́скре́се! Воскресе!

FLEA MARKET

Take Out

Rusyn Kitchen featuring:

**PIROHI, HALUSKI,
STUFFED CABBAGE**

Until sold out

And More!

BAKE SALE

**June 26 & 27
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

St. George Church



**1001 Clinton Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001**

Come and find your treasure and take home some lunch!

St. George Church is NOW accepting donations for their Flea Market. If you have items you need to find a new home for, consider donating them to the Flea Market. Donations can be brought to St. George Center on Saturdays from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. or set up time with Fr. Anthony. *Thank you!*

A Blessing for Mother's Day

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us. We thank you today for the gift of our Mothers. We give thanks for our Mothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love. We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers who are unable to be with us here today. May they know how much we love and care for them.

We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs and give them a secure home. And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon Mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, war and violence that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be Mothers, but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers standing before us here. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

We ask this Blessing in the name of Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.





FAMILY TRIVIA

MAY 29TH

6 PM DIVINE LITURGY

7 PM TRIVIA

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!



ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SOLEMN RECONSECRATION OF THE CITY OF ALIQUIPPA TO THE SACRED AND IMMACULATE HEARTS

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Followed by a mile-long procession through the streets of Aliquippa.

Mayor Dwan Walker will be attending and participating in the Reconsecration. This is the 10th Anniversary of the Consecration of the city.



**Sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus Woodlawn Council 2161**

We will be invoking the Holy Spirit's
intercession in a special way!



**SATURDAY,
MAY 30, 2026**

Pentecost Saturday

All are welcome to attend a light
social in the Church social hall
after the procession.



**ST. GEORGE BYZANTINE
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