

May 17, 2026

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicaean Council



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

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

FRI., MAY 22 Funeral for Rebecca Cirka

10:30 A.M. FUNERAL DIVINE LITURGY

SUN., MAY 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the healing of baby Luke Brandt, requested by Mark and Susan Koshute

Following Social

1:00 P.M. Kneeling Vespers



Happy Birthday Greetings:

May 17: Rita Shuster, May 22: David Dohanich

Wedding Anniversaries:

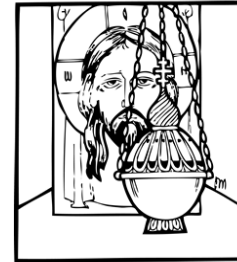
May 19: George & Katie Kowalsky, May 20: Jonathan & Leanna Dohanich

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 Glorified! Exalt Him Forever!
Christos Proslavlennyj! Velicajme Jeho vo v'iki!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 17 - 23, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for May 10, 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 \$885.00

Loose Currency \$20.00

Candles \$21.00

Total: \$926.00



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

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V	T	G	R	L	W	H	J	N	N	GLORIFY	FATHER	JESUS
G	N	A	L	E	I	M	I	I	I	MINE	COMPLETE	TELL
L	T	E	C	M	H	K	W	M	H	EVERYTHING	WHY	HIMSELF
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Eternal Life in Christ

In asking to be glorified, Jesus is asking his Father not to give him glory so much as He is seeking to reveal the honor the Father had already given Him. The Son's willing obedience and his glorious deeds reflect back on the Father. They are then passed onto us as the gift of salvation we receive through faith.

The Gospel recounting the High Priestly Prayer is placed on this Sunday after Ascension because today we also celebrate the memory of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council held at Nicaea in A.D. 325. It was at this Council when the Church affirmed that Christ was of one essence with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., MAY 20 Thaleus and Others, Martyrs
 7:00 A.M. FIRST HOUR & THIRD HOUR, (Reader Service)

THUR., MAY 21 FIFTH ALL-SOULS SATURDAY, *Transferred*
 6:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY with Panachida & Hramoty
Intention: + For the departed of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas

SAT., MAY 23 Wedding of Adam Marquart and Catherine Richthammer
 2:00 P.M. Wedding Divine Liturgy

SUN., MAY 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY
 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 23PENTECOST SUNDAY
 5:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Judi Rubino, requested by Tharina Simantiras

We Prepare to Celebrate Pentecost

Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, which is a celebration of the fulfillment of the promises of God. Pentecost Sunday – the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is also known as the **Green Sunday**. Why? Green is the color of spring and summer, the color of life, and life is an attribute of the Holy Spirit, “the Lord and giver of Life” who animates us all. In commemoration of Pentecost, please **WEAR GREEN** to celebrate this day!



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I will be at the Cathedral in Munhall for the Archeparchy's annual Clergy Days that all priests are required to attend Tuesday to Thursday. I will return Thursday evening to celebrate Divine Liturgy at St. George.

We will celebrate the 5th and Final All Souls Commemoration on this day as on Saturday we have the wedding of Seminarian Adam Marquart and Catherine Richthammer at St. George.

Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost! Wear green! This color is a sign of life and the Holy Spirit in our tradition.

Next **Sunday we will have Kneeling Vespers at St. Mary's at 1:00pm** following our social. This beautiful service is the first time in which we beseech the Holy Spirit's intercession on our Church and community is the first time kneeling happens after Pascha

Due to the clergy days this week, our men's and women's groups of St. Mary will be held Wednesday, May 27th rather than the 3rd Wednesday of the month as usual.

Thank you to all those who donated to the St. George Annual Appeal. Please RSVP to myself or Jackie Pinchot by Monday, May 18th if you wish to attend the appreciation dinner on Thursday, May 28th.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end. (Symbol of Faith)***

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea

The Church was strengthened into one faith through the preaching of the Apostles and the doctrines of the Fathers. The Church is robed in truth woven of the word of God from above. It teaches truth and glorifies the great mystery of faith.



Today we celebrate the memory of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council which is annually celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost, following Ascension Thursday. As we witnessed on the Feast of the Ascension, when Christ ascended, He reiterated His promise of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. The Holy Spirit guided the Church, and this guidance is magnificently made manifest in the history of the Ecumenical Councils, when dogmas were confirmed and heresies were corrected. It was the Holy Spirit who guided the Holy Fathers in the councils and confirmed their pronouncements.

There have been seven Ecumenical Councils, which were convened when there was some heresy that endangered the purity of the true faith. The First Ecumenical council that we celebrate today was held in 325 A.D. in a small town in Asia Minor called Nicaea. According to the historical documents, 318 bishops participated in the council, who are called "Holy Fathers of Nicaea" or just "Holy 318". The number 318 has biblical significance as the bishops are seen like 318 servants of Abraham (Gen 14:14).

This First Ecumenical Council produced four important documents:

1. Confession of Faith (Symbol), which Arius and two of his supporters declined to undersign and were thereby excommunicated and exiled to Illyricum.
2. The council decided upon the date of Pascha-Easter and controversies on this issue were settled.
3. Twenty Canons to the question of ecclesiastical discipline.
4. A Synodal letter, which was sent to all sister Churches to explain the proceedings of the council and thereby a call to obey the decisions of the council.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the Holy Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

Be exalted above the heavens O God, and let Your glory be over all the Earth!

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 a time with Fr. Anthony. *Thank you!*



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
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

1001 Clinton St.
Aliquippa, PA 15001



Join **Fr. Mark Le Roy**

For the celebration of his

First Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6p.m.

St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church

Dinner to follow

RSVP required no later than May 31st

Sign up in the back of the church or call the parish office at 724-266-2030

or email stmaryambridge@protonmail.com