

July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Propers for this Sunday: See handout

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 5 SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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

WED., JULY 8..... Procopius, Great Martyr

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Madhu Maruthappan, requested by Grant Gaylord

THUR., JULY 9 Pancratius, Bishop-Martyr

7:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Michael Ranieri, requested by Jonathan Dohanich

FRI., JULY 10 Anthony of the Caves, Venerable

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Charolet Costo, requested by Patricia Costo

SUN., JULY 12 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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

Happy Birthday Greetings:

July 5: Bruce Sisson, July 6: Nick Magera, Helen Sisson,

July 7: Michael Moskorisin, July 8: Emily Shuster

Wedding Anniversaries:

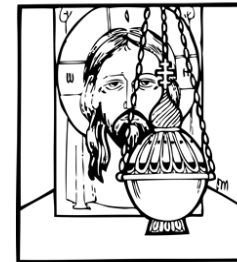
None for the week

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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Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вики!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 5 - 11, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for June 28, 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	\$737.00
Loose Currency	\$12.00
Candles	\$15.00
Holy Day	\$28.00
Total:	\$792.00

Do not neglect good deeds and generosity, God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16)

Regular Confessions Offered

St. George Beginning 5:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and before every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Mary Beginning 5:00 P.M. Wednesdays and following every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas 4:00-4:45 P.M. before Vigil Liturgy on Saturdays

PRAY FOR THE FALLEN AWAY

Join the parishes of St. George's (Aliquippa) and St. Mary's (Ambridge) for a four day mission of prayer for the return of all fallen away Catholics to the beauty of the true Catholic Faith.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE WELCOME!

Monday, August 3

4:15-5:00pm St. Mary Confessions
5:15p St. Mary Akathist (Marian Hymn) to the Theotokos
6:00p St. Mary Divine Liturgy with Mystery of Holy Anointing
Guest Celebrant Fr. Thomas More Sikora, OSB
Social to follow

Tuesday, August 4

8:30a St. Mary Moleben (Prayer Service) for those suffering from drug and alcohol dependence
9:00a St. Mary 1st and 3rd Hour
5-5:45p St. George Confessions
6:00p St. George Divine Liturgy with guest homilist Fr. Mingwei Li
Social to follow

Wednesday, August 5

7:00a St. George Paraklesis- Canon of Supplication to the Theotokos
5:00p St. Mary Great Vespers with Litija for Transfiguration
6:00p St. Mary Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit
Guest Homilist: Fr. D.J. Egan
Social to follow

Thursday, August 6

9:00a St. Mary Festal Matins for Transfiguration
6:00p St. George Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit
Guest Celebrant: Fr. Ian McElrath
Social to follow

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church
1001 Clinton St Aliquippa, PA 15001
StGeorgeByzantineCatholicChurch.org

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church
624 Park Road Ambridge, PA 15003
byzantinecatholics.org

Please be aware, these events take place in two different two locations.
Double-check the events you plan to attend to ensure you arrive at the correct location.

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., JULY 7 Thomas and Acacius, Venerables

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Rebecca Dickun, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

WED., JULY 8 Procopius, Great Martyr

7:00 A.M. FIRST HOUR &THIRD HOUR

THUR., JULY 9 Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina

6:30 P.M. MOLEBEN to JESUS,LOVER of MANKIND

7:15 P.M. LIFE & LITURGY SERIES

SUN., JULY 12 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, requested by Butch & Judy Dzumba

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JULY 11 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Sylvia Testa 40th day after passing, requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

Parishes Picnic

The annual parishes picnic will be on Sunday, **August 23**. Everyone is asked to bring (potluck) side dishes, desserts, or beverages. We are once again having the very popular basket raffle and will be accepting donations of various themed baskets. Many fun things are being planned! More details to follow.

A Celebration of Marriage

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and beyond years during 2026. The Archeparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM. **Please submit your names to Fr. Anthony by July 15** if you are celebrating one of milestone anniversaries this year, so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Thank you.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Thanks to all who helped with the St. George flea market. We raised a total of \$5,500 and will receive another \$2,500 in matching funds from the GCU. It was truly a great success!

We are back to our normal liturgical schedule this week. Please note that we will be having a 6:30pm Moleben to Jesus the Lover of Mankind (the Byzantine equivalent of the Sacred Heart devotion) Thursday evening followed by our first adult education at 7:15pm in the bar area. Drinks and snacks will be provided. I will be speaking on several parts of our liturgy, including why we chant, celebrate "ad-orientem," use so much incense, and have an all-male sanctuary.

Please note that the week of July 12th there will be no weekday services with the exception of Wednesday July 15th, where we will have a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by our men's and women's groups.

The next chant group practice is scheduled for Saturday, July 18th at St. Mary's.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Many Christians have great sensitivity of soul. In a daily struggle to lead a good and holy life, they are scrupulously aware of their sinfulness. Some despair that God could ever forgive them their many weaknesses and failings. Other Christians at various times in their lives even fall into a way of life very much at odds with Christian values. They sin, and sin boldly. Sometimes, when they come to their senses, they may feel repentant but doubt that God could ever forgive the enormity of their transgressions.

It's presumptuous, however, to consider God so small as to be unable or unwilling to forgive human offences, no matter their number or seriousness. It's grandiose to presume that one's sins are of such magnitude that Almighty God is incapable of pardoning them. St. Matthew shows Jesus, without any great ado, offering forgiveness to a paralytic with four words: "Your sins are forgiven." The implication in this narrative is that God, quite simply, is always ready to forgive anyone at the drop of a hat.

It's a human tendency to project human personality traits onto God. Depending on our temperament and the way we respond to offences against ourselves, we might picture God as petulant, grudge-holding, vengeful and the like. We fear God as unforgiving because that's what we experience ourselves. It stands to reason, then, that we can come to appreciate God's eagerness to forgive by practicing our own eagerness to be forgiving. And this is exactly what the Gospel encourages.

The Scribes are outraged that Christ would presume to forgive a man's sins with a few simple words. They ask: "Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" The point is, we can!

We all can be quick and eager, for example, to forgive those who sin against us. To err is human, but to forgive is divine. We can prove our own divine qualities, as did Jesus, when we say with fullness of heart, "You're forgiven."

The Gospel cautions us not to make God "small" with misguided ideas that God is cheap with grace and vengeful of human failings. But, by the same token, the Gospel encourages us not to be small ourselves. Big-hearted people are generally admired, and there is no reason we can't be big-hearted ourselves. All that's required is that we have an open heart and not hold on to grievances.



First Session this Week

Life and Liturgy

A Monthly "Theology on Tap" style Adult Education Series (21+) with Fr. Anthony

Talks begin at 7:15 pm in the Social Hall Bar area

Drinks & snacks provided!

**Thursday,
July 9**

6:30 pm Moleben To Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

7:15 pm Byzantine Divine Liturgy: Outdated or A Venerable Form of Worship? The priest facing East, lots of chant, an all-male sanctuary, and Communion on a Golden Spoon.



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Aliquippa, PA**

– Bishop Augustine McBeth

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Cantors: Alex Broussard, Mike McCann, Naedia McCann, Catherine Richthammer

E.C.F. coordinator: Jonathan 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

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!