

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 1, pp. 125 - 127

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 2 TENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Intention: + Monta Lee Tomley, requested by George Tomley

MON., AUG 3 Isaacius and Others, Venerables

4:15-5:15 P.M. Confessions

5:15 P.M. Akathist to the Theotokos

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Mystery of Holy Anointing

Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially our family members and friends

Following Social

TUE., AUG. 4 Seven Youths of Ephesus, Martyrs

8:30 A.M. Moleben for those suffering from drugs and alcohol dependence

9:00 A.M. First and Third Hour

WED., AUG. 5 TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD, Solemn Holy Day

5:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS with LITIJJA

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit

Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially our neighbors in Beaver County

Following Social

THUR., AUG. 6 TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD, Solemn Holy Day

9:00 A.M. FESTAL MATINS

FRI., AUG. 7 POST-FESTIVE DAY of the TRANSFIGURATION

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Jeffrey Zdinak, requested by Fr. Anthony

SUN., AUG. 9 ELEVENTH 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:

Aug. 6: Diana Magera, Aug. 8: George Kowalsky

Wedding Anniversaries:

Aug. 5: Jody & Amanda Campbell

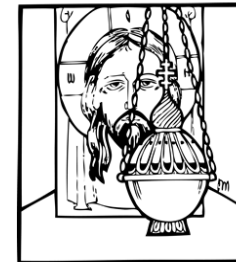
Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME: Penny Furis, William Killian, Joyce Rose, Eleanor Soltis

Franciscan Manor: (71 Darlington Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010) - George Cirka

O Most Holy Theotokos, Save Us!

Presvjataja Bohoridice, spasi nas!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

August 2 - 8, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for July 19, 2026

Offertory	\$732.00
Candles	\$9.00
Total: \$741.00	

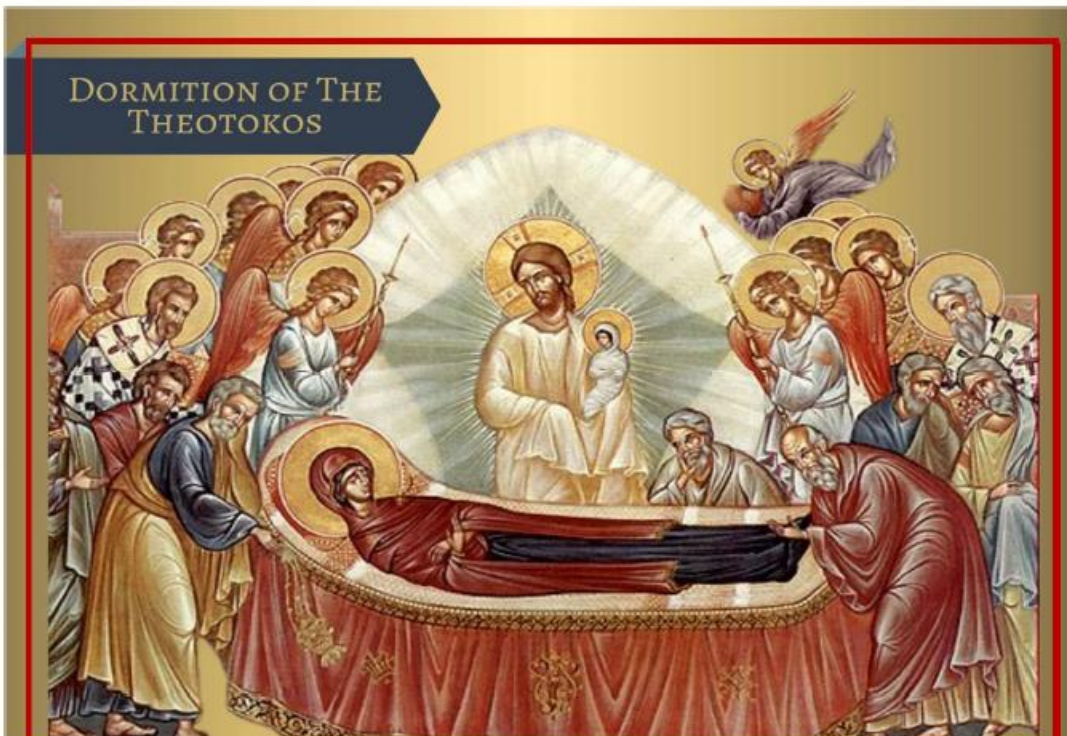
Parish Offerings for July 26, 2026

Offertory	\$714.10
Loose Currency	\$5.00
Candles	\$30.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
Total: \$759.10	

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



"The grave and death did not detain the Theotokos. She intercedes without rest and in our unflinching hope of protection; for He who dwelt in the womb of the Ever-Virgin transferred to life the Mother of life."

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

6 PM GREAT VESPERS

7 PM DIVINE LITURGY – Followed by a procession with the Dormition Shroud

– ST. MARY'S CHANT GROUP DEBUT –



ST. MARY BYZANTINE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
624 PARK ROAD
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003

PRAY for the FALLEN AWAY

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., AUG. 4 Seven Youths of Ephesus, Martyrs

5:00-5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially parishioners of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Following Social

WED., AUG. 5 Eusignius, Martyr

7:00 A.M. Paraklesis to the Theotokos

THUR., AUG. 6 TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD, Solemn Holy Day

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit

Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially members of the clergy

Following Social

SUN., AUG. 9 ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + John Franc, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., AUG. 8 ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Health of Rebecca Kayla Harding, requested by Dan and Jackie

Parishes Picnic

Our annual Church 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.

Please sign-up for the Picnic on the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

As we go through the Dormition Fast, we celebrate our 3rd Annual Days of Prayer for Fallen Away Catholics. This has been an extremely fruitful mission for our parish and we've had many Catholics return to the practice of the faith. I encourage everyone to participate in this parish mission as much as possible. We are blessed to have several excellent guest homilists coming to join us:

1. Fr Thomas More OSB, a bi-ritual monk of St. Vincent Archabbey
2. Deacon Joseph Hnat, a longtime deacon of the Eparchy of Parma studying for the priesthood
3. Fr. DJ Egan, a friend of mine from my time in Roman seminary who is pastor of St. Aidan parish in Wexford
4. Fr. Ian McElrath, a bi-ritual priest of the Diocese of Erie

Note that Thursday is the **Solemn Holy Day of the Transfiguration**. We will have the blessing of grapes and fruits at the end of each feast day liturgy.

Saturday, August 15th is the Feast of the Dormition, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Our schedule will be as follows:

Friday, August 14th 6:00pm Great Vespers 7:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by Procession with Dormition Shroud at St. Mary.

Saturday, August 15th 7:45am Festal Matins 9:00am Divine Liturgy followed by Procession with Dormition Shroud at St. George.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Total Faith

When someone has total faith, such that he no longer disbelieves in anything found in holy Scripture and has faith like that of Abraham, who so believed in God to such a degree that his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness, then he has all faith like a grain of a mustard seed. Then such a man will say to this mountain – I mean in this case the deaf and dumb spirit in him who is said to be epileptic – “Move from here to another place.” It will move. (*Origen*)

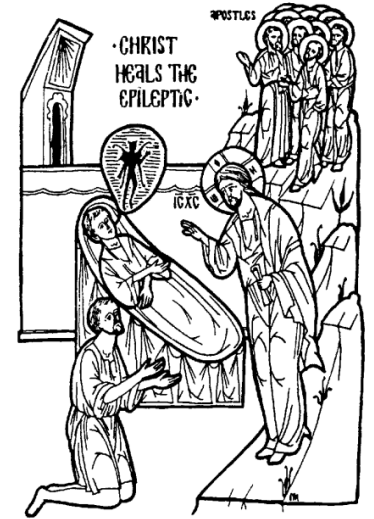
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At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.”

In today’s Gospel Reading Our Lord said that the disciples who were unable to heal the boy were FAITHLESS. What does it mean to have faith?

Faith is what comes of an encounter with the Lord beyond words and human concepts. It is the result of a face to face, heart to heart encounter with the living God. Faith is a gift given by God to those who have purified their hearts, to those who have learned how to sit at the feet of the Lord in silence and who practice moment by moment, day by day, month by month and year after year the constant remembrance of His presence. Faith is a return to the truth of who we are as human beings created in His image and likeness. It is the rising within us of the rivers of living water promised by Christ to those who have, as St. Seraphim so beautifully taught, acquired the Holy Spirit. Faith is released in us from the depths of our souls when we have taken out the garbage that obstructs the image and let go of everything that is unhelpful, unloving and unhealthy.

Faith embraces God Himself in an unmediated way, demanding and asking for nothing except to see and experience the wonder of His presence. Even miracles are a distraction from the “one necessary thing” which is to sit at His feet, to feed on His words, to bask silently in His silence. The Holy Fathers say that if you see a vision during prayer, ignore it and return to prayer for there is only one “necessary thing.” Faith rests in the God who at all times “is everywhere present, filling all things” and is content to be alone with Him and to love Him. True faith simply knows that the goodness of the Lord overflows at all times to all creation whether times are good or bad or happy or sad. “To live is Christ, to die is Christ,” wrote St. Paul. That is all we need. The sign of faith in a person may be miracles or not, but the one sure sign that faith is at work is love and humility. If they are present, then a variety of miracles are already occurring and the eyes of faith can see them. Amen.



Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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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

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!