

August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Leave-Taking of the Dormition



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Proprs for this Sunday: See Handout

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 23 NO LITURGY at ST. MARY

WED., AUG. 26 Adrian and Natalie, Martyrs
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Jacob and Klee Young, requested by Micah Young

THUR., AUG. 27 Poemen, Venerable
7:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Special Intention, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

FRI., AUG. 28 BEHEADING of JOHN the BAPTIST, **Simple Holy Day**
6:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: +Judith Rubino, requested by Helen Cool

SUN., AUG. 30FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
10:45 A.M.THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Barb and Bill Kushner 55th wedding anniversary

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Aug. 23: Jennifer Mosseso, Ron Stewart, Aug. 30: Andrew Kondrack

Wedding Anniversaries:

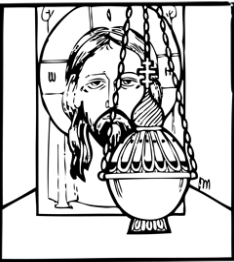
None for the week

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

*O Most Holy Theotokos, Save Us!
Presvjataja Bohoridice, spasi nas!*



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
August 23 - 29, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for August 16, 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	\$1,330.00
Loose Currency	\$5.00
Candles	\$12.00
Holy Day	\$125.00
Total:	\$1472.00

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



St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., AUG. 25 Return of the Relics of Bartholomew, Apostle

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Sister Sophia Rose of the Heart of God, requested by Grant Gaylord

WED., AUG. 26 Adrian and Natalie, Martyrs

7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

SUN., AUG. 30FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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., AUG. 29 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

CHURCH CLEANING HELP NEEDED.

We are looking for volunteers to keep our church clean on a regular basis. This involves vacuuming the altar, church, and narthex, spray cleaning the glass, and dusting as needed. This can be done by an individual or teams. For example, teams of two people could each do a week per month if we get enough volunteers. If you are willing to help, please let Fr. Anthony know in what capacity you are able to do so. Thank you!

Annual Uniontown Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great at Mt. St. Macrina in Uniontown are hosting their 92nd annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help, September 5 & 6. For more information, visit <https://www.mtstmacrinacemetery.org/92nd-annual-pilgrimage-2026>.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

This Saturday, August 29th is the Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist, a Simple Holy Day. While not obligatory, this is traditionally a day of strict fast from meat and dairy. Our liturgical celebration for this feast day will be a 6:00pm Vespers Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's on Friday, August 28th.

Thank you to all those who are helping put on our parish picnic. It is always special to come together as a community of Byzantine Catholics in Beaver County to worship and enjoy fellowship with each other. It will be a blast!

A reminder to all volunteers to complete safe environment forms! We must do this to be compliant with Archeparchy and state requirements.

We have two Solemn Holy Days in September, the Nativity of the Theotokos on Tuesday, September 8th (the day after Labor Day) and the Exaltation of the Cross on Monday, September 14th. I will release a schedule for the Holy Days next week, but both present significant logistical challenges so it is likely one feast day will be celebrated at St. George, and one will be celebrated at St. Mary.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Our friends, the Melkite Monks at Holy Martyrs Skete, are having a fall workday on Saturday, September 12th beginning at 8:00am. There are only three monks, and they can use help with some work projects so please consider helping them. Their address is 783 Reno St, Rochester, PA 15074. Please let Fr. Anthony know if you are interested in assisting.

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The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them..."



Today's Gospel reading is the parable of the vineyard. An owner built a vineyard, hedged it around, built a winepress and a tower, and then let it out to tenants. When he sent servants to take the rent, they were beaten and stoned. He sent others, but they did the same. When the owner sent his own son, they killed him.

This parable is addressed to each of us today in a personal sense. The vineyard is our own soul. It is hedged around with prayer, our guardian-angel, and our patron-saint. The winepress is where we offer ourselves to Christ. The tower is our inner Church where we pray to God. We are tenants of our God-created souls. The servants sent to us are all those occasions when God speaks to us. He speaks to us in prayer, He speaks to us through the word of His Scriptures, He speaks to us through every opportunity, every meeting, and every event that comes into our lives. He speaks to us through the presence of His Church in the world.

And how do we react? Do we reject everything sent to us, everything allowed to us, as a chance to do better, to make good our weaknesses? Do we fail to heed God? Do we ignore the Church? If so, then we too beat and stone and kill the servants of God. We are warned today that the Heir is coming.

At the end of the parable of the vineyard, Christ says: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?" The stone rejected is of course the Rock of Faith, Christ Himself, for He was rejected and crucified. Yet He became the head of the corner and it is marvelous in our eyes. Let us too be rocks of faith then, and though the world will reject us, we too shall become heads of the corner, and it will be marvelous in the eyes of God and men. Glory to You, O God, glory to You!

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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!

COME CELEBRATE THE

Birth of the Theotokos

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

St. George Byzantine Church
1001 Clinton Street, Allquippa, PA

6:00 PM
DIVINE LITURGY
with Guest Homilist Fr. Canice McMullen

Social Immediately following

