

August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Post-festive Day of the Beheading of the Forerunner



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., AUG. 30FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
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10:45 A.M.THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Barb and Bill Kushner 55th wedding anniversary

WED., SEPT 2 Mammas, Martyr

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

THUR., SEPT. 3 Anthimus, Bishop-Martyr

7:45 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Judith Rubino, requested by Helen Cool

FRI., SEPT. 4 Babylas, Bishop-Martyr

9:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + James VanVieldhuizen, requested by Micah Young

SUN., SEPT. 6 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

10:45 A.M.THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of godchildren Maximillian Koshute and David Brandt requested by Melissa Koshute

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Aug. 30: Andrew Kondrack, Sept. 1: Lori Moskorisin, Sept. 3: Eleanor Soltis

Wedding Anniversaries:

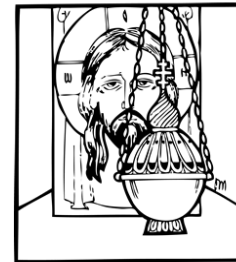
None for the week

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
August 30 - September 5, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

Fr. Anthony will be away until September 2nd. Please call Fr. Joseph Raptosh, our Protopresbyter, at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg at 724-745-7117 in case of a sacramental emergency.

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:

WED., SEPT. 2 Mammas, Martyr

7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR, Reader Service

SAT., Sept. 5 Zachary, Prophet and Elizabeth

7:45-8:15 AM Confessions

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Alma Ruiz, requested by Grant Gaylord

1:00 P.M. BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY for Cecilia Cushin

SUN., SEPT. 6 FIFTEENTH 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., SEPT. 5 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Dorothea Linden requested by Claire Arnold

CHURCH CLEANING HELP NEEDED.

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Our Church requires weekly vacuuming, mainly due to being carpeted. This can be done on either Friday or Saturday. Other tasks such as spray cleaning the glass and dusting are done as needed. With 2 people, it takes an hour to an hour and a half. My hope is to have 4 teams of 2 people so this work is not burdensome on any individual. Signup sheet is in back of Church. If nobody volunteers, I will have to look into hiring which would be a good expense to avoid. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

We received approval to fix the collapsing rectory driveway wall at St. Mary's. This will cost \$11,000. **Thankfully, the parish received an anonymous \$15,500 donation last week which will more than cover the cost.** Thank you to all of our generous benefactors, you are truly a grace.

The young adult event has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 12th. Please see updated flyer.

For the Nativity of the Theotokos, Tuesday, September 8th, there will be one combined Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm at St. George with Guest Homilist Fr. Canice McMullen.

For the Exaltation of the Cross, there will be a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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“Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

“Many are called, few are chosen”. At first this may seem to us to be a hard saying. And yet when we look around in this country and many other countries and see half-empty or even totally abandoned Churches, then we can see that this is true, for all are called to come to Church, but few choose to come and worship Christ. Today’s Gospel reading of the marriage-feast remains as true today as when it was first spoken.



If we ask those who do not come to Church why, they will give various answers... Some hide behind excuses, which mean only that their faith is not a priority for them: I’m too busy. I’m too tired. I’m seeing someone. I don’t like the other people. I’m buying a new car. Others at least have the merit of being honest: I have lost my faith! But whatever the reason given, ultimately there is only one reason why people do not come to Church - because they are ignorant of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Comforter, and the Spirit of Truth.

Every Sunday we are invited to a banquet, the banquet of the Kingdom of God, the Eucharistic meal, in which we are united in a sacramental way to the risen Christ, for our personal sanctification and the building of the Church. That is why we start our Liturgy by saying: “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”. And at the Great Entrance with the gifts, the priest says: “May the Lord God remember in his Kingdom...” And prior to receiving Holy Communion we pray: “Remember me, O Lord, in your Kingdom!”

We can find many excuses not to come to this banquet. But if we really love the Bride, the Church, and if we really love one another, all these excuses become nonsense. When the priest invites the people to the Communion, he says: “Approach with fear of God and with faith!” We come to the Eucharistic banquet full of reverence, faith, and love. So that, after the Holy Communion, we can sing with joy and thankfulness: “May our mouths be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we may sing of your glory, for you made us worthy to partake of your holy, divine, immortal, pure and life-creating Mysteries. Preserve us in your holiness that we may meditate on your righteousness all day long. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!”

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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!