

September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Proprs for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 6: pp. 152 - 153

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., SEPT 9 Synaxis of Joachim and Anna

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Miriam, Joel, and Frances Hardy, requested by parents, Ben and Melanie

THUR., SEPT. 10 Menodora and Others, Martyrs

7:45 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

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

FRI., SEPT. 11 Theodora, Venerable

9:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Mary Ellen and + Arthur Fellenstein, requested by Carol Fellenstein

SAT., SEPT. 12Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

5:30 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

Following Young Adult Barbeque

SUN., SEPT. 13 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the CROSS

10:45 A.M.THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Anthony Thaddeus Burke, requested by Pete Masciontonio

Happy Birthday Greetings:

Sept. 10: Jarren Dohanich, Sept. 11: Judy Kotula, Sept. 13: Melissa Reda

Wedding Anniversaries:

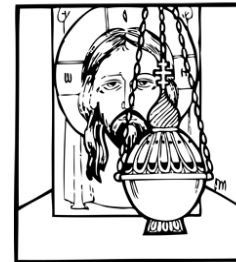
Sept. 10: Mike & Sue Shuster, Sept. 14: Bob & Toni Klacik

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

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

September 6 - 12, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for August 30, 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	\$1,720.00
Loose Currency	\$42.00
Candles	\$15.00
Holy Day	\$60.00
Total: \$1837.00	

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

This Week!

**YOUNG ADULTS, JOIN US FOR A
BARBECUE**

**SEPTEMBER 12,
2026 @ 5:30 PM**

**5:30 PM GREAT VESPERS
6:30 PM BARBECUE
AGES 18 TO 39**



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

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., SEPT. 8 BIRTH of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day

8:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Thomas Costo, requested by Patricia Costo

Following Social in the Center

WED., SEPT. 9 Synaxis of Joachim and Anna

7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

SUN., SEPT. 13 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the CROSS

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. 12 NO LITURGY

CHURCH CLEANING HELP NEEDED.

Having beautiful Divine Services are the most important part of our Church life. One necessary component of this is keeping the Church clean. Our current team of cleaners have done a great job but need to step down.

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,

This week we celebrate the Birth of the Theotokos, a Solemn Holy Day and one of the 12 Great Feasts. We will celebrate First and Third hour at 8:30am at St. George. We will be having one Divine Liturgy at St. George at 6:00pm with my dear friend Fr. Canice McMullen as a guest homilist. A social will follow.

I apologize for the schedule shift but there will no Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel this Saturday, September 12th.

All are welcome to attend the Great Vespers at 5:30 at St. Mary's (fulfills Sunday obligation for Byzantine Catholics). There will be a young adult barbecue (ages 18-39) to follow.

We still are in need of volunteers to signup to clean (basically vacuuming) St. Mary's. Even helping once a month would be *tremendously helpful*.

Next Monday, September 14th is a Solemn Holy Day, the Exaltation of the Cross. We will have one Divine Liturgy at St. Mary at 6:00pm. This is traditionally a day of strict fast for Byzantine Catholics.

Normally, the goal is to do a more full liturgical observance for Solemn Holy Days. However, Labor Day preceding the Birth of Mary and the Exaltation of the Cross following on a Monday makes this untenable this time around.

A reminder to our volunteers to please turn in Safe Environment forms.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

This question was posed by one of the scholars of the law in an attempt to test Jesus. It's clear, from the context of this passage, that the relationship between Jesus and the religious leaders of His time was beginning to become contentious. They were beginning to test Him and were even trying to trap Him. However, Jesus continued to silence them with His words of wisdom.

In response to the question above, Jesus silences this scholar of the law by giving the perfect answer. He says, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”

With this statement, Jesus gives a complete summary of the moral law found in the Ten Commandments. The first three Commandments reveal that we must love God above all and with all our might. The last six Commandments reveal that we must love our neighbor. The moral law of God is as simple as fulfilling these two more general commandments.

But is it all that simple? Well, the answer is both “Yes” and “No.” It's simple in the sense that God's will is not typically complex and difficult to comprehend. Love is spelled out clearly in the Gospels and we are called to embrace a radical life of true love and charity.

However, it can be considered difficult in that we are not only called to love, we are called to love with all our being. We must give of ourselves completely and without reserve. This is radical and requires that we hold nothing back.

Reflect, today, upon the simple call to love God and your neighbor with all that you are. Reflect, especially, upon that word “all.” As you do, you will most certainly become aware of ways in which you fail to give everything. As you see your failure, recommit in hope to the glorious path of making a total gift of yourself to God and others.

Lord, I choose to love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. I also choose to love all people as You love them. Give me the grace to live these two commandments of love and to see them as the path to holiness of life. I do love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.



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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!

THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS



JOIN US ON OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

OCTOBER 1, 2026

6:00pm Divine Liturgy

7:15pm Program begins

Q&A to follow

Free of Charge

(Free Will Offering will be accepted)



A talk with scholar
Dr. Peter Kwasniewski

"Exploring the Common Riches of the Byzantine Rite and the Roman Rite"

Peter A. Kwasniewski holds a B.A. in liberal arts from Thomas Aquinas College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from the Catholic University of America, with a specialization in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas.

After teaching at the International Theological Institute in Austria, he helped establish Wyoming Catholic College in 2006, where he taught theology, philosophy, music, and art history and directed the choir and schola until 2018.

Today, he is a full-time writer, speaker, and publisher, who co-founded the traditional Catholic digital platform Pelican Plus; he writes at the Tradition & Sanity Substack, and directs Os Justi Press, which publishes popular and academic books by many authors on a wide variety of subjects.

Dr. Kwasniewski himself has written more than twenty books, with special attention to the traditional Roman liturgy, and his work has been translated into at least twenty languages. He is also a composer whose sacred choral music has been performed around the world.

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