September 27, 2026

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# Veil of Protection

**SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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## St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

**SUN., SEPT. 27 ……. EIGHTEENTH 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., SEPT. 30 ……..** *Anticipated* **PROTECTION of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day**
**6:00 P.M. ……. All Night Vigil: Vespers and Matins**
**Following …….. Social**

**THURS., OCT. 1 ……...PROTECTION of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day**
**6:00 P.M. ……. DIVINE LITURGY**
**Following …….. Talk by Dr. Peter Kwasniewski**
***Intention: + Ligia Giraldo,*** *requested by Terry & Marta Sasala*

**FRI., OCT. 2 …….. Cyprian, Bishop-Martyr**
**9:00 A.M. ……DIVINE LITURGY**
***Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Kathryn Ragsdale,*** *requested by Patricia Costo*

**SUN., OCT. 4 …….. NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
**9:30 A.M. …… FESTAL MATINS**
**11:00 A.M. ……...DIVINE LITURGY**
***Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel***
**Following …….. Parish Open House**

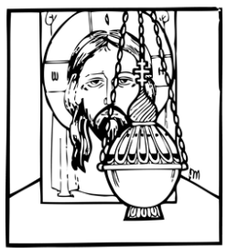
**Happy Birthday Greetings:**
September 27: Patty Costantino, September 28: Shaun Bold, October. 2: Daniella Plumb

**Wedding Anniversaries:**
None for the week

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**
**HOME**: Penny Furis, William Killian, Joyce Rose, Eleanor Soltis, Bruce Steffine

**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 27 – October 3, 2026
*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*
Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for September 20, 2026

# Not Available

**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

## *Pirohi Sales Return*

St. Mary Pirohi sales resume on **October 2**! Please call 724-266-8642 on Wednesdays between 9:00-11:00 am to place an order for the following Friday. Walk-ins are welcome on Friday at 11:00. Please refer to the pirohi tab on our website, byzantinecatholics.org, for the sale dates for each month. If you have never tried them, you are in for a treat!

## *Follow Christ and He will astonish you with blessings!*

After toiling the whole night Simon and his companions caught nothing. But in the name of Christ they let down the net and immediately it was full of fish. … Many have taken part with the holy apostles in their labors, and still do, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea (that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things).

*(St. Clement of Alexandria)*

# Fishing for People



Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)

Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.

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| 7. | T | C | X | K | P | E | O | P | | E | S | V | L | E | Z | D | O |
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| sea | boat | fishermen | people |

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever!

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## St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

**TUE., SEPT. 29 ……. Cyriacus, Venerable**
**6:00 P.M. ……. DIVINE LITURGY**
***Intention: + 40th day Joseph Yurosky***

**WED., SEPT. 30 ……. Gregory Illuminator, Bishop-Martyr**
**7:00 A.M. ……. DIVINE LITURGY**
***Intention: Private intention from Mt. St. Macrina***

**SAT., OCT. 3 ……. Dennis the Areopagite, Bishop-Martyr**
**7:45-8:15 AM …….. Confessions**
**8:30 A.M. ……. DIVINE LITURGY**
***Intention: + Members of the Yuhasz Family,*** *requested by Bill & Carole Yuhasz*

**SUN., OCT. 4 …….. NO DIVINE LITURGY at ST. GEORGE**

## St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

**SAT., OCT. 3 ……. NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
**5:00 P.M. ……..... DIVINE LITURGY**
***Intention: + Judith Rubino,*** *requested by Cynthia Hedzik*

### *The Holy Protection of the Mother of God, October 1*




On October 1, 911, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

## A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

We have an absolutely packed week filled with wonderful celebrations!

Thursday, October 1st is the patronal feast day of St. Mary's the Protection of the Theotokos. On **Wednesday evening, we will begin the celebration at 6:00pm with an "All-Night" Vigil,** a service combining Vespers and Matins that takes roughly two hours followed by a social. You are more than welcome to come late or leave early, don't feel as if you have to stay for the whole thing.

Since we will not be having Wednesday evening Divine Liturgy, we will have Divine Liturgy at 7:00am at St. George on Wednesday morning rather than 1st and 3rd hour.

**Thursday evening we will have the feast day at St. Mary's at 6:00pm followed by a lecture from Dr. Peter Kwasniewski at 7:15pm, a friend of mine and an internationally known liturgical scholar.**

Saturday morning we will have Confessions and 8:30am Divine Liturgy at St. George as it is a First Saturday.

Sunday we will have one combined Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's at 11:00am followed by the parish open house. Please sign up by today if you plan on coming. There will be 9:30am Festal Matins preceding Divine Liturgy.

**We will still have liturgy Saturday evening at St. Nicholas Chapel but there will be no Sunday liturgy at St. George.**

Next week I will be on the Archeparchy's required clergy retreat. Please contact me in the case of an emergency, but please wait until Thursday afternoon when I return for non-essential business. There will be no weekday liturgies until Friday.

In Christ,
*Fr. Anthony*

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# *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



In Luke 5:1–11, we encounter the moment when Jesus calls His first disciples through the miracle of the great catch of fish. As the crowds press in to hear the Word of God, Jesus steps into Simon Peter's boat and teaches from the water. Afterward, He tells Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Simon, weary from a fruitless night of fishing, replies, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5). His obedience, despite doubt, leads to an astonishing result. The nets overflow with fish, and the boats nearly sink under the weight of the catch.

This moment is more than a miracle; it is a revelation. Peter, overwhelmed, falls at Jesus' knees and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8). His response reflects the awe and humility that often accompany an encounter with divine holiness. In the Byzantine Christianity, this echoes the experience of theosis—being drawn into the life of God despite our unworthiness. Jesus does not reject Peter's confession but instead calls him to a new mission: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men" (Luke 5:10). This is the heart of apostolic life. We are transformed by Christ and sent into the world.

The imagery in this passage resonates deeply with Byzantine spirituality. The boat represents the Church, from which Christ teaches. The deep water symbolizes the mystery of divine grace, which lies beyond human effort. The net is the Gospel, cast into the world to gather souls. And the catch is the fruit of obedience and trust in Christ. Peter and his companions leave everything behind, their boats, their nets, even their identity as fishermen, to follow Jesus. This radical surrender is the beginning of their discipleship.

On this 16th Sunday after Pentecost, we are invited to reflect on our own response to Christ's call. Are we willing to "put out into the deep," trusting Him beyond our comfort zones? Will we let down our nets again, even when past efforts have failed? Can we acknowledge our sinfulness without letting it paralyze us? And most importantly, are we ready to follow Him, leaving behind whatever holds us back? The Gospel challenges us to move from fear to faith, from labor to abundance, and from spectators to apostles.

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*

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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 Anointing ……...……..…Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of Marriage ……...…Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes…...……...……September through May.

Pirohi Sales ……..….... Every Friday

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