October 11, 2026

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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., OCT. 11 …….. SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
10:45 A.M. …….. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. ……..DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For Deacon Tom on the 15th anniversary of his ordination, *requested by Fr. Anthony*

MON., OCT. 12 …… Probus and Others, Martyrs
11:00 A.M. …….. FUNERAL DIVINE LITURGY for Antoinette Kurash

WED., OCT. 14 …… Paraskevia, Venerable
6:00 P.M. …….. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Juan Rosario, *requested by Matthew and Maria Sawicki*

THURS., OCT. 15 ……. Euthymius, Venerable
7:45 A.M. …….. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: **+ Lucia Mejia De Giraldo,** requested by Terry & Marta Sasala

FRI., OCT. 16 …… Longinus, Martyr
9:00 A.M. ……DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, & St. Nicholas Chapel

SUN., OCT. 18 …….. TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Luke – Apostle
10:45 A.M. …….. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. ……..DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Michael Sasala, *requested by Terry & Marta Sasala*

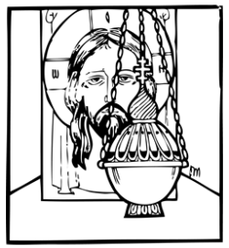
Happy Birthday Greetings:
October 16: Frank Dalonzo Jr., October 16: Barb Kushner

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

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Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!





THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
October 11 - 17, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for October 4, 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

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



On this Sunday, we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II, 787), who defended the veneration of holy icons against the heresy of iconoclasm. Their witness affirms the Incarnation: that Christ, the Word made flesh (John 1:14), entered into visible creation, sanctifying it and making it a vessel of divine grace.

In the Gospel reading (John 17:1–13), we hear Christ's high priestly prayer. He prays to the Father, saying, *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3).

This prayer reveals the heart of our faith: communion with God through Christ. The Fathers of the Council defended this communion by safeguarding the truth of the Incarnation. To deny the legitimacy of icons was, in effect, to deny that the Son of God truly became man. As St. John of Damascus wrote in his defense of icons, "When the Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:8, 17).

The Fathers of Nicaea II were sanctified in this truth. They stood firm against political pressure and theological confusion, preserving the apostolic faith handed down through the Church. Their work reminds us that fidelity to Christ often requires courage, discernment, and unity.

Finally, Christ prays: "Holy Father, keep them in Your name… that they may be one as We are" (John 17:11).

This unity is not merely institutional—it is spiritual, rooted in the truth of Christ and the love of the Trinity. The Council Fathers, though diverse in background, were united in their defense of the faith. Their unity reflects the unity Christ desires for His Church: a communion of love, truth, and holiness.

As we honor the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, we are called to:

- Embrace the truth of the Incarnation and the Church's teaching.
- Venerate holy icons as windows to heaven, not as ends in themselves.
- Seek unity in Christ, grounded in truth and love.
- Live eternal life now, by knowing the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit.

May their intercession strengthen us to remain faithful, courageous, and united in the truth of Christ.

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., OCT. 14 …… Paraskevia, Venerable
7:00 A.M. ……. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

SUN., OCT. 18 …….. TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Luke – Apostle
8:15 A.M. …….FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M. …….DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: +Mark A. Seech and Jason E. Seech, *requested by Edward M. Seech*

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., OCT. 17 …….. TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Luke – Apostle
5:00 P.M. ……..... DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Judith Rubino, *requested by Maria & Michael Altrudo*

Envelopes

If you are not currently receiving envelopes but would like to, please let Fr. Anthony know as we will be ordering them for 2027 soon. Thank you!

Food Drive

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Center for Hope. A collection box is in the narthex and will remain through Christmas. We appreciate your generosity to our neighbors in need! Thanks to Betty Kotula for organizing this project.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its first meeting on Saturday, November 1 at St. George Church following the First Saturday Liturgy. Liturgy is at 8:30 AM. The meeting will follow, around 10:00 AM. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

As I announced last Sunday, I am very happy to have been named pastor of St. Mary's continue as administrator of St. George! I had requested to be named pastor of both churches but it appears to be Archeparchy policy to only name a priest the pastor of the church where he resides. There is absolutely no expectation that another priest will be assigned to St. George. This is a sign of stability for our churches and allows us to continue on the path of growth that we have been experiencing.

There will be no Liturgy on Tuesday as it will be my day off due to the Monday funeral.

There will be an ice cream sundae social following the 11 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 18 in celebration of my assignment. Please plan to join us after liturgy!

On Friday, October 23rd we will have a special 6:00pm Divine Liturgy in which we will celebrate the Liturgy of St. James in honor of his feast day. This is the ancient liturgy of the Church in Jerusalem until it was succeeded by the Byzantine Rite.

As we move forward, I would like to remind everyone to please talk to me or someone on the Pastoral or Finance Councils if you have any questions or suggestions. I am not familiar with all of the customs that have developed over the years at both churches and appreciate learning about them from you and will consider including them if deemed appropriate.

A reminder that the combined Pastoral Council members are Deacon Tom, Lill Dziabiak, JoAnn Hersh, Francis Hersh, Jonathan Dohanich, and Jackie Pinchot. St. Mary Finance Council members are Deacon Tom, Patty Shuster, Robin Pesa, and Greg Plumb and St. George Finance Council members are Dan Pinchot and Brian Cushin. Charitable questions and suggestions are always welcome.

I thank God for my assignment and your support.

God bless.

Fr. Anthony

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Today the Church proclaims the inspirational story of the resurrection of the dead son, the only son, of the widow of Nain. It is one of Jesus' chief miracles. In the person of the widow, we can see the most destitute, the most hopeless of people. In those days, a widow was left often times with no means of financial security – no means to provide the basic necessities of life. No means, that is, unless there is left to her a son who can look out for her and offer her protection. Sadly, this widowed woman is the wife of a dead man and now the mother of a dead son – truly, she was bereft of hope. She was indeed in a hopeless state – a state of real need. And as Jesus comes to this woman to restore her dead son to life, the woman receives not only her son but also the possibility of life for herself. It was for this reason, to restore life to a world in the stronghold of death, that Jesus was born of the Theotokos. It is for this reason, to give life back to mankind, that he was crucified, was buried and on the third day rose again.

The Church challenges us today to become a people formed in the image and likeness of Christ – a people whose sole identity is to give our life that others might live. Every aspect of our life, then, must be about giving of ourselves to those around us. And through giving of ourselves we proclaim in our actions the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For Your Reflection:

1. What are the different kinds of "needs" that people have?

2. Is there a way to be dead in our heart and yet alive in our body? If so, how can we become more like Jesus to those who are spiritually dead?

3. What are some practical ways in which we can help others who are in need?

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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

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!