October 25, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 5: pp. 146 - 148

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., OCT. 25 …….. TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
10:45 A.M. …….. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. ……..DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Bobbie Klacik on the 15th anniversary of her passing, *requested by Deacon Tom Klacik*

THURS., OCT. 29 …..... Anastasia, Venerable Martyr
6:00 P.M. ……. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Dorris R. Costantino, *requested by Mike & Patty Costantino*

FRI., OCT. 30 …… Zenobius and Zenobia, Martyrs
9:00 A.M. ……DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + John Costo, *requested by Patricia Costo*

SUN., NOV. 1 …….. TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
10:45 A.M. …….. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. ……..DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + William Plumb, *requested by Greg Plumb*

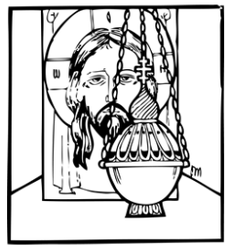
Happy Birthday Greetings:
Oct. 25: Sarah Cassidy, Timothy Cassidy, Oct. 27: Nicole Slappo, Oct. 28: Dianne Wood, Oct. 29: Kate Kowalski, Oct. 30: Brian Bartko

Wedding Anniversaries:
October 28: Matthew & Maria Sawicki

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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THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
October 25 - 31 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for October 18, 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 …….…….…….…

St. Nicholas Celebration - Byzantine Catholic Seminary

The 69th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration benefiting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at St. John Cathedral and Center in Munhall. The afternoon will begin with a Moleben to St. Nicholas in the Cathedral at 3:30 pm followed by a Social Hour at 4:00 and Dinner at 5:00. The event will include a talk on the Seminary by Bishop Robert Pipta, former rector and the current Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma. The cost is $45 per person but in support of our seminarians, both St. George and St. Mary Churches will sponsor a table for our parishioners to attend. There are 10 spots available at the St. George table and 9 at the St. Mary table. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. **This is open to the first 10 parishioners at St. George and 9 at St. Mary's and we need the list of people attending by November 8 in order to submit our reservation.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry Correction

Corrected announcement: The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its first meeting on **Saturday, November 7** at St. George Church following the First Saturday Liturgy. Liturgy is at 8:30 AM. The meeting will follow, around 10:00 AM. Please note the original announcement had the wrong date listed.

Liturgy Intentions

There are only a handful of Liturgy intentions left through 2026 and almost all of them are on weekdays. If you want an intention for 2026, please call Patty Costantino at 724-470-4123 to find out what is available. We will be accepting intentions for 2027 as soon as we receive the new liturgical calendar (it has been ordered) so if you know you want specific dates, please submit those as soon as possible. We schedule them on a first come, first served basis. 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.

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!

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., OCT. 27 …..... Nestor, Martyr
7:45 A.M. ……. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the spread of traditional liturgy in Beaver County, *requested by Fr. Anthony*

WED., OCT. 28 ……. Paraskevia, Martyr
7:00 A.M. ……. FIRST & THIRD HOUR, Reader Service

SUN., NOV. 1 ……. TWENTY-THIRD 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., OCT. 31 ……. TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. ……..... DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Dr. Idris Evans, *requested by Karen Luksis*

The Holy and Great Martyr Demetrius, October 26



Born in Salonica of devout parents, he was a much-longed-for only child. Because of this he received an excellent education. Like his father, Demetrius became a soldier in the Roman army. The emperor Maximian appointed him to persecute the Christians in Salonica, but Demetrius confessed his faith and preached Christ. He was cruelly martyred for his witness to the Lord. Since earliest times, he has been regarded as a wonderworker and powerful intercessor.

Are you alive in Christ?

The Lord compared the priests of the people with him who was clothed in purple. Nothing is more honored than purple clothing. He compared the disciples of the cross with Lazarus. There were none more lowly than Lazarus was. He revealed the names of his beloved ones through Lazarus, his beloved one. He also wished to reveal the name of his enemies through the words, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets." It is not the case that all those living are alive, or that all those buried are dead.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

This week we have a modified liturgical schedule. I will be speaking at a Theology on Tap in Johnstown on Wednesday sponsored by our good friend Fr. Canice's parish. I do my best to bring in guest speakers to our parishes so it is important that I reciprocate when asked.

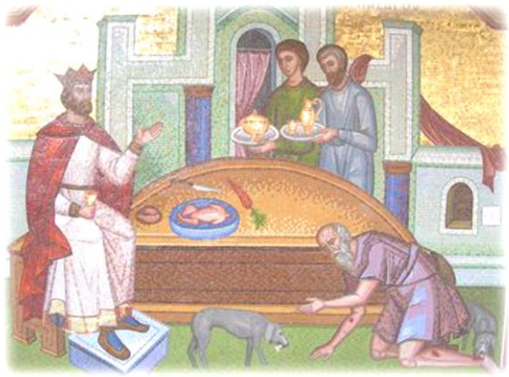
Our pastoral council is meeting this Saturday, October 31st. Please speak to myself or one of our pastoral council members (Deacon Tom, Lill Dziabiak, JoAnn Hersh, Francis Hersh, Jonathan Dohanich, and Jackie Pinchot) if there is anything you would like added to the agenda.

Please note that our new prayer shawl ministry will be meeting for the first time at 10am on Saturday, November 7th following the 8:30am First Saturday Divine Liturgy at St. George.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost



In today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31, we encounter the rich man and Lazarus, a parable that pierces the heart with its clarity and urgency. The rich man, clothed in purple and feasting daily, is blind to the suffering of Lazarus, who lies at his gate, covered in sores. After death, their roles are reversed: Lazarus is comforted in Abraham's bosom, while the rich man is tormented.

This passage echoes the Byzantine emphasis on theosis: our journey toward union with God. The rich man's failure was not merely his wealth, but his lack of compassion, and his refusal to see Christ in the suffering poor. In Byzantine spirituality, we are called to ascend from the passions, to be transfigured by divine love, and to recognize the image of God in every person.

The chasm between the rich man and Lazarus in the afterlife is not arbitrary. It is the natural consequence of a life lived without love. As St. John Chrysostom teaches, "If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."

Let us heed the words of Abraham: "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." We have the Gospel, the Liturgy, the saints—a treasury of divine wisdom. May we not wait for signs from beyond, but respond now with mercy, humility, and love.

See, the more sumptuously the rich man lived, the more Lazarus was humbled! The more Lazarus was made low, the greater was his crown. Why should he have seen Abraham above all the just, and Lazarus in his bosom? He saw him because Abraham loved the poor and so that we might learn that we cannot hope for pardon at the end, unless the fruits of pardon can be seen in us.

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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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Life and Liturgy

A Monthly "Theology on Tap" style Adult Education Series (21+) with Fr. Anthony

Talks begin at 7:15 pm in the Social Hall Bar area

Drinks & snacks provided!

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church
1001 Clinton St.
Aliquippa, PA

Remaining Dates:

Thursday, Oct. 22	*6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary* 7:15 pm We're In This Together: Why Byzantine Catholics should appreciate the Traditional Latin Mass and why Traditional Roman Catholics should appreciate the Divine Liturgy.
Thursday, Nov. 5	*6:30 pm Moleben of Thanksgiving* 7:15 pm Latinizations or Genuine Developments? Do Daily Divine Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Rosary have a place in the Byzantine Catholic Church?
Thursday, Dec. 3	*6:30 pm Emmanuel Moleben* 7:15 pm Questions & Answers with Fr. Anthony! All questions are welcome relating to the talks, Divine Liturgy and tradition, and anything else you might have always wanted to ask!



St. George & St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it comes in the form of a prayer shawl!





A Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the power of prayer with the love of knitting and crocheting to reach out to those individuals in need of comfort, solace, shelter, or a warm hug!.

Prayer shawls--and other handcrafted items--are simple gifts of grace from God, prayerfully and lovingly stitched as reminders that God is always with us.

If you can knit or crochet (at any level) please consider joining us for fun, fellowship, prayer and service to others!

Sign up sheet in the narthex.