November 1, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Veil of Protection

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

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*

WED., NOV. 4 …….. Joannicius, Venerable
6:00 P.M. …….. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Spiritual Welfare of Michael Zampan, *requested by Mike and Patty Costantino*

THURS., NOV. 5 …..... Galaction and Episteme, Martyrs
7:45 A.M. …….. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Intention from Mt. St. Macrina

FRI., NOV. 6 …… Paul the Confessor, Archbishop
9:00 A.M. ……DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Anna Costo, *requested by Patricia Costo*

SUN., NOV. 8 …….. TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
10:45 A.M. …….. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. ……..DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Jack Kotula, *requested by Betty A, Kotula*

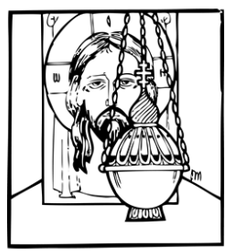
Happy Birthday Greetings:
November 6: Aidan Wood

Wedding Anniversaries:
November 2: Jerome & Roseanna Marek

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

Christ is Among us! He is and Shall be!
Christos posred'i nas! Jest' i budet!





THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
November 1 – 7, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
Our Parishioners

Parish Offerings for October 25, 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 …….…….…….…. $1,545.00
Loose Currency ……..……..……..…….…. $30.00
Candles ……..……..……..……..……..……. $18.00
Holy Day …… $50.00
Total: $1643.00

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

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

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.

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.

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St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., NOV. 4 ……. Joannicius, Venerable
7:00 A.M. ……. FIRST & THIRD HOUR, Reader Service

SAT., NOV. 7 …… 33 Martyrs of Melitene
7:45-8:15 AM …….. Confessions
8:30 A.M. …… DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Hermancia Mason Ermay, *requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

SUN., NOV. 8 …….. TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
8:15 A.M. ……FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M. ……DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + M/M Joseph Jn Baptiste, *requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., NOV. 7 ……..... TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
5:00 P.M. ……..... DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Don't be a Swine!

If there is anyone among us who is wanton, swinish, filth-loving, impure, and willingly contaminated with the abominations of sin, God will permit him to fall into their power and sink into the abyss of damnation. It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them. It will never happen to us as long as we walk in his footsteps, avoid negligence in the performance of what is right, desire those things which are honorable, and belong to that virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us by the precepts of the Gospel.

(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I ask for your patience for the fluctuations in the weekday liturgy schedule. I am trying to better tailor the schedule to maximize attendance to better meet the needs of our communities, as well as to maximize my own ability to serve our communities in all of the various aspects that are required. I will be discussing the schedule with the pastoral council and a more stable schedule will be hopefully be reestablished by the Philip's Fast (November 15th), although there will be adjustments as usual due to Christmas and Theophany.

This upcoming Thursday, we will be having our next Theology on Tap at St. George. We will begin with the Moleben of Thanksgiving at 6:30pm and then a talk exploring what a "Latinization" is and is not at 7:15pm. The goal is to discuss whether practices such as the Rosary, Daily Divine Liturgy, and Eucharistic Adoration have a place or not in the Byzantine Catholic Church.

This upcoming Sunday, November 8th the Solemn Feast day of St. Michael and All the Angels is being celebrated.

I am preaching days of Recollection for our Archeparchy parish in Dallas, TX and our outreach in Waco, TX and will be away Nov 12th to 18th. With as many guest speakers as I bring in, it is important that I reciprocate the favor when asked, particularly by other Byzantine priests.

I had a substitute planned months in advance, however due to the Metropolitan needing him to cover long-term for a sick priest, I was notified this week that he will no longer be available. I was able to secure substitutes for 2 of our 3 weekend liturgies, but there was no other priest available Sunday, November 15th to cover the 8:30am Divine Liturgy at St. George. The Metropolitan has given permission for Deacon Lance Weakland from Canonsburg to celebrate Typika with Holy Communion. This service of psalms, the Sunday readings, and Holy Communion is permitted to attend in place of Divine Liturgy when approved. For our Roman visitors who are not regular members of our parish, please attend either St. Nicholas or St. Mary's as this service does not fulfill Sunday obligation for Roman Catholics. Please pray for vocations, as this situation is indicative of the lack of priests in the Archeparchy. My substitute for St. Mary's needs a stool available as he likely can't stand through liturgy.

On this note, Church attendance has historically been very poor the weeks I am away. I understand the reality that people's schedules can be such that they don't attend Divine Liturgy at the same time/place each Sunday and can fully appreciate the desire to occasionally visit other parishes. However, please recognize that it is important for our parishes to retain their sense of identity and community when I am away. I spend hours finding substitutes who are often driving in from very far away to serve Divine Liturgy in my absence. Please do not take my going away as an opportunity to take a break from our parish life. **Our life is centered on the Divine Liturgy and parish community, not which priest celebrates.**

In Christ

Fr. Anthony

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost



In today's Gospel, Luke 8:26–39, Jesus heals a man possessed by demons in the region of the Gerasenes. The man had been living among the tombs, isolated and tormented. When Jesus casts out the demons, they enter a herd of swine, which rush down a steep bank into the into the Sea of Galilee and drown.

That steep bank—the bluff—still exists today. It is the only one of its kind along the Sea of Galilee's shoreline, a striking geographical confirmation of the Gospel's setting. Standing there today, one can almost hear the echo of the swine's stampede and feel the weight of the moment when chaos was cast out and peace restored.

The man, once naked and wild, is now clothed, calm, and seated at Jesus' feet. The man begs to follow Jesus, but Jesus tells him: "Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you." (Luke 8:39) This command reveals a profound truth: healing is not just for personal peace, but for mission. The man becomes a witness to divine mercy.

In Byzantine spirituality, healing and restoration are seen as a return to communion. The man's transformation mirrors the journey from chaos to theosis: union with God. Icons often depict Christ as the "Physician of souls and bodies," and this story is a vivid icon of that truth. The Church chants in the troparia and kontakia of saints how they "shone forth with the light of Christ," just as this man does after his healing.

In today's world—where isolation, anxiety, and fragmentation often define the human experience—this Gospel reminds us that true healing is not just about personal relief, but about restoration into community and purpose. Like the man once tormented, we too are called to rise from our tombs of despair and become living witnesses to God's mercy. In a culture hungry for meaning and connection, our restored lives can speak louder than words: proclaiming hope, embodying compassion, and drawing others toward the healing presence of Christ.

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever!

Слава Исусу Христу! ~ Слава на вики!

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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 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!

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, 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.