

January 19, 2025
Thirty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

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

Proprs for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 2, pp. 130 – 132

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JAN. 19 **THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

TUE., JAN. 21 **Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
Spiritual and temporal welfare of Tom and Ginny, requested by Fr. Anthony

THUR., JAN. 23 **Holy Martyr Clement**
4:45-5:45 P.M. **Confessions**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
John A. Dulick Jr., requested by Dorothy and Chuck Hagan

SUN., JAN. 26 **THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
+John Dzumba, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

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Birthdays:

January 23: Judy Dzumba, January 24: Mary Elizabeth Olack

Please Pray for Our Sick, Shut-ins, and those in need of prayer

Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, John Dzumba, Joanne Futato, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan

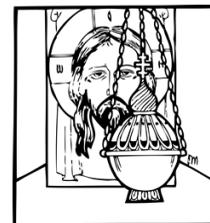
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Epistle Readers – January 19: John Dohanich – January 26: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – January 19: M. Bobanic – January 26: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

January 19 - 25, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Roberta Dzumba

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Husband, + John Dzumba

Plant Something Spiritual

Every day you should try to plant in your soul something spiritual, which will eject something worldly and sinful. Gradually, the old self will be disclaimed, and you will be able to move freely in the spiritual realm. Replace the sinful images in your mind with holy ones. Replace songs with hymns, worldly magazines with spiritual books.

(Venerable father Paisios of Mount Athos)

Regular Confessions Offered

St. George 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Thursdays and **before** every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Mary 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Wednesdays and **following** every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas 4:00-4:45 P.M. before Vigil Liturgy on Saturdays

Blind Bartimaeus

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 10:46-52 (NIV).



C I F J L E D I S C I P L E S
 Z R S O A X A X C X U P K F B
 K R S G L Z C I T Y Z H C L A
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 S H O U T R S E H T Y W N A I
 B J J C C L J J U M P E D G E

Jericho	city	begging	cheer	faith
Jesus	blind	shout	jumped	healed
disciples	Bartimaeus	mercy	feet	sight
crowd	roadside	quiet	Rabbi	followed

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! If you haven't in a while, we invite everyone to **STAY** and join us.



St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JAN. 22 Holy Apostle Timothy
 4:45-5:45 P.M. Confessions
 6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 Private intention, requested by Todd and Ann Wilson

FRI., JAN. 24 Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome
 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 + Mike Santoro, requested by Grant Gaylord

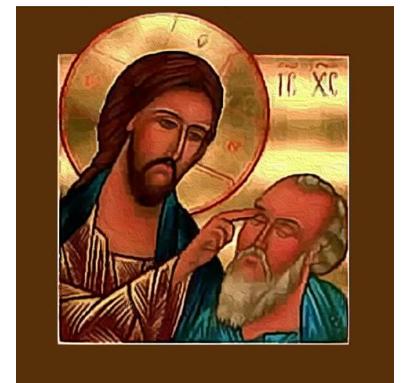
SUN., JAN. 26 **THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
 11:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 + John and Mary Plumb, requested by Greg Plumb

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JAN. 25 **THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
 5:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
 For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Come! Receive the Light

As Jesus approached the blind man, the blind man cried out and said, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" The beggar's hand was stretched out to receive a penny from man but found himself receiving the gift of God. "Son of David, have mercy on me!" He understood that Jesus was the Son of David, the David who had spared the blind and the lame of the Jebusites (2 Sam 5:6-8). How did Jesus answer him? He said, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." The blind man's faith first gave him life and then gave him bodily sight. (St. Ephrem the Syrian)



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A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

A couple organizational notes:

We have submitted most of our Safe Environment paperwork to the Archeparchy. There was some missing information on a couple forms which I will return to those who forgot to fill some things in. I will also be giving forms to a few volunteers who have begun assisting since our initial handing out of paperwork. Those of you who have successfully filled everything out should have received a copy of your Safe Environment clearances from the Archeparchy. Please keep the original, make a copy of them, and give one to me so that I can keep our parish database up to date.

If you would like a house blessing for Theophany and have not yet contacted me please do so.

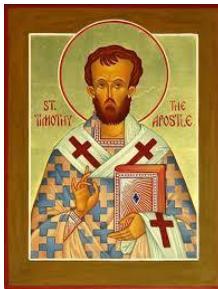
I am investigating various chairlift options for St. Mary's.

On Thursday, January 30th, the 6:00pm Holy Day Divine Liturgy for the Three Holy Hierarchs at St. George will include the Mystery of Holy Anointing. Following will be a talk by Lauren Koath, who works for a ministry called Vagabond Missions which works with inner-city youth in Pittsburgh. I think her witness could give us inspiration on how we can serve and witness to those non-Catholics who live in the neighborhoods surrounding our Church.

Fr. Anthony

Holy Apostle Timothy, Jan. 22

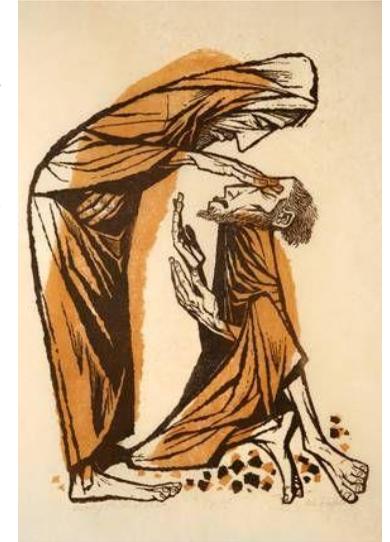
One of the Seventy Apostles, he was born in Lystra of Lycaonia of a Greek father and a Jewish mother. His mother and grandmother were praised by the Apostle Paul for their sincere faith (2 Tim. 1:4-5). He met the great Apostle for the first time in Lystra, and was the only witness of Paul's healing of the man lame from birth. Later, Timothy was an almost constant travelling-companion of Paul's, visiting Achaia, Macedonia, Italy and Spain with him. A great zealot for the Faith, a superb preacher and of a gentle spirit, Timothy contributed greatly to the spreading and establishing of the Christian faith. Paul called him his own son in the faith (1 Tim. 1:2). After Paul's martyrdom, Timothy had St John the Evangelist as his teacher. But when the Emperor Domitian exiled John from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus as bishop. At the time of an idolatrous feast called Katagogium, the pagans, resentful of the Christians, made a merciless, masked attack on Timothy and killed him, in about the year 93. His honored relics were later taken to Constantinople and buried in the Church of the Holy Apostles by the graves of St Luke the Evangelist and St Andrew the First-Called.



Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me!

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At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"



In today's Gospel reading the Lord encounters a blind man sitting by the roadside of Jericho. This blind man, according to the account of St. Mark was named Bartimeus, which means "son of honor". And this Bartimeus, though unfortunate in that he suffered from blindness, was truly a man of honor. He was a man of honor because though his physical eyes were shut, his spiritual eyes were open; for he recognized Jesus of Nazareth, Who was passing by that way, as the Messiah, the Son of David. And for this reason, he cried out continually, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And in answer to this cry, the Lord healed him of his physical blindness saying, "Receive your sight, your faith has made you well!"

Now there are many lessons which we can draw from today's Gospel reading:

There is the lesson of faith, for Bartimeus recognized Jesus as the Christ, calling Him by one of His messianic titles, "the Son of David", and believing that Jesus Christ could heal him. There is the lesson of persistence, for Bartimeus refused to be silenced by the crowds but instead continually cried out to the Lord until he heard the words, "Arise, be of good cheer; He is calling you." There is the lesson of thanksgiving, for not only did Bartimeus upon receiving his sight follow Christ, glorifying God, but even all the people when they saw this gave glory to God.

On this Sunday let us make that promise to continually ask the Lord, like the once blind Bartimeus, to open our eyes so that we might follow Him, walking in the ways of His commandments. Try your best to make that effort as Christians to keep our spiritual eyes open at all times, during the day and during the night. For in this way, we will not only rejoice with Bartimeus as sons and daughters of honor, following Christ and giving glory to God, but we will also become children of the day, sons and daughters of the light, and heirs of the Lord's radiant and heavenly kingdom. Amen.

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Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh



Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Thursdays 4:45-5:45 P.M. & before Sunday Liturgy

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the priest

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the priest prior to surgery or in the event of illness

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the pastor six months prior to wedding

Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month

Opportunities for Stewardship Church and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday, Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month, October - May

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INVITES YOU TO A:

PRE-LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION:

WHO, ME? CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER?

Prepare to enter the Great Fast by renewing your relationship with the One who loves you deeply and wants to pour Himself into you!

Contemplative prayer may sound like a complicated undertaking that's just for monks and nuns, but the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that it is "the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer" (2713).

In this talk, Mother Cecilia will help us to start from the beginning: "What is God's purpose for us?" From this foundation, she will explain **what contemplative prayer actually is** and will then give **tips for stirring up the flame of the Holy Spirit** that is within us.

SUNDAY
FEB. 16TH

DIVINE LITURGY
10:00AM

TALK
11:00AM

SOCIAL WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
TO FOLLOW

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MOTHER CECILIA

GUEST SPEAKER

Mother Cecilia is the hegumena (abbess), of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio. She was raised Byzantine Catholic in her home parish, St. Joseph's in Brecksville, Ohio. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from The University of Akron in 2008. She co-founded the monastery in 2009. There she has served the community as protos, ecclesiarch, communications director, a spiritual mother, and other roles. She enjoys silence, prayer, the outdoors, art, and writing music and poetry.

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PRESENTS A TALK:

BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOPELESSNESS



What is hope and why is it so important to the Christian life? Lauren will unpack the power of hope through sharing stories of her time as a missionary in the inner city and challenge us to find Christ in the least likely of places.

THURSDAY
JAN. 30TH

DIVINE LITURGY
WITH MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING

6:00 PM

TALK
7:00 PM

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LAUREN KOATH

GUEST SPEAKER



Lauren, a native of Dallas, TX, holds degrees in Theology and Catechetics from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She has a heart for sharing the joy of the Gospel with the young Church and has been involved in inner city youth ministry for several years in both Texas and Pennsylvania. Lauren currently serves as Director of Mission Partner Development with Vagabond Missions in Pittsburgh's historic Hill District neighborhood. When she isn't playing basketball with teens in the Hill District, you can usually find Lauren kayaking the Pittsburgh rivers, driving around in her pickup truck, or playing guitar.

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