

January 26, 2025
Thirty-Sixth 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 Иисусу Христу! Слава на вики!

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 3, pp. 135 - 137

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JAN. 26 **THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**

+John Dzumba, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

TUE., JAN. 28 **St. Ephrem the Syrian**

6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**

Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Sr. Mary Brigid, requested by Grant Gaylord

THUR., JAN. 30 **Three Holy Hierarchs, Simple Holy Day**

4:45-5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY, Mystery of Holy Anointing**

Lynda Grey, requested by Laura Bachurski

7:00 P.M. **Break the Cycle of Hopelessness Talk**

SUN., FEB. 2 **ENCOUNTER of OUR LORD with SIMEON and ANNA,
SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS**

8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**

+ John Pinchot, requested by Dan & Jackie Pinchot

Christos posred'i nas! Jest' i budet!

Birthdays:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

January 28 - Joseph & Marian Yurosky

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

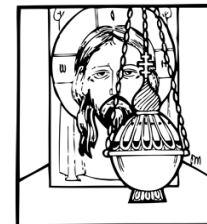
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers– January 26: JoAnn Hersh – February 2: Dan Pinchot

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – January 26: F. Hersh – February 2: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

January 26 – February 1, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Shirlee Yasick

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Butch & Judy Dzumba

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
PRESENTS A TALK:

**BREAK THE CYCLE
OF HOPELESSNESS**



THURSDAY
JAN. 30TH

DIVINE LITURGY
WITH MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING

6:00 PM

TALK

7:00 PM

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**WHAT IS HOPE
AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT
TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?**

LAUREN KOATH
GUEST SPEAKER



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Three Holy Hierarchs, Jan. 30

This week we honor the memory of the Three Holy Hierarchs. Who are they? The Three Hierarchs of Eastern Christianity refers to Basil the Great (also known as Basil of Caesarea), Gregory the Theologian (also known as Gregory of Nazianzus) and John Chrysostom. They were highly influential bishops of the Early Church who played pivotal roles in shaping Christian theology. Why do we celebrate them together every year on January 30th? Because of a DISPUTE! In Constantinople, a quarrel about which of the three theologians was the greatest was happening. In 1100, Our Fathers among the Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom appeared to Patriarch John in a dream and asked him institute one feast for all of them because they were equal before God as they declared: “There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another.” This ended peacefully the controversy amongst the faithful.



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GENNESARET TYRE CANAANITE
DAUGHTER DEVIL LOST
SHEEP WOMAN HOUSEDOGS
SCRAPS TABLE WELL

We are accepting donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have items to donate, please leave them in the Center marked as for the Flea Market.

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!



St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JAN. 29 Three Holy Hierarchs, Simple Holy Day
4:45-5:45 P.M. Confessions
6:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
Suzanne Pearson, requested by Laura Bachurski

FRI., JAN. 31 Sts. Cyrus and John, Unmercenaries
9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Mother Marie Andre, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., FEB. 2 ENCOUNTER of OUR LORD with SIMEON and ANNA,
SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., FEB. 1 ENCOUNTER of OUR LORD with SIMEON and ANNA,
SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ John Bayuk, requested by John & Margaret Bayuk

Next Sunday: Encounter of Our Lord

Next Sunday, February 2nd, we will celebrate the Feast of the Encounter-Meeting of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For us this is the final Feast in the Christmas cycle that brings us back to the days after the Nativity of Christ, when Jesus was forty days old. To commemorate this salvific event we have candles blessed, candles which are symbolic of Christ, who is “the Light of the World.” If you wish to have your candles blessed, please place them on the table which will be set up in the front of our Church. We will also have candles that will be blessed for you to take to your homes. Remember to come and to celebrate this Feast Day that has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the fourth century. **Why have blessed candles in the home?** - It is good and laudable to light candles at home when we pray, when the priest visits for a house blessing with Holy Water or Holy Unction, and even light a candle when we visit the grave of a loved one.

Sanctuary Candles for 2025 - The 2025 weekly sanctuary candle intentions are open for the next 6 weeks and available for you to sponsor with your intention in memory of a deceased loved one or friend, or for the health and well-being of a friend or loved one. Please see Joanne Futato at the candle table in the narthex if you wish to sponsor the weekly candle.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

This upcoming Thursday is the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs, St. Basil the Great, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Gregory the Theologian. This is a Simple Holy Day in our Church, so I encourage everyone to try to attend liturgy. We will have a Vesperal Liturgy at St. Mary's at 6:00pm on Wednesday. We will have a Divine Liturgy with the **Mystery of Holy Anointing** at St. George's at 6:00pm on Thursday. Following will be a talk by Lauren Koath, who will share with us her experience of bringing hope to the lives of the inner-city youth she works with.

This upcoming Sunday is the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna, one of our 12 Great Feasts, as well as the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the start of our pre-Lenten Sundays. At the 8:30am Divine Liturgy at St. George we will be formally initiating Brian Garvey and Carson Cushin into the catechumenate, in preparation for their upcoming Baptism on April 12th. When one becomes a catechumen, they are officially placed under the protection of the Church as it is a formal declaration of one's intent to be baptized. Please pray for them as they approach this exciting day as another step on their journey to enter our Byzantine Catholic Church.

Once again, we are pleased to welcome Mother Cecilia for our pre-Lenten morning of reflection on February 16th. We will only have one Sunday liturgy at St. George's at 10am that day and will cancel liturgy at St. Mary's. We will still have the liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel on 5:00pm Saturday evening which anyone unable to attend Sunday morning can attend.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Christ is among us! He is and shall be!
Christos posred'i nas! Jest' i budet!

Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Thirty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Today the Church proclaims to her children two biblical texts which, at first glance, seem to conflict. First, Saint Paul, quoting the Old Testament (Lv.26: 11.2), instructs God's people to "come out" from among the unbelievers and "be separated." Then, in the Gospel proclamation we learn of Jesus' withdrawal from his own people, and journey into a foreign land where he encounters a woman who is, according to the law, unclean. How are we to reconcile these two texts?

While in the Old Testament God's people were called to physically separate themselves from "unclean" peoples in order to avoid the influence of paganism, in the New Testament Jesus teaches us where true holiness is found. The "separation" which Saint Paul calls for in the Epistle is not an ethnic or regional one (cf. Gal 3:28), but rather a spiritual one – a separation from sin. And this separation from sin happens when we, like the Canaanite woman, proclaim Jesus as our "Lord" and cry out to him "help me." Through faith in the Lord we are united to him, and become temples of the Holy Spirit. No longer will the Father be worshiped in a temple made of dead stones, either in Jerusalem or in any other city built by men (Jn 4:21), but in the hearts of those who profess Jesus as King and Lord.

Reflection Questions:

1. How should we, as Christians, "separate" ourselves?
2. What is faith?
3. How are we "Temples of the Living God?"

Faith and Persistence

The Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus three times is persistent in her petition and her belief that Jesus could hear her daughter. He uses her persistence to show that it was her faith in him that elicited the healing.



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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 StewardshipChurch and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday, Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month, October - May



Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!

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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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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.**

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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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