

June 22, 2025
Second 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!

Propers for this Sunday: Tone 1, pp. 125 - 127

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

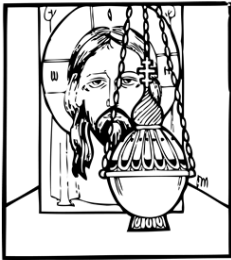
- SUN., JUNE 22 SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chape
- TUE., JUNE 24 Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY, Solemn Holy Day
+ Nancy McCauley, requested by Christine McCauley
- THUR., JUNE 26 Venerable Father David of Thessalonica
4:45 – 5:45 P.M. Confessions
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+Rick Costantino, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino
- SAT., JUNE 28 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
Holy Glorious and Illustrious Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul
7:00 P.M. Great Vespers with Litija
- SUN., JUNE 29 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
Holy Glorious and Illustrious Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul, **Obligation**
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Raymond Ozimok, requested by Phyllis Ozimok

Birthdays:
None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:
None for the week

Please Pray for Our Sick, Shut-ins, and those in need of prayer
Eileen Batcha, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Joanne Futato, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan, Mary Elizabeth Olack
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 – June 22: – June 29: Prudy Peya
Ushers – Stand in as needed
Troica Holders – June 22: R. Mudron – June 29: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
June 22 - 28, 2025
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Margaret Klacik
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
JoAnn & Francis Hersh

The Fathers on Scripture
But note, both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how time-consuming a chore fishing is), when they heard his command they did not delay or procrastinate. They did not say, “Let us return home and talk things over with our family.” Instead, they “left everything behind” and followed,” even as Elisha did when he followed Elijah. For Christ seeks this kind of obedience from us, such that we delay not even for a moment, though something absolutely most necessary should vehemently press in on us.
(St. John Chrysostom, The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 14.2)

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

ST. GEORGE PRESENTS:

CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS

on

'TIME for the LORD TO ACT'

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DIVINE LITURGY

THURSDAYS

JUN. 26TH - AUG. 7TH
(No session on July 24th)

7:15PM

AFTER 6:00PM
DIVINE LITURGY

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St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

TUE., JUNE 24 Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
9:00 A.M. FESTAL MATINS, Solemn Holy Day

WED., JUNE 25 Post-Festive Day of the Birth of St. John the Baptist
7:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+ Eric Kitcho, requested by Karen Luksis

THUR., JUNE 26 Venerable Father David of Thessalonica
7:30 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

FRI., JUNE 27 Venerable Father Samson the Hospitaller
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+David Dudley by Christine McCauley

SUN., JUNE 29 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST ,
Holy Glorious and Illustrious Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul, Obligation
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
+Paul Modrak, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JUNE 28 THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,
Holy Glorious and Illustrious Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul
2:00 P.M. Wedding of Brian Garvey and Kara Rubino
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

Some May Wonder - Peter and Andrew scarcely had any possessions. Just how much did they leave behind when the Lord called them to follow him? On this point we should look at their actions rather than at the level of their wealth. A man who has little and gives up everything to follow the Lord leaves behind a lot. Peter and Andrew left behind a lot. Yes, they left behind their meager material possessions (and for them that was a lot). But they also left behind something more – the very desire to own (which can lead to extreme greed, which is called covetousness). **What will you leave behind to follow Christ? Are you attached to Christ or your stuff? Choose one.**

Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to be back from my vacation.

Please note that Tuesday is the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist, a Solemn Holy Day. We will be celebrating Matins at 9:00am at St. Mary' and Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm at St. George in honor of this feast.

Hours will remain at St. Mary's only this week.

Wednesday we will have men's group at 7:15pm at St. Mary's. We are focusing on Church Fathers and will be discussing the second step of St. John of the Ladder. We will have food and fellowship as well.

Sunday is a major feast day, the feast of St. Peter and Paul. We will have Great Vespers with Litija (which includes the blessing of wheat, wine, and oil for Mirovanije) at St. George at 7:00pm Saturday evening.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Flea Market Open Today!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in any way for our Flea Market and to those who baked, cooked, shopped, or donated items. **The Flea Market is open today. Come and find your treasure. There may be some baked goods available too!** Look around during coffee and doughnut hour following today's Divine Liturgy.

The Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John, who, while still in the womb of his mother, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He exulted in joy at the coming of the salvation of humanity. His own birth foretold the Lord Christ. Such great grace shone forth in him, that the Lord himself said concerning him that no one born of woman was greater than John the Baptist.



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In his letter to the church in Rome, St. Paul teaches that God will bestow His blessings upon the Jews who do good works and fulfill the Law of Moses. For St. Paul, those who do not know the Law and have never heard the Commandments will be rewarded according to how they follow their conscience. The Gentiles fulfill the law according to natural reasoning by following their conscience. God's will is written into the human heart, speaking to us through our conscience and reason. Both Jews and gentiles (the non-Jews) can taste Paradise. For us Christians, who know the Gospel and have heard the Lord's call to turn away from sin, to love God and our neighbor, our burden is twofold. We must be obedient to the word of God as well as to our conscience and reason. Through harmony between our conscience, the Lord's commands, and our words and actions, God will bestow upon us his glory, honor, and peace.



We are not meant to hear the Gospel with our ears only, but to hear with faith and obedience. With faith and obedience, Jesus calls us to follow him with our whole lives. The Gospel presents the faith and obedience of these four Apostles when they are first called. They have a difficult but pleasant life, fishing on the Sea of Galilee with their family and friends. But, Jesus calls them to leave their old life behind, to come and follow Him. They trust that the Lord will lead them to a better life. And so, by faith, they leave everything behind and immediately follow. When they leave their nets and boat, they leave trusting the Lord, but not knowing what lies ahead. They do not know, at the time, that they will be filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit and that their lives will be an offering for the Salvation of the whole world. If the Lord is calling us to follow Him, to leave behind our old life, we may not see where we will end up. But, through faith today and hope for tomorrow, we too can leave our nets behind and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. If we follow His call, we will have life in abundance, beyond anything we could achieve on our own.

How is God calling you to “come follow” Him in your life?

What “nets and vessel” must you leave behind to be obedient to God’s call in your life?

What keeps you from following the Lord? Is it worth it?

“Every time the Gospel is preached, I see no one else but Peter or Andrew and the whole choir of Apostles spread out the Evangelical Net” (or the Net of the Gospel).

St. John Chrysostom

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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, Flea Market and food sale: June



The Holy Spirit reminds us “not to reject the traditions of our elders, which they have learned from their fathers” (Sirach 8:9)