

July 27, 2025  
Seventh 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!*

Propers for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 6: pp. 152 - 153

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

**SUN., JULY 27 ..... SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

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

For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

**TUE., JULY 29 ..... Holy Martyr Callinicus**

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

+ Gordon Jn Baptiste, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

**WED. , JULY 30 ..... Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and Their Companions**

**7:00 A.M. .... First & Third Hours**

**THUR., JULY 31..... Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable &  
Life-creating Cross**

**6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY, Minor Blessing of Water**

+ Connie Hersh, 40th day of passing, requested by Francis and JoAnn Hersh

**SUN., AUG. 3 ..... EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

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

+ John Galzarano, requested by James Mudron

**Birthdays**

July 27: Prudy Peya

**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

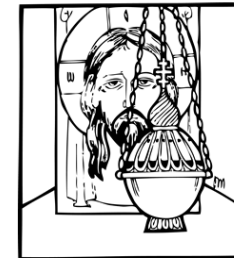
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

**Epistle Readers – July 27: Prudy Peya – August 3: Dan Pinchot**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – July 27: M. Bobanic – August 3: R. Mudron**



**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP**

July 27 – August 2, 2025

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:*

+ Connie Hersh

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Dottie Hagan

**“Yes, Lord!”**

The two blind men could not see Christ but were told about him. The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health, but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, they offer them sight. (*St. Hilary*)

**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

Beaver County Byzantines Happenings...

Parishes Picnic

The annual picnic for our Byzantine Catholic Parishes will be on **Sunday, August 17**, on the grounds of St. George Church. The day will begin with a **10:00 AM Divine Liturgy** followed by the activities. St. George's Men's Club will once again be supplying and grilling the meats, and St. George's Ladies Guild will be preparing the main side dishes and setting up the picnic buffet. Everyone is asked to bring (potluck) side dishes, desserts, or beverages. We are once again having the very popular basket raffle and will be accepting donations of various theme baskets. There will be a dunk tank to dunk Fr. Anthony and more details to follow.



Catholic Conversations: Time for the Lord to Act, Continues Thursdays

Our Adult Education series at St. George continues **Thursdays after 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy through August 7**. We are deepening our understanding of the Divine Liturgy, the heart of our Byzantine Catholic faith and opening the treasures of our worship, its theology, structure, and sacred beauty. You can join even if you missed the first sessions.

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BARTIMAEUS QUIET PITY COURAGE  
JUMPED RABBUNI MASTER FAITH



St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JULY 30..... Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and Their Companions  
6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
Private Intention, requested by Dymphna

THUR., JULY 31..... Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable  
& Life-creating Cross  
7:30 A.M. .... First & Third Hour

FRI., AUG. 1 ..... Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross  
6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY with Holy Anointing  
Private Intention, requested by Dymphna

SAT., AUG. 2 ..... EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
7:00 P.M. .... Great Vespers

SUN., AUG. 3 .....EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
11:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
Art & Mary Ellen Fellenstein, requested by Carol Fellenstein

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., AUG. 2 ..... EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

The Dormition Fast

The feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the most ancient feast of the Mother of God, and more than any other, this feast directs our gaze towards what we are all called to as Christians: communion with the Lord for all eternity. Let us prepare for it well! The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2), a time when Eastern Christians traditionally celebrate the Mystery of Holy Confession. In some parishes, the Paraklis to the Theotokos is sung frequently during this Fast. The observance of this fast is voluntary.

### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Thank you to all those who assisted with our mission this past week. It was a powerful time of prayer and we had a fantastic turnout (over 40 people both Wednesday and Thursday).

**Hours this week will be celebrated 7:00am at St. George on Wednesday and 7:30am at St. Mary on Thursday.**

The Church Father's men's group meets this Wednesday at 7:15pm at St. Mary's following liturgy. All Catholic and Orthodox men of the area are welcome to join us for food, discussion and fellowship.

Our adult education class on the Divine Liturgy resumes this Thursday at 7:15pm at St. George.

This week we celebrate the lesser blessing of water in conjunction with the Feast of the Procession of the Life-Creating cross. We will have this short blessing following our Thursday evening liturgy. This blessing dates back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century and it is a secondary blessing of water done during the year in addition to the Great Blessing of Water at Theophany.

August 1st to August 14<sup>th</sup> is the Dormition fast. Traditionally, this fasting season was similar in strictness to the Great Fast but only 2 weeks. At the very least, it is strongly recommended to abstain from meat on Wednesday in addition to the already required Friday abstinence.

Please turn in Beaver County ECF registration forms (can be found in the back of the Churches) by Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to myself or Claire Arnold. We need a count of students so we can make sure we have adequate teachers and resources.

Finally, there will be no Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to the combined 10am Divine Liturgy and parish picnic at St. George. Sign-up sheet is in the back so we can get a count for food.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*

*“Have mercy on us, Son of David.”*

## ***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

*At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.”*

The Gospel Lesson for the 7th Sunday of Matthew (Matt 9:27-35), centers its attention on two blind men.



The two blind men came following Jesus asking Him to heal them of their malady. He asked them personally, “do you believe that I have the power to heal you, to which they both said yes we believe, after which Jesus healed them. Through the action of God’s Grace and the power of their Faith, the blind men received sight.

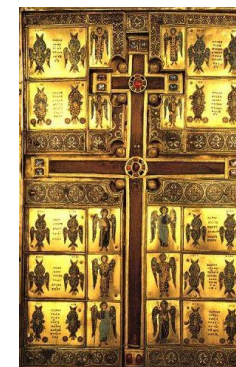
It was once said, “a little faith will bring your soul to heaven, a great faith will bring heaven to your soul”. Our beloved St. Paul lists faith among the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Greek word for the New Testament is *pustis* which means trust but also can be interpreted as faith or faithfulness. Even though faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit, it is also dependent on the quality of our response to God and on the receptivity of the human heart.

In this story of the two blind men, Jesus personally asked if they believed, and because of their personal response of a sincere faith they were healed. This is the great message of this Gospel Lesson: “for according to your faith, be it done to you”... and their eyes were opened!

**Do we have that same personal faith if asked by Jesus?!**

### **August 1: Procession of the Cross**

It became a tradition to carry the wood of the Venerable Cross through the streets of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city starting in the beginning of August. This was done because illnesses were more common in August at that time. On the eve of the Feast, it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the great Church of Hagia Sophia. From this Feast until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the relic of the Cross, through the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate.





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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 ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, Oct. - May
- St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club... All men & women are members and welcome to participate
- Opportunities for Stewardship .....Church and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday, Pirohi making: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month, October – May, Flea Market and food sale: June

*May we all discover what a blessing the Church truly is,  
and honestly become active in being the Church!*