

November 2, 2025
Twenty-First 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: Resurrectional Tone 4: pp. 141 - 142

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 2 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

THUR., NOV. 6 Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Aaron Lang, requested on his birthday

SAT., NOV. 8 Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael & All Angelic Powers

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY, Solemn Holy Day

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Natalie Gaylord, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., NOV. 9 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Raymond Ozimok, requested by Phyllis Ozimok

Eternal Memory

We offer condolences to the family of Joanne Futato, who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 30. Her Funeral Divine Liturgy will be on Monday, Nov. 3 at 10:00 AM with Fr. Joseph Raptosh. There will be a Panachida at Tatalovich Funeral home in Aliquippa today, Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3:30 PM. **In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Joanne and remember her forever! Vičnaja jej pamjat'**

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:

November 2: John & Anne Gural

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

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

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

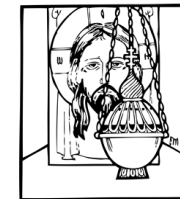
Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Epistle Readers – November 2: Prudy Peya – November 9: JoAnn Hersh

Troica Holders – November 2: M. Bobanic – November 9: F. Hersh

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

Nov. 2-8: Sr. Mary Virginia
Nov. 9-15: Ed & Isabel Maruhnich



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

November 2 - 8, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Helen Simunick

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

John & Darlene Simunick

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program Continues

Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to have this Pilgrim Vocation Icon “The Call of the Disciples” in their home for one week and pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God’s call in their lives. **Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the narthex.** Prayer booklets are provided. Our Metropolitan Church’s vocations website is now live at byzantinecatholicvocation.com.

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 and more...

Seminary Saint Nicholas Celebration Dinner

All parishioners are invited to attend the 68th Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius. This will take place on Sunday, December 7 at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral and Center in Munhall. A moleben to Saint Nicholas will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 3:30 PM, followed by a social hour and dinner in the Center. Tickets are \$45 for adult dinner reservations and \$20 for children ages 12 and under. Reservations and payments must be received by Monday, November 17. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to contribute as a sponsor of the event. Contributions made now through December 6, 2025 will be matched up to \$5,000. Reservation and sponsor forms are available at the bulletin table.

St. Nicholas Raffle

In conjunction with the Seminary St. Nicholas celebration, raffle tickets with an **all-cash prize of \$2,000** are now being sold. Tickets are **\$10.00** apiece. The winning numbers will be based on the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 number drawn on Monday-Wednesday, December 8, 9, & 10, 2025. To purchase a ticket, see Jackie Pinchot. There is a limited number of tickets available.

Save the Date!!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 6** for our annual dinner celebrating the Christmas season with a **St. Nicholas Dinner Celebration** for parishioners and friends of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas parishes. Fr. Anthony will celebrate Vespers and Divine Liturgy at St. George, times to be announced, followed by the celebration in the church hall. Expect great food and fellowship as well as music and entertainment, including once again the fun white elephant gift exchange game. More details to follow!

St. George Fellowship Hour

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to join us following the Sunday Divine Liturgy for Fellowship coffee and doughnuts TODAY and every Sunday!

We invite **EVERYONE** to **STAY** and join us.



Next St. George Pirohi Sale: November 14. Plan your orders!

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., NOV. 5 The Holy Martyrs Galaction and Episteme

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of the McCullough Family, requested by Chuck McCullough

FRI., NOV. 7 Holy Thirty-Three Martyrs at Melitene

8:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare Adrianne Miele, requested by Chuck McCullough

6:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS with LITIJA, Solemn Holy Day

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

SUN., NOV. 9 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Bessie Kotula, requested By Ann Michalik

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., NOV. 8 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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)

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel: O Angel of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me of everything I have done to offend you every day, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never offend God by my sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. Amen.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

We will resume weekday Divine Services beginning Wednesday evening with 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's.

Saturday, November 8th is a Solemn Holy Day, the Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers. To celebrate, we will have Great Vespers at 6:00pm the evening before at St. Mary's followed by our Young Adult Trivia Night. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated 9:00am Saturday morning at St. George. There will be no Great Vespers Saturday evening.

Philip's Fast begins November 15th. More information to be included in next week's bulletin.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Fr. Anthony is away until Tuesday evening, November 4th. You may call Fr. Joseph Raptosh, our Protopresbyter, at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg at 724-745-7117 in case of a sacramental emergency. For a Beaver county contact you may also call Saint Augustine Parish at 724-846-7540.

The Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael and all Angels

On **November 8**, we celebrate the **synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and all the Angelic Powers** (sometimes called the "bodiless powers"). **Synaxis** means "assembly", and can refer to one of two kinds of gatherings:

- a gathering of the faithful in honor of some person or event
- a group of saints, honored together at a liturgical service

On this day, both meanings are present. The faithful gather together to recognize that God created the angels in advance of human beings, and that they have their own place in the divine plan. They serve as God's messengers; help to protect us from evil; and intercede before God.



Find the courage from God to tell everyone what good things God has done for you!

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Around 2,400 years ago an elderly and respected man stood trial for his life. When he was about to be condemned to death, he said something that has remained with us even today. The man was the Greek philosopher Socrates and in that most important moment he stated before his judges, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” In other words, one who goes about life without considering what he does, why he does it, where his life is headed, and how he might improve himself, is not really living.

In this we are reminded that there are two types of “life” that we can speak about—bodily life and spiritual life. It is very possible to be alive in the body and dead in the spirit. It is also possible to die in the body and be alive in the spirit.

In the Gospel text today, we learn of Jesus’ journeys “to the other side of the sea” where he meets one who is in every way like the “living” dead. There Jesus confronts “life” apart from God – which is described in the most horrific terms, the “life” of the demons – and drives it out of the man and into the sea. While the story of the demoniac may seem to be an extreme example, it helps us see what life apart from God looks like in its ultimate end.

Jesus, who is God, comes to us in our sin (the demoniac), under the dominion of the devil and “living in the tombs.” Notice that Jesus does not wait for us to come to him, but in the mystery of the Incarnation, he takes on our human nature, and he himself enters into our life as he entered the land of the Gerasenes – and there he comes to heal us, and to “raise us up” that we may no longer be under the dominion of death but under the dominion of life.

Just like the demoniac, we who have received this gift of new life in Christ Jesus are called to live accordingly. Does the demoniac go back to live in the tombs? No! His life has changed! He is no longer living in death but in the light of Christ.

The Gospel concludes by telling us that “the man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying “return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city everything that Jesus had done for him.

The story of this healing should remind us that our heart must be centered upon Christ. He has given us newness of life and this new life must be shared with others. When is the last time that we “proclaimed throughout the whole city how much Jesus has done for us”? When is the last time we intentionally brought Christ into a conversation in our homes and with our friends? When is the last time we invited someone to come to church with us? We have received a new life in baptism – but are we living it? Or are we still living in the tombs? Do we prefer the friendship of the devil over the friendship of Christ? “The unexamined life is not worth living.”



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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, Oct. - May
- St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club... All men & women are members and welcome to participate
- 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

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! Psalm 113:3