

November 9, 2025
Twenty-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!

Proprs for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 5: pp. 147 -148

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

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

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Raymond Ozimok , requested by Phyllis Ozimok

TUE. NOV. 11 Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Deceased Members of the Ursino Family, requested by Karen Luksis

WED., NOV.12 Holy Martyr Josaphat

7:00 A.M.FIRST HOUR & THIRD HOUR

THUR., NOV. 13 Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Fr. Joseph Kurutz, requested by Chuck McCullough

SUN., NOV. 16 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вики!

Happy Birthday Greetings:

November 10: Linda Masciantonio, November 11: Mary Dickey, November 15: James Mudron

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)

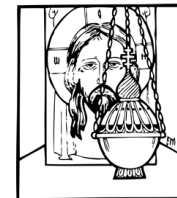
Epistle Readers – November 9: JoAnn Hersh – November 16: JoAnn Hersh

Troica Holders – November 9: F. Hersh – November 16: F. Hersh

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

Nov. 9-15: Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

Nov. 16-22: Francis & JoAnn Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

November 9 - 15, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Marge Raychevich

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

Your faith can make you well

When the woman was healed, our Lord said, “Who touched me?” so that she could profess her healing before everyone. Also, in the case of the little girl, he said, “She is sleeping” so that the spectators might testify that she was dead, and then seeing her restored to life, these who scorned would be converted into believers. The witness given by them concerning the death of the little girl and her restoration to life performed by the Lord was a witness in anticipation of his death. Those who would see that he was alive again would not deny it.

(St. Ephrem the Syrian)

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...

Pirohi Sale this Week!

Our next Pirohi sale will be this **Friday, November 14**. Join us for this important tradition for our St. George Church by volunteering and/or purchasing pirohi. Orders should be called in by Thursday at noon to (724) 375-6652 or you can place your order today at coffee hour. *Thank you!*



Pirohi workdays:

Today (Sunday): Peel potatoes during coffee hour

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM

Friday: Beginning at 6:30 AM, come anytime you are able

Any amount of time you can help will be GREATLY appreciated!

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.



St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., NOV. 12 Holy Martyr Josaphat

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Lisa Snyder, requested by Chuck McCullough

FRI., NOV. 14 Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip

8:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Deceased members of the Reolow/Mannippo Family, requested by Karen Luksis

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7:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

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10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Bessie Kotula, requested by Lillian Dziabiak

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., NOV. 15 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

3:00 P.M. Aft. of Recollection with Franciscan University Byzantine Club

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

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

Happy Veteran's Day

On Tuesday, November 11 we honor those who have served our country in the armed forces, on Veterans' Day. We thank those from our parish community who have served and recognize and respect them for their commitment and loyalty to our nation. May the Lord bless all those who served, all those who continue to serve, and the families of those serving.



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

It is good to be back and to resume our regular liturgical schedule.

This Monday, masonry work will begin at St. George.

We begin Philip's fast this upcoming Saturday, November 15th. It is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is called Philip's fast since it begins after the Feast of St. Philip on November 14th. It is a penitential season meant to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

In terms of prayer, I would recommend trying to increase time in daily prayer and attend at least one additional divine service during the week. To help us facilitate extra prayer as parishes, we will be praying **First Hour fifteen minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgy at St. George and Third Hour fifteen minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's**. This is a wonderful way to help prepare one's heart and mind to enter more prayerfully into the liturgy. If you arrive at Church while the Hours are already being prayed, you are welcome to enter at whatever point you arrive; no need to wait in the narthex. I ask that conversations be limited to the social hall or outdoors once the hours have begun to keep the Church quiet for those praying the Hours.

In terms of fasting, traditionally no meat or dairy was consumed during this entire time period. We are **required** to abstain from meat or perform an equivalent penance on Fridays (as we are required to do every Friday except during a few "privileged" weeks of the year that are fast-free) and the Archeparchy **recommends** abstaining from meat on Wednesdays as well during this season.

You might consider one of the following suggestions:

1. Increase abstinence from meat on Mondays and/or Wednesdays in addition to Friday.
2. Observe a strict fast (abstinence from meat AND dairy/eggs) on any or all of the above days.
3. Do not eat in between meals and restrict the amount of food eaten.

For almsgiving, we have a box in the back of St. Mary's to donate food to the Center for Hope. I would encourage everyone to consider volunteering at Church or at some other charitable organization during this time period as well.

The Franciscan University of Steubenville Byzantine Club will be coming to St. Nicholas Chapel and St. Mary's next week for an afternoon of talks, Divine Liturgy, Vespers, and a social. All approximately college age young adults are welcome to join.

Looking ahead, next **Friday, November 21st is one of the 12 Great Feasts, the Entrance of the Theotokos**. On Thursday, November 20th, we will have 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy, and 7:15 Theology on Tap (a presentation with fellowship and adult beverages, all adults 21 and over are welcome) at St. George. Friday, November 21st we will have 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's followed by a social.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Do not fear; only believe

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Today's Gospel reading is not only about miracles and the mercy of God; to me it is about hope beyond hope. In the story of the daughter of Jairus we see a child already dead; everyone knows about it; there is such certainty that when the Son of God, become the Son of Man, says, No! This child has not died, it is fallen asleep, and everyone contradicts

Him: No, this child has died. Then Christ, with a word of power, but in an act of love calls the child to earthly life again.

Isn't this, apart from being a true event of our human history, isn't this also a parable, and an image of so many human situations? How often we would say, "There is no point in doing anything about this person, this person is lost anyhow; there is nothing to do about redeeming a given situation, this situation is beyond redemption." And we must remember the words which were spoken by Christ to Peter when he said, "Who then can be saved?"

The Lord said to him, what is impossible to man, is possible unto God." In the case of this child, it happened immediately. In our relation to one another and to people it may take years, years of patient love, years during which we will give ourselves, but also endure, endure endlessly the most unendurable things; and in the end there can be redemption. There can be redemption on this earth, in the form of a person who was thought to be hopeless, beyond help, and who begins to change, and then we see a miracle, and we are elated, and hope becomes complete and real, and joy fills our heart.

But there is also another way in which this sacrificial love can be redemption. A western theologian has said around the time of the last war, when feelings were deep and pain acute, he said that suffering is the meeting place between evil and humanity; suffering is always caused by human agency or human agency turns away from it and does not alleviate it. And suffering always cuts into the soul or into the body of people. But when it has happened, the victim acquires divine power to forgive, and by forgiveness to undo the evil, and to redeem those who have done the evil. This is also hope beyond hope. And to me it is connected with this contrast between the sinful, the false, the blind knowledge expressed by the people in the house: they laugh at Christ, they know that the child is dead, hope is superfluous, it is drowned in despair, - and the victory of love and of mercy which is shown in the event but which can extend in so many ways into our personal lives on the simplest level, and on the most heroic ones. Let us therefore give thought to it, and choose for hope beyond hope, for that love and that faith that conquer. Amen.

- From the writings of Metropolitan Anthony (Bloom)



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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

Run to the Hem of Christ

THEOLOGY ON TAP



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THE CHURCH IN ZADAR, CROATIA THAT
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GUEST SPEAKER

FR. JOE CODORI

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6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
7:15 pm Presentation

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