

November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Propers for this Sunday: See Handout

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

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

TUE. NOV. 18 Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

WED., NOV. 19 Holy Prophet Obadiah

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

THUR., NOV. 20 ENTRANCE of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day

5:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS with LITIA

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

7:15 P.M. Theology on Tap

Intention: + Joanne Futato, requested by Dottie Hagan

SAT., NOV. 22 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

7:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

SUN., NOV. 23 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by the Olack family

Happy Birthday Greetings:

November 16: JoAnn Hersh, November 22: Francis Hersh (Jr.)

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 16: JoAnn Hersh – November 23: Dan Pinchot

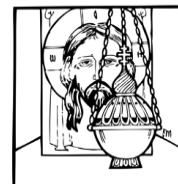
Troica Holders – November 16: F. Hersh – November 23: R. Mudron

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

Nov. 16-22: Francis & JoAnn Hersh

Nov. 23-30: Dan & Jackie Pinchot

Sign up today!



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

November 16 - 22, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Alice Haber

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

John & Darlene Simunick

Parish Offerings for November 9, 2025

God bless your generosity! "Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

Offertory	\$612.00
Loose Currency	\$100.00
Candles	\$79.00
Holy Day	\$72.00
BCW	\$60.00
Hall Rental	\$200.00

TOTAL: \$1123.00

Your regular attendance and sacrificial offerings benefit the overall welfare of our Parish

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...

St. Nicholas Dinner & Celebration

Our annual dinner for parishioners and friends of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas parishes in anticipation of the Christmas season will be on **Saturday, December 6 at St. George Church**. Fr. Anthony will celebrate Vespers at 4:00 PM and Divine Liturgy at 5:00 PM, followed by the celebration in the church hall. Expect great food and fellowship as well as music & raffles and a **visit from St. Nicholas**. Sign-up sheets are now in the narthex and center.

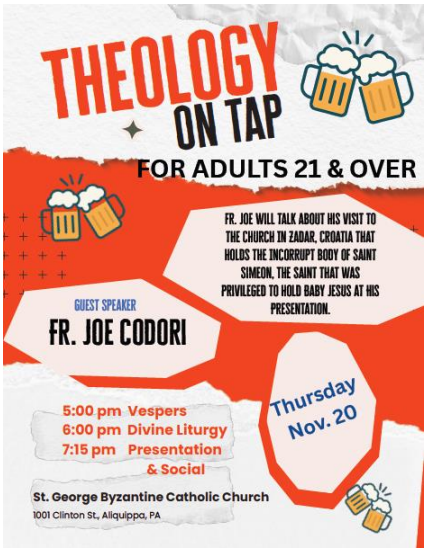
Sign-up today!

Plan to participate in our fun gift exchange by bringing a wrapped gift (\$15 value). Everyone who brings a gift will leave with a gift and have fun playing a game along the way!

Come, O Jesus, our Savior, redeem and save us!

Theology on Tap this Week

Theology on Tap, with guest speaker Fr. Joe Codori, will take place on **Thursday, November 20** beginning with Vespers at 5:00 PM and Divine Liturgy at 6:00 PM for the Presentation of our Lord Holy Day, followed with a presentation and social at 7:15 PM in our newly refurbished St. George Center bar area. Adult beverages will be served. You may join us for just the social if unable to make the services. For adults 21 & over. *Fr. Joe will talk about his visit to the Church in Zadar, Croatia that holds the incorrupt body of St. Simeon, the Saint that was privileged to hold Baby Jesus at His Presentation.*



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. 19 Holy Prophet Obadiah
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
7:15 P.M. Men's Group
Intention: + Vera Griffin, requested by Chuck McCullough

FRI., NOV. 21 ENTRANCE of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Richard Masciontonio 5th anniversary of passing, requested by Pete Masciontonio

SUN., NOV. 23 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., NOV. 22 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Stephen Griffin, requested by Chuck McCullough

Nativity Fast Nov.15 - Dec.24

"But you", He said, "Who do you say that I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:15-16) "Who do you say that I am?" Was there ever such a penetrating question? Our answer to this question reveals not only who we think Christ is, but also who we are. Many of those who first heard Jesus ask this question were men and women of the Law. This is why they thought Jesus only a prophet. But Simon Peter could truly see Jesus for Who He Is. In his answer Peter revealed himself to be a man of God. What of our answers to the question of Jesus? What do our answers say about us? Are we men filled with the Holy Spirit? One of the most ancient titles Christians give themselves was "Christ-bearers." From the very first we have been aware that we are called "to bear the mysteries of God," to bear Christ to the world. As we prepare to greet Christ in His Nativity and His Baptism in the Jordan, we should look to our life. Do we bear Christ in all of our life, or only in those parts of our life we consider "religious" or "spiritual"? May our life during this season bear witness to the reality that "Christ is among us!" May our life answer that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God."



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

We will have our men's group at St. Mary's at 7:15pm Wednesday following 6:00pm Divine Liturgy.

Friday, November 21st is the Entrance of the Theotokos, a Solemn Holy Day and one of the Twelve Great Feasts. We will have 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy and our inaugural Theology on Tap to follow Thursday evening at St. George. We will have (meatless) pizza, snacks, beer, and wine. All 21 and older are welcome and encouraged to attend! We will also have 6:00pm Divine Liturgy Friday (instead of the normal 9:00am) at St. Mary's with a small social afterwards.

Next week, we will have our regular liturgical schedule with the following exceptions: We will have 9:00am Divine Liturgy at St. George on Thanksgiving Day and there will be no Friday morning liturgy.

A reminder to please sign up for our St. Nicholas Celebration at St. George on Saturday, December 6th. There will be no liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel that Saturday evening, although we will have a 6:00pm Vespers Divine Liturgy there December 5th for the actual feast itself. The morning of December 7th there will be no Divine Liturgy at St. George and instead Matins and Liturgy at St. Mary's.

If anyone wishes to go to the seminary St. Nicholas celebration December 7th at the cathedral please let me know. The seminary has asked each parish to sponsor a table and as of writing time we are still looking for a couple more people from St. George.

Masonry work has begun at St. George. Unfortunately, due to the colder weather, our contractor has said we can't put the new roof on until the weather is consistently above 60 degrees. He will patch it up free of charge so there is no more damage over the winter, and we will purchase the materials now so the price does not go up before the spring.

After consultation with the finance council, St. George and St. Mary will publish a year-end financial statement in the bulletin so everyone has an idea of what finances looked like in 2025. As we are still collecting information until the end of the year, expect to see the 2025 financial report in late January/early February.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

In the Gospel that is appointed for today, we hear the famous story of the “good Samaritan.” While there is much to say about the meaning of this parable and its call for charity to one’s neighbor, it is important to remember that this story is rooted in Jesus’s original response to the lawyer who was “testing” him with the question “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” To this question, Jesus responds that to gain eternal life, to go to heaven, a person must first love God with his whole self and his neighbor as himself, quoting the book of Deuteronomy.



Why is the way of love the path to heaven? The answer to this question is simple and yet beautifully profound. In the first epistle of St. John, the Evangelist states that “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). A simple definition of love is that it is the giving of one’s life to the beloved. From all eternity God has lived a life of loving communion, the Father pouring out his life in the Son through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This beautiful understanding of God as love allows us to understand why love is the only way in which we will find eternal life. As we are made in the image and likeness of God, we have the created capacity to live as God does. The one who chooses to live this “way of love” chooses to make God’s life his own life. As God’s life is eternal life, the one who lives a life of love will, through the giving of his life, find his way to life eternal.

Entrance of the Theotokos, Nov. 21

The Christian life is a hybrid of prayer and service. In Mary, the Mother of God, we see a perfect example of one who lived a life of service but also sat at the feet of the Lord and listened. Mary, the Gospels tell us, “held all these things in her heart” (Lk 2:51). It is for this reason that the Church offers this Gospel, recounting this event in Martha and Mary of Bethany’s life with Jesus for our consideration on this feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the temple. The Mother of God wholeheartedly committed herself to serving the Lord.



Martha and Mary of Bethany are sometimes juxtaposed incorrectly, as if Mary was doing the “right” thing and Martha the “wrong” thing. Christ did not reprimand Martha for serving by any means. He did reprimand her because she was allowing her busy-ness and activity to take her away from “the one thing necessary”: listening to him and being in relationship with him.

We are called to serve but we need not be troubled and worried by our service. Our worry over our activities of service is often due to pride. Service, when animated by love of Christ and obedience to His will however, is done in joy and in peace, and we see this example most profoundly in the Mother of God. Christ told the woman in the crowd, and by extension, us: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God AND keep it.” We are called to listen to the Lord, and then we act upon that time of listening by giving of ourselves in service to our brothers and sisters, the Body of Christ. The Mother of God’s greatest blessedness was not from bearing the Lord in her body, but because she wholeheartedly and perfectly heard the word of God and kept it.

O Christ the Savior, our true God, come to us and save us!

“You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

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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

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THEOLOGY ON TAP



FOR ADULTS 21 & OVER



GUEST SPEAKER

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