

November 30, 2025  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Fighting the Good Fight with Faith*

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*  
*Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вики!*

Proprs for this Sunday: See Handout

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., NOV. 30 ..... TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,  
Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew

8:15 A.M. .... FIRST HOUR

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

*Intention: + Anthony and Louise Battalini, requested by Prudence Peya*

TUE. DEC. 2 ..... Holy Prophet Habbakuk

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

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

WED., DEC. 3 ..... Holy Prophet Zephaniah

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

SAT., DEC. 6 ..... TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

4:00 P.M. .... VESPER

5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY, *St. Nicholas Party following*

*Intention: + Connie Hersh, requested by St. George Ladies Guild*

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

Happy Birthday Greetings:

December 1: Joseph Yurosky, December 2: Amy Hagan

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

Eileen Batcha, Mary Dickey, 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 30: Prudy Peya – December 6: JoAnn Hersh

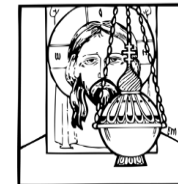
Troica Holders – November 30: M. Bobanic– December 6: F. Hersh

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

Dec. 1-6: Butch & Judy Dzumba

Dec. 7-13: Prudy Peya

A family is needed for Dec. 14-20



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP  
November 30 – December 6, 2025

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

+ Joanne Futato

*(In Loving Memory)*

Offered By:

Butch & Judy Dzumba

***Rejoice! You are free!***

The incarnation of the Word and his assumption of human nature took place for the overthrow of death, destruction and the envy harbored against us by the wicket Serpent, who was the first cause of evil. This is plainly proved by the facts themselves. He set free the daughter of Abraham from her protracted sickness, calling out and saying, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” A speech most worthy of God, and full of supernatural power! With the royal inclination of His will, He drives away the disease. He also lays his hands upon her. It says that she immediately was made straight. It is now also possible to see that His holy flesh bore in it the power and activity of God. (*St. Cyril of Alexandria*)

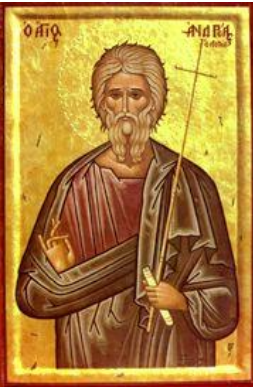
**Regular Confessions Offered**

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. Andrew the First-Called



Jesus’ First Disciples

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So, they went and saw where he was staying and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. (John 1:35)

St. Andrew in Tradition

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St. Andrew went to the Eastern lands preaching the Word of God. He went through Asia Minor, Thrace, Macedonia, and Ukraine. He stopped overnight on the hills of Kyiv. Rising in the morning, he said to those disciples that were with him: “See these hills? Upon these hills shall shine forth the beneficence of God, and there will be a great city here, and God shall raise up many churches.” The apostle went up around the hills, blessed them and set up a cross. He also went to Thrace, where in the small village of Byzantium, the future Constantinople, he founded the Church of Christ. On his journeys the First-Called Apostle endured many sufferings and torments from pagans, but through the prayers of the Apostle, the Lord worked many miracles.

Decorating and Preparing for Christmas

On **Thursday, December 4**, we will be decorating the Church Hall and rolling stuffed cabbage for the St. Nicholas Party beginning at **9:00 AM**. Also, we will be decorating the Church for Christmas following the Sunday Divine Liturgy (during coffee hour) on **December 14**. If you can help on either or both days, it will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

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!



St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., DEC. 3 ..... Holy Prophet Zephaniah  
6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: +Michael Koshute, requested by Mark and Susan Koshute*

SAT., DEC. 6 ..... Holy Father Nicholas Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Solemn Holy Day  
9:00 A.M. .... FESTAL MATINS

SUN., DEC. 7 ..... TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
9:15 A.M. .... FESTAL MATINS  
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:

FRI., DEC. 5 ..... Holy Father Nicholas Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Solemn Holy Day  
5:00 P.M. .... VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY  
*Intention: + Enis Masciantonio, requested by Pete Masciantonio*

Preparing to Receive the King of Glory

If the Twelve Days of Christmas (originally the days between the birth of Christ and Epiphany) has been given to us in order to celebrate the birth of Christ, then the forty days of Advent that come before it is meant to prepare us to celebrate properly. Think of it this way, if it was announced that a king was coming to your house for dinner in a month’s time, wouldn’t you begin right away with all of the preparations to receive such a guest? And wouldn’t you even complain that one month was not enough time to do all that would need to be done? Well, on Christmas, in a spiritual manner of speaking, we will be receiving a king – the King of Glory. How much more should we prepare the room of our heart to receive the Master of All? This is what Advent is: a time to prepare the “cave” or “manger” of our heart to receive the Savior. To do this we abstain from certain foods, while increasing our prayer life and almsgiving – not because God needs it – but because we do! These practices are pleasing to God, when they are done in His Name, and collectively they purify our hearts of self-centeredness, pride, and all the other things that separate us from Him. May the King of Glory, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity and Son of God, make each of us worthy to receive Him into our heart and celebrate His birth in a manner that is worthy of His Glory. Amen. - Fr. Vasili Hillhouse





### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Masonry work at St. George is complete. The roof is being patched and the new roof will be put on once the weather warms up.

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas, patron of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. Due to this special feast, we have the following changes to the schedule, so please pay attention.

1. There will be no Thursday evening Confessions or Divine Liturgy at St. George.
2. No morning Friday liturgy at St. Mary's and we will have a Friday **5:00pm Vespertal Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas chapel.**
3. 9:00am Festal Matins Saturday morning at St. Mary's.
4. 4:00pm Vespers and 5:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George (for Sunday obligation) followed by St. Nicholas Party. (No St. Nicholas Chapel Saturday evening liturgy).
5. No Liturgy at St. George Sunday morning. 9:45am Festal Matins and 11:00am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's.

The following week, our string of Holy Days continues!

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Maternity of Anna. Due to the cramped schedule the only liturgy will be 6:00pm Monday evening at St. Mary's. I will take Tuesday as my day off.

The Theotokos of Guadalupe is Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by a fiesta. Although originally advertised for the hall, it will most likely be held in the rectory due to the pirohi sale earlier in the day.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

Next Pirohi Sale: December 12. Plan your Christmas orders!



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

## *Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Today, the Church presents for our consideration the image of the woman who was bent over and unable to stand up because of the evil spirits that afflicted her. As the Fathers of the Church explain, this woman is a symbol of our human nature oppressed by a sinful life – the life of vice and of sin. As Saint Athanasios explained in his great work On the Incarnation, man having “rejected the contemplation of God” was weighed down by sin and unable to lift up his eyes to contemplate heavenly realities. It is for this reason, Saint Athanasios explained, that God became man and was born in a manger—that we who were bent over like the animals and feeding ourselves on earthly things might meet God face to face in the feed trough of the manger and be raised in him and returned to our proper stature to contemplate the things above. The following is the most famous part of his explanation:



*“Seeing that men, having rejected the contemplation of God, and with their eyes downward, as though sunk in the deep, were seeking about for God in nature and in the world of sense, feigning gods for themselves of mortal men and demons; to this end the loving and general Savior of all, the Word of God, takes to Himself a body, and as Man walks among men and meets the senses of all men half-way, to the end, I say, that they who think that God is corporeal may from what the Lord effects by His body perceive the truth, and through Him recognize the Father. So, men as they were, and human in all their thoughts, on whatever objects they fixed their senses, there they saw themselves met half-way, and taught the truth from every side. For if they looked with awe upon the Creation, yet they saw how she confessed Christ as Lord; or if their mind was swayed toward men, so as to think them gods, yet from the Savior's works, supposing they compared them, the Savior alone among men appeared Son of God; for there were no such works done among the rest as have been done by the Word of God. Or if they were biased toward evil spirits, even, yet seeing them cast out by the Word, they were to know that He alone, the Word of God, was God, and that the spirits were none. Or if their mind had already sunk even to the dead, so as to worship heroes, and the gods spoken of in the poets, yet, seeing the Savior's resurrection, they were to confess them to be false gods, and that the Lord alone is true, the Word of the Father, that was Lord even of death. For this cause He was both born and appeared as Man, and died, and rose again, dulling and casting into the shade the works of all former men by His own, that in whatever direction the bias of men might be, from thence He might recall them, and teach them of His own true Father, as He Himself says: "I came to save and to find that which was lost." (Lk 19.10). (Inc. 15)*

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

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- 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

*O Christ the Savior, marvelous Fruit of the Holy Spirit, come to us and save us!*



## *St. Nicholas Dinner & Celebration*

For parishioners and friends of  
St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas

**Saturday, December 6**  
**St. George Church**

*Vespers: 4:00 P.M.*  
*Liturgy: 5:00 P.M.*  
*Christmas Party Following*

Expect great food and fellowship as well as music & raffles and a **visit from St. Nicholas**. 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! *The St. George Church Store will be open during the party for your Christmas shopping.*

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## CHRISTMAS *through* THEOPHANY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SAINT GEORGE**  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1001 CLINTON ST.  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

**SAINT MARY'S**  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
624 PARK RD.  
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003

**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHAPEL  
5400 TUSCARAWAS ROAD  
BEAVER, PA. 15009

*Prefestive Day of the NATIVITY of our LORD - DEC 22<sup>ND</sup>*  
*Mon, 11am | Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord at St. Mary's*

*NATIVITY of our LORD - DEC 24<sup>TH</sup> /25<sup>TH</sup>*

OBLIGATION  
HOLY DAY

*Wed, 4pm | Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at St. Nicholas*  
*Wed, 7pm | Great Compline with Litija and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George*  
*Thu, 9:30am | Festal Matins at St. Mary's*  
*Thu, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Mary's*

SOLENN  
HOLY DAY

*SYNAXIS of the THEOTOKOS - DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>*  
*Fri, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George*

*SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS - DEC 27<sup>TH</sup> /28<sup>TH</sup>*

*Sat, 5pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas*  
*Sun, 8:30am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George*  
*Sun, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Mary's*

SOLENN  
HOLY DAY

*CIRCUMCISION of our LORD - DEC 31<sup>ST</sup> / JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>*

*Wed, 7:30pm | All Night-Vigil with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at St. Mary's*  
*Wed, 11pm | New Year's Celebration at St. Mary's*  
*Thur, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at St. George*

*SUNDAY before THEOPHANY - JAN 3<sup>RD</sup> / 4<sup>TH</sup>*

*Sat, 5pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas*  
*Sat, 7pm | Great Vespers at St. Mary's*  
*Sun, 8:30am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George*  
*Sun, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Mary's*

OBLIGATION  
HOLY DAY

*THEOPHANY - JAN 5<sup>TH</sup> /6<sup>TH</sup>*

*Mon, 6pm | Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Great Blessing of Water at St. Mary's*  
*Tue, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Great Blessing of Water at St. George*  
*Tue, 6pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas*