

December 7, 2025
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost,
Pre-Festive Day of the Maternity of the Holy Anna



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!*

Proprs for this Sunday: See Handout

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

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

4:00 P.M. VESPERS

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

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

WED., DEC. 10 Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS

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

THUR. DEC. 11 THEOTOKOS of GUADALUPE

5:00 PM GREAT VESPERS

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joseph Klacik, requested by JoAnn & Francis Hersh

SUN., DEC. 14 SECOND SUNDAY before the NATIVITY,
SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, 40th day after passing

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

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)

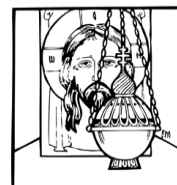
Epistle Readers – December 6: Missy Kochute – December 14: JoAnn Hersh

Troica Holders – December 6: F. Hersh – December 14: F. Hersh

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

Dec. 7-13: Prudy Peya

Dec. 14-20: A family is needed



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

December 7 - 13, 2025

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Mary Elizabeth Olack

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Olack family

Today the bonds of barrenness are loosed, for God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna. He promised beyond all hope, the birth of their godly daughter. The indescribable, Himself, born of her as a mortal, commanded us through the angel to sing to her: Rejoice, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you.

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:

St. Nicholas Dinner & Celebration

Order of Events:

- Following Liturgy today, please proceed to our Center for our celebration dinner.
- Enjoy appetizers and drinks until the dinner is ready to serve. 50/50 raffle and auction tickets will be sold.
- Blessing of the food.
- Dinner served (tables will be called).
- ECF presentation.
- St. Nicholas arrives.
- Dessert and coffee, social time.
- Gift exchange game.
- Raffle drawings.

Thank you all for celebrating with us today!

Pirohi Sale this Week!

Our next Pirohi sale will be this **Friday, December 12**. 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 Thank you!



Pirohi workdays:

Peeling potatoes begins Monday: 8:30 AM

Other weekdays to be determined

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

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

Decorating and Preparing for Christmas

As part of our preparation for the Nativity of Christ, we will decorate our Church on Sunday, December 14th following coffee hour. Please plan to help with putting up the trees and decorations for this sacred time of the year. Come, O Jesus, our Savior, redeem and save us!

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

MON., DEC. 8 MATERNITY of HOLY ANNA, Solemn Holy Day
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Deceased Members of the Conroy Family, requested by Karen Luksis

WED., DEC. 10 Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Fr. Gabriel Sabado, requested by Grant Gaylord

FRI., DEC. 12 THEOTOKOS of GUADALUPE
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
7:00 P.M. FIESTA
Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Naton, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., DEC. 14 SECOND SUNDAY before the NATIVITY,
SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS
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., DEC. 13 SECOND SUNDAY before the NATIVITY,
SUNDAY of the FOREFATHERS
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

What is the nature of the invitation? “Come, for look, all things are ready.” God the Father has prepared in Christ gifts for the inhabitants of the earth. Through Christ, he bestowed the forgiveness of sins, cleansing away of all defilement, communion of the Holy Spirit, glorious adoption as children, and the kingdom of heaven. To these blessings, Christ invited Israel, before all others, by the commandments of the Gospel. He has even said by the voice of the psalmist: “But I have been sent as a king by him,” that is, by God the Father, “on Zion his holy mountain to preach the commandment of the Lord.” (Psalm 2:6) As we prepare for the Christmas and Theophany holy days let us not lose sight of the fact that we have been invited to a Great Feast. Let’s not let the presents, trimming and other preparations blind us to the coming of the Savior. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who helped prepare our St. Nicholas party at St. George. This is the largest party we've had in recent years so I'm very thankful for all those who put in so much work.

Monday, December 8th is the Maternity of Anna, a Solemn Holy Day. Due to the extremely packed schedule this weekend the only Divine Service for this day will be at 6:00pm at St. Mary's Monday evening.

No Tuesday liturgy and no Saturday Vespers this week (I was asked to give a day of recollection at Mt. St. Macrina).

Friday, December 12th is the feast of the Theotokos of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. We will celebrate 5:00pm Great Vespers and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George on Thursday the 11th. We will also have a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's on Friday the 12th followed by a (meatless) fiesta complete with authentic Mexican and Colombian food.

We have Pirohy Sales at both parishes this week, please place your order!

As I often emphasize, our fasting seasons are a good time to take advantage of the Mystery of Repentance (Confession). On Sunday, December 21st Fr. Don Voss will be hearing Confessions before and during liturgy at both St. George and St. Mary's.

Please consult the flyer for the schedule for the time between Christmas and Theophany.

In Christ

Fr. Anthony

CONFESSION for Christmas - The Nativity Fast (Advent) is a season of penitence and fasting. To better prepare for the coming of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) the faithful are encouraged to make an examination of conscience and, if appropriate, to make a confession of their sins to a priest. – On Sunday, December 21st Fr. Don Voss will be hearing Confessions before and during liturgy at both St. George and St. Mary's. , so that the faithful can avail themselves of this Sacramental Mystery.

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

The Maternity of St. Anne, December 8

Celebrated for many centuries under a variety of titles, the feast widely known in the Eastern Church as the Feast of the Conception by St. Anna is celebrated in the Roman Church as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This Feast commemorates Saint Anna's conception of Mary, the Mother of God.



Anna and Joachim had lived devoutly in marriage for fifty years. They gave a third of their income to the poor and a third to the Temple in Jerusalem. Still, they were scorned for being without offspring. With heavy hearts, they prayed that God would bless them with a child to comfort them in their old age. The Almighty God answered their prayers by allowing Anna to conceive a child who would be the Mother of God's own Son, Jesus Christ.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Today, in the Gospel accounts of the healing of the ten lepers, we learn of a most serious sin. Truly, it is a sin which is at the foundation of so many other sins and temptations which we face today. The sin is that of forgetfulness. Today it seems that so many in our world have forgotten God, and we ourselves are tempted to do the same in our daily life. This foundational sin of forgetfulness leads us to frustration and anger, jealousy and covetousness, and so many other sins which spring from our forgetting God. And in place of our remembrance, in the absence of our constant communion with the Lord, our society today has convinced many of the "rights" which every member of society must enjoy. Everything, we are told, is ours by "right." And when we do not get what we want or what we think is owed to us, we become frustrated, angry, and jealous.



The truth is quite different. All we have, from the air we breathe and the ground we stand upon, to the home we live in and the life we enjoy is a gift from God. And when we remember this, when we live in constant awareness of the gifts of the Lord, then we cease to be jealous, angry and frustrated, and begin to live the life of thanksgiving. This is the new life, the life of thanksgiving, that the Samaritan leper, the only one to return to Jesus after he had been healed, discovered when we were cleansed by the Lord. It is the most important lesson that we can learn if we seek and follow Christ.

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Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, Louisa Hersh, David Klacik, Dan Pinchot

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

O Christ the Savior, source of our salvation, come to us and save us!

CHRISTMAS *through* THEOPHANY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SAINT GEORGE
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1001 CLINTON ST.
ALIQUIPPA, PA 15001

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 22ND
Mon, 11am | Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord at St. Mary's

NATIVITY of our LORD - DEC 24TH /25TH

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

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SOLENN
HOLY DAY

SYNAXIS of the THEOTOKOS - DEC 26TH

Fri, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George

SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS - DEC 27TH /28TH

Sat, 5pm | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Nicholas

Sun, 8:30am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. George

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CIRCUMCISION of our LORD - DEC 31ST / JAN 1ST

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

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THEOPHANY - JAN 5TH /6TH

OBLIGATION
HOLY DAY

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Tue, 11am | Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Great Blessing of Water at St. George

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