

January 11, 2026
Sunday after Theophany



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! ~ Christos Krescajetsja! Vo Jordani!

Propers: See Handout

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JAN. 11 SUNDAY after THEOPHANY
8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom
Intention: Private

TUE., JAN. 13 Hermolaus and Stratonicus Martyrs
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Hermancia Mason, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

WED., JAN. 14 Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho
7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

THUR., JAN. 15 Paul and John Venerables
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Joseph Jn Baptiste , requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

FRI., JAN. 16 St. Anthony the Great
6:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS, followed by Trivia Night

SUN., JAN. 18 SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS
8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by James Mudron

Happy Birthday Greetings:

January 11: Diane Ketterer

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

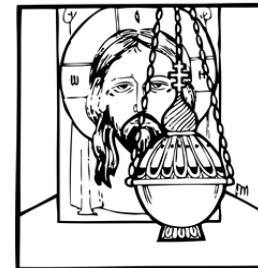
Eileen Batcha, Mary Dickey, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan

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 – Jan. 11: JoAnn Hersh – Jan. 17: Dan Pinchot

Troica Holders – Jan. 11: F. Hersh – Jan. 17: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

January 11 - 17, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ John Dzumba

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Butch & Judy Dzumba

Theophany

Christ brings regeneration to humankind, and he chooses the waters of the Jordan to signify this. In Holy Scripture, water is a symbol of elemental forces and death, and simultaneously a symbol of cleansing, rebirth, life, and the grace of the Holy Spirit. By means of water, God “drowned sin ... in the days of Noah ... [and] at the hand of Moses he set free the Hebrew nation from the bondage of Pharaoh ... [and] by fire and water through Elijah brought back Israel from the error of Baal.” By immersion into water (baptism), Christ washes away the record of Adam’s sins. The waters of the Jordan regenerate all creation. In the Jordan, Christ “has renewed through water and the Spirit our nature grown old through sin.”

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

Happenings...

ADULT TRIVIA Night

Friday, January 16, 2026

6:00 pm – Great Vespers for St. Anthony the Great

7:00 pm – Trivia in the Social Hall

Snacks & drinks provided!

21 and over

Prizes for the winners!

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church
1001 Clinton St., Aliquippa

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.



Christmas Decoration Take-Down

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the Church tentatively, next Sunday, January 18, after Liturgy. If you are able, please stay and help next Sunday. *Thank you!*

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JAN. 14 Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Private

FRI., JAN. 16 Veneration of the Chains of St. Peter
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Private

SUN., JAN. 18 SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS
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., JAN. 17 SUNDAY of ZACCHAEUS
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Eric Kitcho, requested by Karen Luksis

Seasonal Christian Greeting for the Theophany Feast

Through January 14, the greeting that we salute each other with is, *Christ is Baptized!* The response is *In the Jordan!* And in Slavonic, *Christos Krescajetsja!* With the response *Vo Jordani!* Let us glorify the Lord this festive season by greeting and responding with this traditional custom celebrating the Lord Jesus' Baptism!

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ, Who appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You!

You have revealed Yourself to the world today; and Your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. We recognize You and exclaim to You: You have come and revealed Yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

We are returning to "basically" our normal schedule. I say basically as we will have Great Vespers at St. George at 6:00pm Friday evening rather than Great Vespers Saturday Evening due to our Trivia Night. Thank you for the patience with the many schedule shifts, as it is difficult coordinating three liturgical schedules and maintaining my own energy levels. It is possible I may have to cancel Saturday evening Vespers later this month as well to accommodate all the house blessings that have been requested this year, over 40! It is a good problem to have an overly full schedule due to growing Churches.

On Tuesday, I will be blessing the parish hall, classrooms, and rectory at St. George after Divine Liturgy. I will be doing the same at St. Mary's on Wednesday.

One of our St. George parishioners, Daniel, will be joining the Air Force on January 20th. Please pray for him as he goes to support our country.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Receive Him

John's preaching of repentance was not precisely the same as the preaching of Jesus, yet the Savior preaches in ways commensurable with John, for there is one God who sent them both. John first says "repent" in order to make ready a "people prepared" for God. Jesus, when he has received a people who have been made ready and who have already repented, does not merely say to them "Repent." For he does not preach in competition with the law and the prophets. When John had fulfilled the old covenant, Jesus "began to preach" the new, being himself the beginning of it. For this reason, the words "he began" are not written of John, for he was an end. Moreover, the one preaches in the wilderness, the other in the midst of the people. (*Origen*)

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Sunday after Theophany

In today's Gospel (Matthew 4:12-17), Jesus begins His public ministry. After His baptism in the Jordan, Matthew tells us that Jesus withdraws to Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." This moment marks a turning point—the Light of the world steps into the ordinary rhythms of human life, calling us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Theophany revealed Christ as the Son of God, and now we see what that means for us: God does not remain distant. He comes to where we are, in our own "Galilee," and invites us to conversion. His first words in this passage are simple yet profound: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance is not just sorrow for sin; it is a change of direction, a reorientation toward God's presence and His reign in our lives.

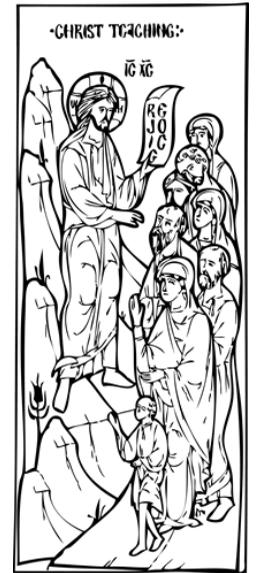
For Byzantine Catholics, this Sunday reminds us that baptism is not the end but the beginning of a lifelong journey. Just as Christ's baptism led to mission, ours calls us to live as witnesses of the Kingdom, bringing light to the places of darkness around us.

Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples

- Examine Your Direction – Ask: Where am I walking away from God? What small step can I take today to turn back toward Him?
- Bring Light to Others – Offer encouragement to someone struggling. A kind word or listening ear can be Christ's light for them.
- Live the Kingdom Daily – Make choices that reflect God's reign: honesty in work, patience in family life, generosity to those in need.
- Stay Rooted in Prayer – Begin or end your day with the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner."

Take Holy Water to Your Homes

Fill a container with Holy Water to take to your home. You should drink Holy water when you feel a spiritual need, that is when you find yourself strongly tempted; feel in an evil way; are about to set out on a journey; will miss the divine services; before a difficult encounter; in illness, afflictions, etc. *The taking of Holy Water to our homes is to have in it a fount of continued blessings and protection against all evil.*



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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

Great are you, O Lord, and wonderful are your works; no word suffices to give praise to your wonders

(From Great Blessing of water)

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**THEOPHANY-EPIPHANY
COMMUNITY
CONCERT**

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026 3:00PM

A program of seasonal choral & chant music in celebration of
The Nativity & Baptism of Jesus Christ

LOCATED AT
ST. GREGORY CHURCH
2005 MOHAWK ROAD
UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA
15241

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(ST. GREGORY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH, UPPER ST. CLAIR)
- SCHOLA CANTORUM OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH (PITTSBURGH)
- OUR LADY OF VICTORY MARONITE CHURCH CHOIR
(BEECHVIEW)

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