

January 25, 2026
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee



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: See handout

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., JAN. 24 SUNDAY of the PUBLICAN and the PHARISEE
12:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Family

TUE., JAN. 27 Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Veronica Jn Baptiste, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

WED., JAN. 28 St. Ephrem the Syrian
7:00 A.M.FIRST & THIRD HOUR

THUR., JAN. 29 Three Holy Hierarchs, Anticipated **Simple Holy Day**
5:00 P.M. Great Vespers with Litija
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Hugh Ermay, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

SUN., FEB. 1 SUNDAY of the PRODIGAL SON,
Pre-festive Day of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Patricia Kayla, requested by Dan & Jackie Pinchot

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

January 28: Joseph & Marian Yurosky

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

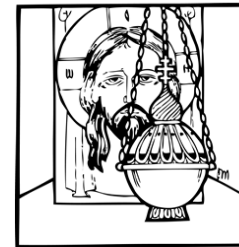
Eileen Batcha, Mary Dickey, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan

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. 25: JoAnn Hersh – Feb. 1: Dan Pinchot

Troica Holders – Jan. 25: R. Mudron – Feb. 1: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

January 25 - 31, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Roberta Dzumba

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Butch & Judy Dzumba

Three Holy Hierarchs, Jan. 30 - This week we honor the memory of the Three Holy Hierarchs. Who are they? The Three Hierarchs of Eastern Christianity refers to Basil the Great (also known as Basil of Caesarea), Gregory the Theologian (also known as Gregory of Nazianzus) and John Chrysostom. They were highly influential bishops of the Early Church who played pivotal roles in shaping Christian theology. Why do we celebrate them together every year on January 30th? Because of a DISPUTE! In Constantinople, a quarrel about which of the three theologians was the greatest was happening. In 1100, Our Fathers among the Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom appeared to Patriarch John in a dream and asked him institute one feast for all of them because they were equal before God as they declared: "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another." This ended peacefully the controversy amongst the faithful.

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...

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6:00 PM

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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.



We accept donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have items to donate, please leave it in the Center marked as for the Flea Market. Thank you!

St. Mary Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JAN. 28 St. Ephrem the Syrian

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: For the Holy Souls most in need, requested by Carol Fellenstein

FRI., JAN. 30 Three Holy Hierarchs, **Simple Holy Day**

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Private

SUN., FEB. 1 SUNDAY of the PRODIGAL SON,

Pre-festive Day of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

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. 31 SUNDAY of the PRODIGAL SON,

Pre-festive Day of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + John Pinchot on second anniversary of his passing, requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

Pre-Lenten Sundays

There are four more Sundays within Byzantine Pre-Lent (including today). The "Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee" calls us to consider our life, and to repent of our sins for repentance is the door through which we enter the Holy Forty Days Fast. The "Sunday of the Prodigal Son" calls us to "come to ourselves" and return to the Father, who eagerly awaits our return. The "Sunday of the Last Judgment" reminds us that while the Lord's mercy is immeasurable even He does not forgive those who do not repent. And, finally, on "Forgiveness Sunday" we remember Adam's expulsion from Paradise and the proper method of fasting (don't put on a gloomy face).

Non-Fasting Week

This week (from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee to the Sunday of the Prodigal Son) according to our Liturgical calendar, is a fast free week. The prayer of the Pharisee was to boast that he fasts twice a week. In order to eliminate all pride before the beginning of the Great Fast, the holy fathers directed that we do not fast at all this week.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

A reminder that this week there is no fasting for Byzantine Catholics. As we begin our journey towards Lent with the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, we eat meat on Friday this week as a reminder that fasting is useless if we do not humble ourselves before God.

This Friday, January 30th is the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs, a **Simple Holy Day**. Our main celebration will be at St. George the evening prior on Thursday the 29th, with Great Vespers with Litija at 5:00pm and Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm. We will still have the 9:00am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's as well but without one of our regular cantors.

Monday, February 2nd is The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna, a **Solemn Holy Day**. We will have the Blessing of Candles at St. George following Sunday liturgy on Sunday, February 1st. On the feast day itself, we will have a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Candles at St. Mary's followed by a social.

I will not be able to have liturgy on Saturday, February 7th, the First All Souls Saturday. We will transfer its celebration to the 6:00pm Divine Liturgy on Thursday, February 5th.

Please submit your list of names that you would like me to pray for aloud during the commemorations for the All-Souls Saturdays if you have not already done so by this upcoming weekend to ensure we have time to add them to the list. If you have submitted names in previous years, those will be automatically included.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner!

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee

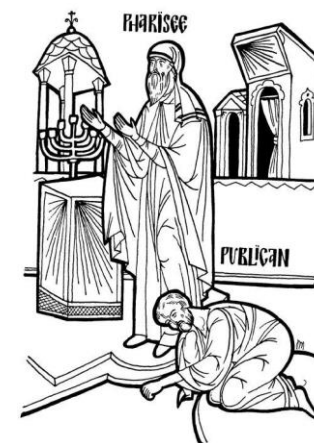
"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Today in the Gospel we are reminded that there are two "ways" in which we can walk in this life and the outcome or goal of those ways are strikingly different. The first of those "ways" is the way of the world, in which financial success and reputation are prioritized, and the ultimate goal is personal aggrandizement, no matter the "way" in which it is attained. The second "way" is the way of God, in which charity and honesty are not only prioritized, but are the way and the goal as well.

In other words, the second "way," the way of God, is a good in itself, for this "way" is the life of God or eternal life. Following this second "way" leads one to look beyond themselves and live in a way that is always oriented towards others. Just as God the Father, from all eternity, poured out his life in love to the Son, so the one who walks the second "way" lives a life which is a constant act of self-giving love.

Please notice that both "ways" have an interior and hidden aspect that greatly affects which path or "way" that we walk in this life and ultimately it greatly affects how we will live forever. While one may outwardly appear to be walking in the "way" of God, as the Pharisee in the Gospel must have appeared to those around him, it is possible for that person to actually be walking the opposite path in life due to the hidden or interior disposition of his heart.

1. Do we often live a double life? Do we act polite and nice to those around us while harboring resentment or anger toward those same people? Do we say one thing with our mouths and think another thing with our heart?
2. In the Divine Liturgy do we pray do we pray for everyone and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness? Have we truly forgiven others in the way we ask God to forgive us?
3. Is there someone in our life whom we are angry with or that we have not really forgiven from our heart? Can we find a way to forgive them and show them that we love them?



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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

God gives us His Grace, when we are humble. (Elder Porphyrios)



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