

February 8, 2026
Sunday of Meat-Fare



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!

Propers: See handout

St. George Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., FEB. 8 SUNDAY of MEAT-FARE

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, requested by Richard Mudron

TUE., FEB. 10 St. Charalampus, Martyr

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Panachida

(Please note: this Tuesday's Liturgy is one hour earlier than usual)

Intention: + Paul Prigorac, requested by Renee Pintado

WED., FEB. 11 St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr

7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

THUR., FEB. 12 St. Meletius Archbishop

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Sr. Mary Phillip, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

SUN., FEB. 15 SUNDAY of CHEESE-FARE

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

Happy Birthday Greetings:

February 10: David Klacik

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

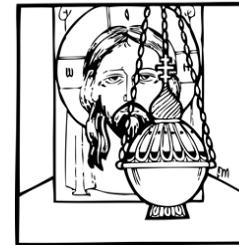
Eileen Batcha, Mary Dickey, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray,
Mary Ann Jugan, Neil Jugan

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 – Feb 8: JoAnn Hersh – Feb. 15: Prudy Peya

Troica Holders – Feb. 8: F. Hersh – Feb. 15: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

February 8 – 14, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ John Dzumba

(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:

Daughter, Janet

The Judge is at the Door

A Liturgical Hymn

Alas, black soul!

How long will you continue in evil?

How long will you lie in idleness?

Why do you not think of the fearful hour of death?

Why do you not tremble at the fearsome judgment-seat of the Savior?

What defense, then, will you make, or what will you answer?

Your works will be there to accuse you;

Your actions will reproach you and condemn you.

O my soul, the time is near at hand!

Make haste before it is too late!

Cry aloud in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against You!

But I know your love for man and Your compassion.

O Good Shepherd, in Your mercy deprive me not of a place at Your right hand.

(From the Vespers of the Sunday of the Last Judgment)

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...

Pirohi Sale this Week!

Our next Pirohi sale will be this **Friday, February 13**. 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:

Today (Sunday): Peel potatoes during coffee hour

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM

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

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

Great Fast Traditional Guidelines:

No meat or dairy for all the fast. Fish with a backbone permitted only on Annunciation, Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday (shellfish allowed). Wine and Olive Oil allowed only on Weekends and Feast Days

Great Fast Minimum Requirements from the Archeparchy:

Simple Abstinence: The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat but permits the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Strict Abstinence: The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use and consumption of all meat, eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe strict abstinence when prescribed. Strict abstinence (fast) **is to be observed in 2026 on Clean Monday, February 16th** (the first day of the Great Fast), **and on Great and Holy Friday, April 3rd.**



St. George Church Store Newly Stocked!

The Church store in the Center is stocked with new items for Lent and Pascha, and more. The Church Store is open after Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Remember to shop at our store when you need a gift for someone or for yourself.



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., FEB. 11 St. Blaise Bishop and Martyr
6:00 P.M. Typika with Holy Communion

FRI., FEB. 13 St. Martinian Venerable
9:00 A.M. Typika with Holy Communion

SUN., FEB. 15 SUNDAY of CHEESE-FARE
10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Curtis Shropshire, requested by Carol Fellenstein

1:00 P.M. FORGIVENESS VESPERS

St. Nicholas Chapel Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., FEB. 14 SUNDAY of CHEESE-FARE
5:00 P.M. VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + George Hanczar, requested by Mike and Jodi Hanczar

Fr. Anthony will be away until February 9th. Please call Fr. Joseph Raptosh our Protopresbyter, at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg at 724-745-7117 in case of a sacramental emergency.

Pre-Lenten Sundays

The Sunday of the Last Judgment gives the third piece of important information to us in our preparation for the Great Fast-Lent. We have learned that to be saved one must not judge others, and feel the weight of personal sins and ask God for mercy. We have seen the process of repentance, from the onset of sin, its destructive affects, self-realization of sin, and the importance process to “arise and go” to our Father, and the critical detail, without which we would never complete our repentance and be saved – our Father will go to us, as we are trying to change, and comfort us and empower us to complete the good work we have started. Today's Gospel about the last judgment shows the end result of true repentance, and also the “flip side”– the outcome for those who do not repent. It is a frightening spectacle, and not a pleasant one to meditate upon, but absolute necessary for us to remember. Let us talk about how Jesus Christ came the first time, how His second coming will be, and what we must do to hear the blessed words: “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Meat-fare Sunday, is the last day in which meat is traditionally consumed until Pascha. This upcoming week dairy products and eggs would be consumed until they too would cease being eaten next Sunday, Cheese-fare Sunday.

Next Sunday following fellowship we will have the beautiful service of Forgiveness Vespers at 1:00pm at St. Mary's, all are invited to attend from each of our Churches. In this service, we ask each other's forgiveness so that we might be reconciled with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we begin our Lenten journey.

We are now at the part of the year in which we have "alitururgical days." These are penitential days in which the Divine Liturgy is not permitted to be celebrated. Because of the great emphasis on the Resurrection during the Divine Liturgy, it is our tradition to not celebrate it during penitential times. This week, Wednesday and Friday are alitururgical days. This week we will be replacing our Wednesday and Friday Divine Liturgies with the service of Typika. This service takes about a half-hour and includes the chanting of the psalms, Scripture readings, and the distribution of Holy Communion. On these days we also will begin to incorporate **prostrations** into our liturgical prayer. More explanation of this to come next week!

Next week, the Great Fast begins and the weekdays of the Great Fast (with the exception of the Annunciation) are alitururgical days. In the evening, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, a truly beautiful service that combines Vespers with the Distribution of Holy Communion. We will celebrate this service Tuesday through Friday evenings. **Please note that on Clean Monday we will have a special 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy with guest homilist Fr. John Naugle, who has been tasked with giving us a pep talk as we begin our Lenten journey!**

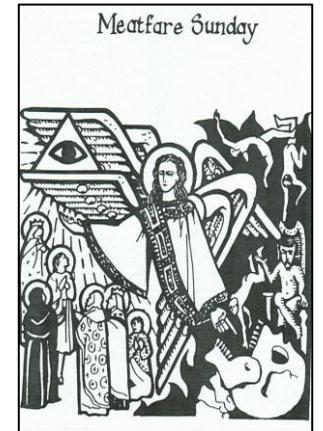
Finally, please sign up in the back of the Church if you wish to attend our upcoming Wednesday adult education course, "Byzantine Lent 101." There is no cost, but registration is required.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you"

Meat-Fare Sunday - Sunday of the Last Judgment

In today's Gospel (Luke 25: 31-46) and on Meat-fare Sunday, the Church places before us the awe-filled vision of the Last Judgment. Christ the King comes in glory and separates the nations, not by what they claimed to believe, but by how they loved in concrete ways. The question He asks is simple and terrifying: Did you recognize Me?



The Lord identifies Himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. "As you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Mt 25:40). For Byzantine Catholics, this Gospel reminds us that salvation is lived, not merely confessed. Faith is proven through mercy.

This reading stands at the threshold of the Great Fast. As we prayerfully consider to what degree we'll embrace the traditional practice of abstaining from meat following this Sunday until Pascha, the Church warns us not to reduce fasting to food alone. St. John Chrysostom teaches that fasting without compassion is empty: if we refrain from meat but devour our brother through indifference, we have missed the point. True asceticism opens the heart to see Christ in the suffering other.

The judgment described here is not arbitrary. It reveals what has already been formed in us. Those who loved discover they have always been close to Christ, even without realizing it. Those who ignored the suffering find they have been closing themselves to Him all along. Love becomes the measure of eternity.

Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples

1. Practice intentional mercy. Choose one concrete act this week—feeding someone, visiting the sick, or helping a person in need—and offer it consciously to Christ.
2. Fast from indifference. As Meat-fare begins, let go of excuses that keep you from noticing others. Ask God daily: "Lord, open my eyes to see You."
3. Examine love, not just behavior. In prayer, reflect not only on what you did or failed to do, but on whom you ignored—and why.
4. Prepare for the Fast with compassion. Let your fasting be paired with generosity. What you save through restraint, share with someone who lacks.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." May this Sunday teach us to recognize Christ now, so that we may rejoice to see Him then.

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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

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory”

ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS:

BYZANTINE LENT 101

EXPLAINING WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO AS
BYZANTINE CATHOLICS DURING THE GREAT FAST

FEB 25

7:15 - 8:15 PM

WHY & HOW WE FAST



Differences between
Roman & Byzantine Lent

MARCH 4

7:15 - 8:15 PM

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY



Walkthrough and
explanation

MARCH 11

7:15 - 8:15 PM

PRAYING PRIVATELY



The Jesus Prayer & forms
of personal prayer

MARCH 25

7:15 - 8:15 PM

PREPARING FOR EASTER



Our Holy Week &
Easter services

MARCH 18TH @ 6PM – GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE WILL BE PRAYED

SIGN-UP AT BACK OF CHURCH OR EMAIL STMARYAMBRIDGE@PROTONMAIL.COM

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Weekly Schedule for THE GREAT FAST

SUN	8:15AM ST. GEORGE 1 ST HOUR 8:30AM ST. GEORGE DL OF ST. BASIL 10:45AM ST. MARY 3 RD HOUR 11AM ST. MARY DL OF ST. BASIL
TUE	6PM ST. GEORGE PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY
WED	7AM ST. GEORGE 1 ST & 3 RD HOUR 6PM ST. MARY PRESANCTIFIED DL 7:15PM ST. MARY ADULT EDUCATION
THU	6PM ST. MARY PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY
FRI	9AM ST. MARY 6 TH & 9 TH HOUR 6PM ST. GEORGE PRESANCTIFIED DL
SAT	9AM ST. GEORGE DL OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 5PM ST. NICHOLAS DL OF ST. BASIL

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Wednesday, March 18th 6:00pm St. Mary Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Wednesday, March 25th Annunciation 12:00pm St. George and 6:00pm St. Mary
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom