

March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday of the Great Fast



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Fighting the Good Fight with Faith*

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*

See handout for Propers, Typical Psalms: pp. 16-17, Beatitudes: pp. 23-24, St. Basil melodies: pg. 96

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

**SUN., MARCH 8 ..... THIRD SUNDAY of LENT, VENERATION of the CROSS**

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

8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil

*Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Richard Mudron*

**MON., MARCH 9 ..... 40 Martyrs of Sebaste**

6:00 P.M. .... LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFT

(Please note schedule change to Monday this week)

**WED., MARCH 11 ..... Mid-Lent**

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

**FRI., MARCH 13 ..... Translation of the Relics of Nicephorus-Patriarch**

4:45-5:45 P.M. .... Confessions

6:00 P.M. .... LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

**SAT., MARCH 14 ..... THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY**

9:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom, Panachida, Hramoty

**SUN., MARCH 15 ..... FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST, St. John Climacus**

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

8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil

*Intention: For the people of St. George, St. Mary, & St. Nicholas*

**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

March 10: Richard Mudron

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

None for the week

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

**HOME** – Eileen Batcha, Mary Dickey, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan

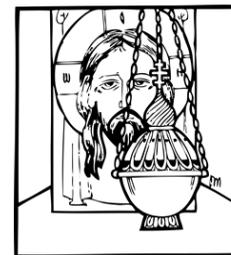
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

**Epistle Readers – March 8: JoAnn Hersh – March 15: Dan Pinchot**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – March 8: F. Hersh – March 15: R. Mudron**



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

March 8 - 14, 2026

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

**Our Parishioners**

*When, then, you make the sign of the cross on the forehead, arm yourself with a saintly boldness, and reinstall your soul in its old liberty; for you are not ignorant that the cross is a prize beyond all price.*

*Consider what is the price given for your ransom, and you will never more be slave to any man on earth. This reward and ransom is the cross. You should not then, carelessly make the sign on the forehead, but you should impress it on your heart with the love of a fervent faith. Nothing impure will dare to disturb you on seeing the weapon, which overcomes all things.*

**Regular Confessions Offered**

St. George ..... 4:45-5:45 P.M. on Fridays 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, March 13. Join us for this important event at our St. George Church by volunteering and/or purchasing pirohi. Orders should be placed 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!*

### Financial Report

St. George's 2025 financial report will be published in next week's bulletin. There will be a short meeting immediately following liturgy to discuss the report.

**Deanery Vespers will be at 4:00pm TODAY, March 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Canonsburg. A Lenten meal will follow.**

*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!*

### Lost & Found

If anyone found a zippered pouch with a rosary inside, please turn it in to the Church office. There may also be hearing aids inside so it is very important. Thank you!



### St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

**WED., MARCH 11 ..... Mid-Lent**

**6:00 P.M. .... LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS**

**7:15 P.M. .... Adult Education, Byzantine Lent 101**

**THUR., MARCH 12 ... Theophane Venerable-Confessor**

**4:45-5:45 P.M. .... Confessions**

**6:00 P.M. .... LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS**

**FRI., MARCH 13 ..... Translation of the Relics of Nicephorus-Patriarch**

**9:00 A.M. .... SIXTH & NINTH HOUR**

**SUN., MARCH 15 ..... FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST, St. John Climacus**

**10:45 A.M. .... THIRD HOUR**

**11:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil the Great**

*Intention: For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Susan Goetz requested by Carol Fellenstein*

### St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

**SAT., MARCH 14 ..... FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST, St. John Climacus**

**5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY of St. Basil the Great**

*Intention: + Paul Prigorac, requested by Renee Pintado*

### ***Third Sunday in the Great Fast***

The Third Sunday in the Great Fast is the twenty-first day of the forty-day fast. We are halfway to our Holy Week observance of the Lord's passion and resurrection. At this mid-point the Church directs our attention to the holy cross and to Christ's injunction, "*Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me*" (Mark 8:34).

### ***Fasting and Taking Up the Cross***

We still have a few weeks of the Fast remaining. They give us the opportunity to assess whether we are more committed to our small comforts or to the call of Christ. If we are so enslaved to certain foods and entertainments, how will we be able to give up something more serious for the sake of God's kingdom? The Great Fast helps us to see the depth of our willingness to take up the cross in our daily life.

### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

For this week, please note one schedule change. **Presanctified Divine Liturgy will be held Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at St. George due to the Feast of the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste.** These heroic men were executed after surviving frozen water in the 4<sup>th</sup> century for their faith.

Tuesday will be my day off this week.

This Wednesday is Mid-Lent, the halfway point between Clean Monday and Easter! Let us continue to persevere in our Lenten journey.

Fr. Don Voss will be coming to St. Mary's to hear Confessions next Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30am. Fr. Ryan Liebhaber will be a guest homilist at St. George for Presanctified Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and will be available to hear Confessions beginning at 5:00pm.

Looking ahead, we will have an **Easter Basket making class at St. George's on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** following Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday. This is a great opportunity to learn the spiritual meaning of what we put into our Easter baskets and to be exposed to a beautiful Rusyn custom.

**Please see the flyer for this year's Holy Week schedule.** I am grateful for the assistance of our cantors in their hard work allowing us to celebrate as many of these very important services as possible.

Please sign up if you wish to join us for our parish field trip to Christ the Bridegroom Monastery for Bridegroom Matins on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am celebrated by Bishop Robert Pipta.

Finally, we still are in need of parishioners to sign up for AED training at St. Mary's.

In Christ,

*Fr. Anthony*

### ***Third Sunday of the Great Fast***

As followers of Christ today we may find that our stations in life will give up many opportunities for self-denial. The clergy are continually called upon to make sacrifices for the Church they have been called to serve. Monastics in their communities and spouses in their homes have daily opportunities to offer themselves for one another and the members of their families. Every Christian with open eyes will see that God gives us countless opportunities to humble ourselves for the service of others in the parish or the wider community in which we live. Taking up the cross means putting others first every day.



Our changing society is increasingly giving us opportunities to shoulder the cross in a more drastic way. You may lose your job. You may lose your health. You may lose your home. You may lose your pension or your reputation. You may lose everything on which you rely.

In this we look to Christ as our model. In the words of St. Paul, *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”* (Philippians 2:5-11).

Christians living in countries dominated by other religions or by an aggressive secularism are finding themselves increasingly isolated and discriminated against for their faith in Christ. They might find it easier to see the choice that they are called to make than we in our as yet more accepting society. Their choice may be to deny Christ or leave town. Our choice may be to affirm a neighbor's abortion or to lose the friendship of their family.

In either case these cautionary words of our Lord apply: *“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels”* (Mark 8:35-38).

# SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1001 Clinton Street- Aliquippa, PA 15001

**PRIEST: FATHER ANTHONY COSTANTINO**

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Religious: Sr. Mary Virginia O' Carm

Holy Protection Convent, 1000 Clinton St. 724-378-0238

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

**Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh**

**Holy Mystery of Reconciliation** ..... Fridays during Lent 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

**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: 2nd week of each month, October - May

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*True fasting lies is rejecting evil, holding one's tongue, suppressing one's hatred, and banishing one's lust, evil words, lying, and betrayal of vows.*

*(St. Basil the Great)*





3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL

# SPRING ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION



Join us on the first Sunday in May at the GCU St. Nicholas of Myra Chapel in Beaver, PA, as we gather to honor our patron saint, St. Nicholas! This special celebration, established by Fr. Val Michlik, is a meaningful opportunity for all the faithful to come together in devotion. We'd love to see you there!

### DIVINE LITURGY

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at St. Nicholas Chapel at 3<sup>PM</sup> celebrated by Bishop Artur Bubnevych

### MUSEUM

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the GCU Museum, combining Greek Catholic, and Carpatho-Rusyn histories, will be opened to all visitors until 5<sup>PM</sup>

### BANQUET

A banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club will follow. \$40 for adults, \$20 for children (12 & under). Must be registered and prepaid online.

SUN, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

3<sup>PM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

ST. NICHOLAS  
BYZANTINE CHAPEL  
5400 Tuscarawas Rd  
Beaver, PA 15009

Banquet to follow at:  
SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB  
132 Lisbon Rd, Beaver, PA 15009

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration required for both the Liturgy & Banquet. Due to the size of the chapel, the Liturgical celebration is limited to the first 80 who reserve a spot.

Register today!



[gcuusa.com/pages/spring-st-nicholas-event](https://gcuusa.com/pages/spring-st-nicholas-event)



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## Happenings...

# 2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE of LITURGIES

**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

### LAZARUS SATURDAY - MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

9am | Divine Liturgy at St. George

10am | Easter Basket Making Class at St. George

5pm | Palm Sunday Vigil Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas

### PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

8:30am | Divine Liturgy at St. George

11am | Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's

**HOLY & GREAT MONDAY - MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
No Divine Services Scheduled

**HOLY & GREAT TUESDAY - MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
6pm | Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing at St. George

**HOLY & GREAT WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
6pm | Presanctified Divine Liturgy with Holy Anointing at St. Mary's

**HOLY & GREAT THURSDAY - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
9am | Matins of the Commemoration of the Mystical Supper at St. George  
6pm | Vespers Liturgy of Basil the Great at St. Mary's

### HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY - APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

9am | Matins of the Twelve Passion Gospels at St. George

1pm | Royal Hours of Good Friday with Burial Procession at St. George

6pm | Vespers of the Burial of our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ  
(with fast-friendly snacks available afterwards) at St. Mary's

8:15pm | Jerusalem Matins at St. Mary's



### HOLY & GREAT SATURDAY - APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

9am | Vespers Liturgy of Basil the Great at St. Mary's

4pm | Paschal Divine Liturgy with Blessing of  
Easter Baskets at St. Nicholas

6:30pm | Midnight Office of Pascha at St. George

7pm | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy  
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. George

### PASCHA - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

10am | Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy  
with Blessing of Easter Baskets at St. Mary's

St. George  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
*Presanctified Liturgy*

Friday, March 27, 2026

6 pm



**Guest Homilist**  
**Fr. Ryan Liebhaber**

Administrator of St. Michael's  
Byzantine Catholic Church in  
Pleasant City, OH

*Fr. Ryan will be available for confessions  
beginning at 5 pm*

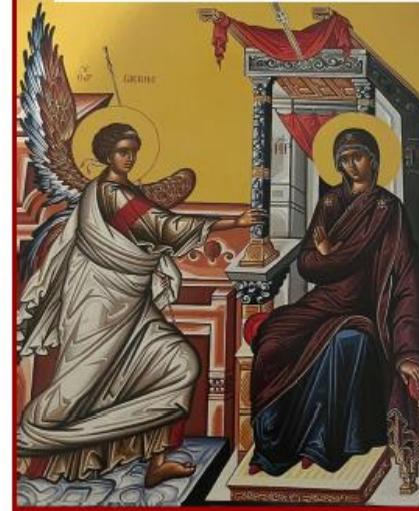


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*We bow to Your Cross, O Lord, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection!*

ST. MARY BYZANTINE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE  
**ANNUNCIATION**  
OF THE  
**THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY  
6:00 PM

Fr. Ladis J. Cizik of St. Augustine  
Parish will be giving the homily:  
The Mystery of the Annunciation



ST. MARY BYZANTINE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
624 PARK ROAD  
AMBRIDGE, PA 15003

GUEST HOMILIST

FR. LADIS J. CIZIK

Father Cizik is a Catholic Priest serving as the 'Chaplain' at St. Augustine Parish in Beaver County. He was ordained in 1987. He has offered the Traditional Latin Mass in various places around the country and world.

Besides serving in several parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, he was the Executive Director and Vice President of the National Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima and was posted at its headquarters in Washington, New Jersey from 2000 to 2003. His duties included directing the Blue Army's National Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, NJ, and administration of the Blue Army's hotel for pilgrims in Fatima, Portugal, *Domus Pacis*. During this time, Father Cizik served as the Editor and as a writer for the Blue Army's official worldwide publication, *SOUL* magazine.

Father Cizik has led numerous pilgrimages to Catholic Shrines around the world, most notably to Fatima, Portugal many times, as well as numerous trips to Rome and to San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, where St. Padre Pio served. Other countries visited on pilgrimage included: Israel, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and various locations in the United States.

Father Cizik served as a writer for various traditional Catholic publications, including "the Remnant" newspaper and "Catholic Family News." Father served as Chaplain, since 1988, to the Divine Child Jesus Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group and, since 2003, to the Beaver Valley Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, both presently meeting at Saint Blaise Church in Midland.