

April 12, 2026  
Thomas Sunday, Second Sunday of Pascha



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Fighting the Good Fight with Faith*

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! ~ Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*

Propers for this Sunday: pp. 175 - 177

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., APRIL 12 ..... THOMAS SUNDAY

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

8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY, *distribution of the Artos*

*Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by Sandy Stewart*

TUE., APRIL 14 ..... Martin, Pope of Rome

6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

*Intention: + Sr. Marie of the Eucharist OCD, requested by Grant Gaylord*

THUR., APRIL 16 ..... Agape, Irene & China Martyrs

6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

*Intention: + Sr. Ann, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

SAT., APRIL 18 ..... John, Venerable

8:15 A.M. .... AKATHIST HYMN

9:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

*Intention: + Sr. Mary Veronica, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

Following ..... Blessed Karl Breakfast & Conference

SUN., APRIL 19 ..... SUNDAY of the OINTMENT BEARERS

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

8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY

*Intention: + Joanne Futato requested by Richard Mudron*

**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

April 12: Nathaniel Hersh, April 13: Erik Fetkovich, April 15: Butch Dzumba, John Simunick

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

April 15: Butch & Judy Dzumba

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

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

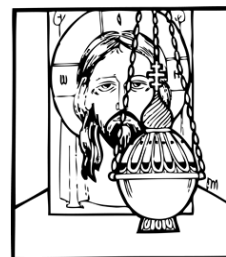
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

**Epistle Readers – April 12: JoAnn Hersh – April 19: Dan Pinchot**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – April 12: F. Hersh – April 19: R. Mudron**



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

April 12 - 18, 2026

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

+ Mary Ann Jugan

*(In loving memory)*

Offered By:

Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

***PRAYER to St. Thomas the Apostle***

Almighty and ever living God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

**Proper Posture for Prayer During the Easter Season:** During the 50 days of the paschal season, from Resurrection Matins until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost, the proper posture for all prayer is to stand. Standing is a sign of joy. And what greater joy do we have other than the Resurrection of Christ?

# BLESSED KARL OF AUSTRIA WEEKEND CONFERENCE

## Featured Speakers:

### **Princess Maria Anna Gallitzine**

Granddaughter of Blessed Karl

### **Suzanne Pearson**

North American Delegate of the Emperor Karl Prayer League

### **Paul Van Wie**

Founder of the Kaiser-Karl Archive of North America

## Conference Schedule:

### **Friday, 17 April 2026, St. Titus Church**

952 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa PA 15001

6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Traditional Latin Mass

**Conference after Mass – \$40/person**

(Payable at the door or in advance.)

### **Saturday, 18 April 2026, St. George Byzantine Catholic Church**

1001 Clinton St, Aliquippa PA 15001

8:15am Akathist (Byz Marian Service), 9am Divine Liturgy

**Breakfast & Conference after Divine Liturgy – \$50/person**

(Payable at the door or in advance.)

### **Sunday, 19 April 2026, St. Titus Church**

952 Franklin Ave, Aliquippa PA 15001

1:30pm Rosary, 2pm Traditional Latin Mass

**Conference after Mass – \$40/person**

(Payable at the door or in advance.)

**Prepaid Discount - All Three Conferences \$100/person  
If Paid in Advance by 13 April 2026**

**Children 17 & Younger - FREE**

**Full-Time Student Discount - \$25/person For All Three Conferences**

Make Check Payable and Mail To:

Knights of Columbus 2161

2335 Concord St, Aliquippa PA 15001

**Sponsored By: Knights of Columbus, Woodlawn Council 2161**

Additional Info: [KnightsOfColumbusLatinMass.blogspot.com](http://KnightsOfColumbusLatinMass.blogspot.com)

The morning at St. George will be free for St. George parishioners! You just need to register. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby).

## ***Bowling and Fellowship Night Coming Soon***

As part of our upcoming Patronal Feast Day celebrations, we will once again have a bowling and fellowship night at Sheffield Bowling Lanes in Aliquippa (Date, time, and cost to be announced). *Stay tuned!!*

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

**WED., APRIL 15 ..... Aristarchus & Others Apostles**

**6:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

*Intention: + John Diewald, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino*

**Following ..... Men's & Women's Group**

**FRI., APRIL 17 ..... Simon of Persia, Venerable Martyr**

**9:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

*Intention: + John Sheldon, requested by Karen Luksis*

**SUN., APRIL 19 ..... SUNDAY of the OINTMENT BEARERS**

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

**11:00 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

*Intention: + Josephine Koshute on the anniversary of her passing, requested by Mark and Susan Koshute*

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

**SAT., APRIL 18 ..... SUNDAY of the OINTMENT BEARERS**

**5:00 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

*Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel*

## ***Pirohi Sale this Week!***

Our next Pirohi sale will be this **Friday, April 17**. 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!*

## ***Mark Your Calendar!!***

Our annual Flea Market, Rusyn Kitchen (featuring Haluski & Holupki), and Bake Sale will be on Friday & Saturday, June 26 & 27. Plan on volunteering in any capacity from planning, set-up, advertising, cooking/baking, or working the sale. Details to follow. *We are NOW accepting donations for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center. Thank you!*

### **A Note from Fr. Anthony**

Dear Parishioners,

There will be both Men's and Women's Group on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's following the 6:00pm liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

St. George will be hosting the Woodlawn Knights of Columbus' Blessed Karl of Austria Conference Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. He was the last emperor of the Austro-Hungarian empire, which is a region where Ruthenian Catholics are. His granddaughter will be in attendance. The conference is free for St. George parishioners, but sign-up is required as there will be a breakfast following the Akathist and Divine Liturgy.

I hope to resume morning hours next week. However, my schedule has changed that I am unavailable the next few weeks Wednesday mornings and am trying to figure out another day.

Next week, on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm Great Vespers will be celebrated at St. George for his feast day rather than having a Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's. There will be a Divine Liturgy at 6:00pm Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony*

### ***Sunday of Saint Thomas***

On the Second Sunday of Pascha the Church celebrates the confirmation of the Resurrection of Christ. Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the evening of that first day of the week. Despite the testimony of others that they had seen the Lord, Thomas challenged the reality of the Resurrection until he could see for himself. Eight days later they had again gathered behind locked doors. Thomas, upon seeing the risen Lord for himself cried "*My Lord and my God!*" Jesus then said to him: "*Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*" It is not because of historical evidence or miracles that we are called to believe. We are called to believe because we have accepted the grace of God found in the preaching of the Good News.



### ***Annual Appeal Update***

The Annual Appeal letters were mailed last week, and parishioners should have already received them. *If you did not receive an appeal letter, please check with Judy or Jackie in the office to make sure we have the correct mailing address for you on file.*

The first pledge for the appeal was already received for \$5,000 from Dan and Jackie Pinchot, which puts us at a little over 10% of our goal. Thanks to Dan and Jackie for their generosity!

We will post occasional updates on the progress of our fundraising campaign in the bulletin. Please note that pledges and donations can be kept anonymous; donors will be asked whether they want to be recognized in the bulletin or other communications.

In addition to raising money to support St. George, we're also using the Annual Appeal to increase our active membership and invite people back to the church who previously attended St. George or another Byzantine parish. If you have family members who have fallen away or know of former parishioners or Byzantine Catholics to whom you'd like us to reach out, please provide names and addresses to the office or email them to us at [stgeorgealiquippa@protonmail.com](mailto:stgeorgealiquippa@protonmail.com). *In Christ,*

*Fr. Anthony*

### ***Announcement on Commemorations for the Deceased***

The Church's liturgy forbids the praying of petitions for the deceased during liturgy on Sundays because of Christ's conquering of death. Particularly on Sundays during the Paschal season, there is an added emphasis on Christ's Resurrection abolishing death. For this reason, I will not be adding petitions to the Litany of Peace for the Deceased as has been the custom.

However, the liturgy can (and should!) still be offered for the deceased. The deceased are commemorated silently by me during the preparatory rites and the Anaphora. I will also commemorate the deceased by name during the Great Entrance. Rather than offering petitions that go against Church norms, it is best for us to unite our prayers for the deceased to the power of the Risen Christ.

Similarly, it is inappropriate to sing "Eternal Memory" on Sundays of the Paschal Season (or really any Sunday for that matter). For the Paschal Season, I will intone a petition for the deceased following liturgy and we will instead sing "Christ is Risen."

Please note that if you request a weekday liturgy for the deceased (even during the Paschal Season), I will add petitions during the Litany of Peace and add the Litany of the Deceased following the Litany of Fervent Supplication.

I am willing to revisit this change after the Paschal Season, but for the time being, I feel it is important to honor the Church's norms during this time in which the Resurrection is celebrated even more joyfully.

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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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*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Voskrese! Хри́сто́съ воскресе́! Восстину́ воскресе́!*

