

May 3, 2026

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Fifth 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. 186 - 188

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., MAY 2 ..... SUNDAY of the SAMARITAN WOMAN, *Anticipated*

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

*Intention: + Lorie Foister, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia*

Following ..... Parish Feast Day Dinner

TUE., MAY 5 ..... Irene, Great Martyr

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

*Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Jane Janssen requested by Grant Gaylord*

WED., MAY 6 ..... Job, Venerable

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

SAT., MAY 9 ..... Wedding of Dante Lista and Grace Givens

1:00 P.M. .... WEDDING DIVINE LITURGY

SUN., MAY 10 ..... SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND

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

8:30 A.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY, *Mother's Day Breakfast following*

*Intention: + Jane Klacik on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of her passing, requested by JoAnn and Francis Hersh*

**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

None for the week

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week:**

May 6: Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

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

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

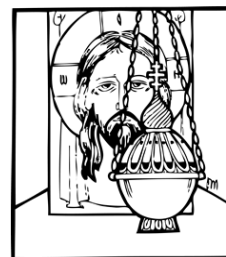
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

**Epistle Readers – May 2: Prudy Peya – May 10: Dan Pinchot**

**Ushers – Stand in as needed**

**Troica Holders – May 2: R. Dzumba – May 10: R. Mudron**



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

May 3 - 9, 2026

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

+ Jane Klacik

*(In loving memory)*

Offered By:

JoAnn & Francis Hersh

*In the middle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams of devotion. For you, O Savior, have exclaimed to all: Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. O Christ our God, Fountain of Life, Glory to You!*

**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

## Many Upcoming Events!

**Friday, May 8:** Final Pirohi Sale for the season.

**Sunday, May 10:** Mother's Day Breakfast following Sunday Divine Liturgy, *prepared by Men's Club*

**Thursday, May 28:** Appeal Appreciation Dinner (Announcement in bulletin)

**Friday, May 29:** St. Mary's Trivia Night

**Saturday, May 30:** Solemn Reconsecration of the City of Aliquippa (Flyer in bulletin)

**Sunday, June 21:** Father's Day Breakfast following Sunday Divine Liturgy, *prepared by Ladies Guild*

**June 26 – 27:** St. George Annual Flea Market, Rusyn Kitchen, & Bake Sale (See below)

### *Pirohi Sale May 8 (Final sale of the season)*

Our next Pirohi sale will be on **Friday, May 8**. Orders should be called in by noon on Thursday, May 7 to (724) 375-6652, *Thank you!*

#### Pirohi workdays:

**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!*

### *Appeal Appreciation Dinner*

I will be hosting an appeal appreciation dinner on **Thursday, May 28th at 6:00pm at my rectory**. So many of you work so hard to put events on for our Church that I want to put on a dinner for all those who have participated in our appeal. **All who have donated to this appeal are most welcome and invited to attend**. Please RSVP by speaking to me, calling 878-226-0878, or email [stgeorgealiquippa@protonmail.com](mailto:stgeorgealiquippa@protonmail.com) by Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

In Christ,

*Fr. Anthony*



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**BAKE SALE**

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**June 26 & 27**  
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### *St. George Annual Flea Market*

Our annual Flea Market, Rusyn Kitchen (featuring Pirohi, 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.*

*Flyers are available in various places throughout the Church and Center for you to take and share or post. Also, please share on social media. Thank you!*

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

**WED., MAY 6 ..... Job, Venerable**

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

*Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Carol Raffaele, requested by Chuck McCullough*

**FRI., MAY 8 ..... John, Apostle and Evangelist**

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

*Intention: + Gerard B. McCauley, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino*

**SUN., MAY 10 ..... SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND**

**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: Divine Services for the Week:

**THUR., MAY 7 ..... Appearance of the Sign of the Cross**

**5:30 P.M. .... DIVINE LITURGY**

*Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Sr Benedicta Hawkins MS, requested by Grant Gaylord*

**SAT., MAY 9 ..... SUNDAY of the MAN BORN BLIND**

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

*Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Aundrea Garcia, requested by Grant Gaylord*

### *Patronal Parish Dinner Today*

We welcome all parishioners and guests who are here to honor our Patron, St. George the Great Martyr, and to celebrate together as a parish family! There will be a dinner in the Center following tonight's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome!

### *Mother's Day Breakfast Next Sunday*

Next Sunday, May 10, following the 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy, the Men's Club will be serving a Mother's Day Breakfast in honor of all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and all who portray(ed) a motherly role. Whether your mother still is with you or not, join us in her honor. Everyone is invited!



### A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

We finally have a somewhat "normal week." The only out of the ordinary event is a wedding at St. George on Saturday afternoon.

Next week we will celebrate the Leave-taking of Pascha at St. Mary on Tuesday evening. We will have 5:00pm Resurrection Matins and 6:00pm Divine Liturgy. This day, which brings Pascha to a close, is celebrated as a day of Bright Week and is one final celebration of Easter Joy. After this day, the burial shroud, which has been on the altar since Pascha, disappears.

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation.** Due to scheduling conflicts with cantors, I will have liturgy at St. Mary and St. George only. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Great Vespers with Litija, 6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Mary followed by a social.

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Festal Matins at St. Mary

6:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. George

In Christ,

*Fr. Anthony*

### ***Living Water***

Jesus calls the life-giving gift of the Spirit "living water" because mere man is parched to his very roots, rendered dry and barren of all virtue by the crimes of the devil. But now man runs back to his pristine beauty, and drinking in that which is life-giving, he is made beautiful with a variety of good things and, budding into a virtuous life, he sends out healthy shoots of love towards God. (St. Cyril of Alexandria)

*Do you partake of "living water" offered by Christ? Do you kindle the desire of others for this "living water"?*

### ***Sunday of the Samaritan Woman***

In today's Gospel (John 4:5–42), Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Christ reveals Himself as the living water who alone can satisfy the deepest thirst of the human heart. He meets the woman in her brokenness, not to condemn, but to call her to repentance and true worship in spirit and truth. For Byzantine Catholics, this encounter reflects our own call to transformation and theosis—to leave behind the old life and be filled with divine grace. Having encountered Christ, the Samaritan woman becomes a joyful witness, drawing others to Him: "Come and see."



### **Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples**

1. Draw from the living water – Nourish your soul through prayer and the Holy Mysteries.
2. Turn to Christ with repentance – Trust in His mercy to heal and transform your life.
3. Invite others to encounter Him – Share your faith simply and joyfully in daily life.

In today's Epistle we hear of the early Evangelical work of the Church as the Gospel message spread beyond Jerusalem to the city of Antioch, the birthplace of the Melkite Church, and began to take root in the hearts of those who were not of the "chosen race." This initial sharing of the Gospel with non-Jews would cause great concern among some in the Jerusalem Christian Community and eventually the Council of the Apostle would be called to consider how to deal with this situation. By placing this epistle within the context of the Gospel message, the church holds up Christ's Ministry as the example to be followed. Just as Jesus brought salvation to the Samaritan woman, and through her to the whole Samaritan Village, so we cannot keep the Good News of Christ to ourselves and to our community alone. Today Christ calls each of us who have experienced the joy of the Gospel to share this gift with those whom we encounter. We have received our new life in Christ as a gift and therefore it is to be lived as a gift.

### ***Further Reflection...***

We are told in our society today to keep religion out of the public sphere. We are told that we should not talk about religion in social settings, in school, or at work. We are told that we should not proselytize and make convert to Christianity. We are told to leave others alone to follow their own path. But, if we are truly convinced that Christ is "the way, the truth, and the life," and this is true for all people, how can we possibly stay silent about something which impacts a person's salvation? In what ways can we bring the message of Christ to others in a way that respects their freedom?

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

**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

**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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