

July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

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

Proprs for this Sunday: See handout

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 5 SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST,

Feast of St. Athanasius of Mt. Athos

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, requested by John & Darlene Simunick

TUE., JULY 7 Thomas and Acacius, Venerables

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Rebecca Dickun, requested by Sr. Mary Virginia

WED., JULY 8 Procopius, Great Martyr

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

THUR., JULY 9 Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina

6:30 P.M. MOLEBEN to JESUS, LOVER of MANKIND

7:15 P.M. LIFE & LITURGY SERIES

SUN., JULY 12 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joanne Futato, requested by Butch & Judy Dzumba

Happy Birthday Greetings:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries:

None for the week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME – Elizabeth Bare, Eileen Batcha, Marianne Dove, Butch Dzumba, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan

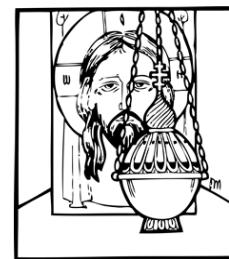
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – July 5: Dan Pinchot – July 12: Prudy Peya

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – July 5: J. Yuroski – July 12: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 5 - 11, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Vicki Dobo

(In loving memory)

Offered By:

Butch & Judy Dzumba

Forgiveness is Yours

Jesus' words of healing are worthy of reflection. The paralytic is not told, "Be healed." He is not told, "Rise and walk." But he is told, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven you." The paralytic is a descendant of the original man, Adam. In one man, Christ, all the sins of Adam are forgiven. In this case the man to be healed is brought forward by ministering angels. In this case, too, he is called a son, because he is God's first work. The sins of his soul are forgiven him, and pardon of the first transgression is granted. We do not believe the paralytic committed any sin that resulted in his illness, especially since the Lord said elsewhere that blindness from birth had not been contracted from someone's sin or that of his parents.

(St. Hilary of Poitiers)

Regular Confessions Offered

St. George Beginning 5:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and before every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Mary Beginning 5:00 P.M. Wednesdays and following every Sunday Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas 4:00-4:45 P.M. before Vigil Liturgy on Saturdays

PRAY FOR THE FALLEN AWAY

Join the parishes of St. George's (Aliquippa) and St. Mary's (Ambridge) for a four day mission of prayer for the return of all fallen away Catholics to the beauty of the true Catholic Faith.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE WELCOME!

Monday, August 3

4:15-5:00pm St. Mary Confessions
5:15p St. Mary Akathist (Marian Hymn) to the Theotokos
6:00p St. Mary Divine Liturgy with Mystery of Holy Anointing
Guest Celebrant Fr. Thomas More Sikora, OSB
Social to follow

Tuesday, August 4

8:30a St. Mary Moleben (Prayer Service) for those suffering from drug and alcohol dependence
9:00a St. Mary 1st and 3rd Hour
5-5:45p St. George Confessions
6:00p St. George Divine Liturgy with guest homilist Fr. Mingwei Li
Social to follow

Wednesday, August 5

7:00a St. George Paraklesis- Canon of Supplication to the Theotokos
5:00p St. Mary Great Vespers with Litija for Transfiguration
6:00p St. Mary Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit
Guest Homilist: Fr. D.J. Egan
Social to follow

Thursday, August 6

9:00a St. Mary Festal Matins for Transfiguration
6:00p St. George Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit
Guest Celebrant: Fr. Ian McElrath
Social to follow

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church
1001 Clinton St Aliquippa, PA 15001
StGeorgeByzantineCatholicChurch.org

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church
624 Park Road Ambridge, PA 15003
byzantinecatholics.org

Please be aware, these events take place in two different two locations.
Double-check the events you plan to attend to ensure you arrive at the correct location.

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JULY 8..... Procopius, Great Martyr

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Madhu Maruthappan, requested by Grant Gaylord

THUR., JULY 9 Pancratius, Bishop-Martyr

7:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Michael Ranieri, requested by Jonathan Dohanich

FRI., JULY 10 Anthony of the Caves, Venerable

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Charolet Costo, requested by Patricia Costo

SUN., JULY 12 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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:

SAT., JULY 11 SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Sylvia Testa 40th day after passing, requested by Dan and Jackie Pinchot

Parishes Picnic

Our annual Church picnic will be on Sunday, **August 23**. Everyone is asked to bring (potluck) side dishes, desserts, or beverages. We are once again having the very popular basket raffle and will be accepting donations of various themed baskets. Many fun things are being planned! More details to follow.

A Celebration of Marriage

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and beyond years during 2026. The Archeparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM. **Please submit your names to Fr. Anthony by July 15** if you are celebrating one of milestone anniversaries this year, so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Thank you.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

Thanks to all who helped with the St. George flea market. We raised a total of \$5,500 and will receive another \$2,500 in matching funds from the GCU. It was truly a great success!

We are back to our normal liturgical schedule this week. Please note that we will be having a 6:30pm Moleben to Jesus the Lover of Mankind (the Byzantine equivalent of the Sacred Heart devotion) Thursday evening followed by our first adult education at 7:15pm in the bar area. Drinks and snacks will be provided. I will be speaking on several parts of our liturgy, including why we chant, celebrate "ad-orientem," use so much incense, and have an all-male sanctuary.

Please note that the week of July 12th there will be no weekday services with the exception of Wednesday July 15th, where we will have a 6:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by our men's and women's groups.

The next chant group practice is scheduled for Saturday, July 18th at St. Mary's.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Many Christians have great sensitivity of soul. In a daily struggle to lead a good and holy life, they are scrupulously aware of their sinfulness. Some despair that God could ever forgive them their many weaknesses and failings. Other Christians at various times in their lives even fall into a way of life very much at odds with Christian values. They sin, and sin boldly. Sometimes, when they come to their senses, they may feel repentant but doubt that God could ever forgive the enormity of their transgressions.

It's presumptuous, however, to consider God so small as to be unable or unwilling to forgive human offences, no matter their number or seriousness. It's grandiose to presume that one's sins are of such magnitude that Almighty God is incapable of pardoning them. St. Matthew shows Jesus, without any great ado, offering forgiveness to a paralytic with four words: "Your sins are forgiven." The implication in this narrative is that God, quite simply, is always ready to forgive anyone at the drop of a hat.

It's a human tendency to project human personality traits onto God. Depending on our temperament and the way we respond to offences against ourselves, we might picture God as petulant, grudge-holding, vengeful and the like. We fear God as unforgiving because that's what we experience ourselves. It stands to reason, then, that we can come to appreciate God's eagerness to forgive by practicing our own eagerness to be forgiving. And this is exactly what the Gospel encourages.

The Scribes are outraged that Christ would presume to forgive a man's sins with a few simple words. They ask: "Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" The point is, we can!

We all can be quick and eager, for example, to forgive those who sin against us. To err is human, but to forgive is divine. We can prove our own divine qualities, as did Jesus, when we say with fullness of heart, "You're forgiven."

The Gospel cautions us not to make God "small" with misguided ideas that God is cheap with grace and vengeful of human failings. But, by the same token, the Gospel encourages us not to be small ourselves. Big-hearted people are generally admired, and there is no reason we can't be big-hearted ourselves. All that's required is that we have an open heart and not hold on to grievances.



Life and Liturgy

A Monthly "Theology on Tap" style Adult Education Series (21+) with Fr. Anthony

Talks begin at 7:15 pm in the Social Hall Bar area

Drinks & snacks provided!

Thursday,
July 9

6:30 pm Moleben To Jesus, the Lover of Mankind

7:15 pm Byzantine Divine Liturgy: Outdated or A Venerable Form of Worship? The priest facing East, lots of chant, an all-male sanctuary, and Communion on a Golden Spoon.

First Session this Week



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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 StewardshipChurch and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday, Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month, October - May

Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вики!