

July 19, 2026
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

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

Proper for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 7: pp. 157 & Sunday of the Fathers, pp. 341 – 342

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 19 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Uncle John Peya, requested by Prudence Peya

WED., JULY 22Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles
7:00 A.M. FIRST HOUR &THIRD HOUR, Reader Service

SUN., JULY 26 NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + President John F. Kennedy and wife, Jackie, requested by Prudence Peya

Fr. Anthony is away until Wednesday, July 22nd 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.

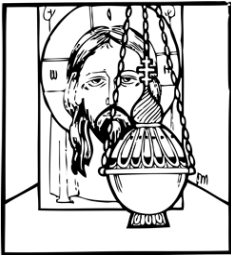
Happy Birthday Greetings:
None for the week

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 19: Louisa Hersh – July 26: JoAnn Hersh
Ushers – Stand in as needed
Troica Holders – July 19: M. Bobanic – July 26: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
July 19 - 25, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Veronica Maruhnich
(In loving memory)
Offered By:
Ed & Isabel Maruhnich



Boris & Gleb, Martyrs, July 24
The holy martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David, who, princes of Rus' and sons of St. Vladimir the Great, preferred to suffer death than to resist their brother Svyatopolk by violence. Boris obtained the palm of martyrdom on the river Alta near Pereslavl and Gleb a short while later near Smolensk. (1015)

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

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.



Elijah Great Prophet

Elijah was, according to the Books of Kings in the Hebrew Bible, a prophet and a miracle worker who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab (9th century BC). In 1 Kings 18, Elijah defended the worship of Yahweh against the worship of the Canaanite god Baal. He challenged the prophets of Baal to a showdown on Mount Carmel, where he called upon Yahweh to send fire from heaven to consume his offering. Yahweh answered his prayer, and the prophets of Baal were defeated. Elijah's ministry was marked by various miracles and acts of divine intervention. He was known for multiplying a widow's oil and reviving her dead son. He also confronted Ahab and his wife Jezebel for their wickedness and prophesied a severe drought as punishment for their idolatry.



Elijah's life took a dramatic turn when he was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, leaving his disciple Elisha to continue his prophetic ministry. According to Jewish tradition, Elijah was expected to return before the arrival of the Messiah. Jesus confirms the return of Elijah as fulfilled by St. John the Baptist (Mt 11:14). Elijah's story serves as a reminder of the power of faith and the importance of staying true to one's beliefs, even in the face of opposition. His legacy as a prophet and miracle worker continues to inspire and captivate people to this day.

Blessing of Cars

St. Elijah ascended into heaven as the Second Book of Kings describes it: "...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Because of this ascension of Elijah into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles. Now each year, we bless our cars on or near the feast of St. Elijah (July 20). **The blessing of cars will take place on the weekend of July 25/26 following Liturgies.**

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., JULY 22 Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Lefort Jean-Louis requested by Jonathan Dohanich

THUR., JULY 23 Trophimus and Others, Martyrs

7:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Clemencia Jaramillo, requested by Marta Sasala

FRI., JULY 24 Boris and Gleb Martyrs

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Br. Jude Emmanuel, OFM. Cap, requested by Grant Gaylord

SUN., JULY 26 NINTH 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 25 NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Jackie Clemens, requested by Jonathan Dohanich

What Jesus Did

And not even here (*Today's Gospel*) does Jesus hold back on the miracle, but it continues as the loaves become fragments. The broken pieces signify that of those the loaves, some remained unreceived. This was in order that those who were absent might also learn what had been done. For this providential purpose, then, Jesus indeed permitted the crowds to get hungry in order that no one might suppose what took place to be as illusion. For this purpose, He also caused just twelve baskets to remain over: that Judas, too, might bear one. He wanted all the disciples to know his power. He fed their hunger. In Elijah's case something similar happened, too (*see 1 Kings 17:16*).

(Commentary from St. John Chrysostom)

The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah. (1 Kings 17:16)

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds.

Today’s Gospel reading from the holy apostle and evangelist Matthew relates to us the feeding of the five thousand and the miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes. This miracle teaches us several things that are helpful in our journey of faith. We can see how this miracle is also a revelation of the Savior’s divinity, of the power of Christ. The miracle takes place when the day is already far spent, but Christ is not limited by time; He is the Lord of Time. Where does this miracle take place? In a desert place, in the wilderness; therefore Christ is also the Lord of Space. He blesses and multiplies bread and fish; He is also the Lord of Land and Sea.

We see in this miracle how Christ not only feeds us with material food, but also with spiritual food, for, as it is written in the Holy Scriptures, “man shall not live by bread alone”. Look at the numbers mentioned in this Gospel. Why five loaves? The number five, as we read in the Psalms and in the prayers of thanksgiving after communion, represent our five senses. These five senses are fed by Christ, the Bread of Life.

What about the two fishes? They represent the two parts of the New Testament, the Gospels and the Epistles, which were written by fishermen, who became fishers of men, for we are spiritually fed by their writings.

Why twelve baskets of fragments? They represent the twelve Apostles who preach to the ends of the universe, the fragments who feed our souls with the words of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

As we meditate upon this Gospel reading, let us open our minds and souls to Christ our True God that we too may be fed and satisfied with the Bread of Life.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!



Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

“Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith.”

Today we remember the Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils, those pastor-bishops who met in various gatherings from the fourth to the seventh centuries to combat heresies and formulate canons, or rules, to guide the Church in holy living. We honor these Fathers – indeed, we honor all the saints – because they are friends of Christ, because they show us Christ. The Fathers committed their lives, many of them as martyrs, to teaching clearly and faithfully the word of God. We are called to consider carefully the outcome of their life and to imitate their faith. We are to follow their examples in never neglecting to do good and to share what we have, for such is the way of the fathers, the way of the saints, and such sacrifices are well-pleasing to God.

One of the reasons our churches are filled with icons is to aid us in this task. In worship we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, a tremendous company of those who teach us in word and deed the way of Christ. Many of them were mistreated by the world. Like their Lord Christ, they met their end in dishonor, “dying outside the city,” far removed from fame or fortune. For here they had no lasting city, but rather they sought a city which is to come. As a community of faithful, we are to remember them, we cling to their relics, we venerate their icons, because we know that they’re not simply dead and gone, buried and forgotten. We know that in Christ they live! Dwelling in the fullness of His presence, they are in a certain profound sense more alive than we are in our present struggles.

And so we ask their prayers, that our lives may become more deeply rooted in the life and love of Christ, just as theirs are. We remember them this day and every day. In the words of St. John of Damascus, who wrote in the eighth century: “Let us carefully review the life of these men, and let us emulate their faith, love, hope, zeal, and way of life, and endurance of sufferings and patience even to (the shedding of) blood, in order that we may be sharers with them in their crowns of glory.” Amen.



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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
- 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!

St. George
Byzantine Catholic Church
First Saturday Devotions

In honor of Aliquippa's
Consecration to the Immaculate
Heart of the Theotokos



Schedule

7:30 am Church open for private prayer
7:45-8:15 am Confession available
8:30 am Divine Liturgy

*First Saturday Devotions will begin
August 1, 2026*

1001 Clinton St.
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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 Deacon Joe Hnat
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
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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.