

August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

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St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., AUG. 2 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOSTSUNDAY

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

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

TUE., AUG. 4 Seven Youths of Ephesus, Martyrs

5:00-5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

*Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith,
especially parishioners of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel*

Following Social

WED., AUG. 5 Eusignius, Martyr

7:00 A.M. Paraklesis to the Theotokos

THUR., AUG. 6 TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD, Solemn Holy Day

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit

Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially members of the clergy

Following Social

SUN., AUG. 9 ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + John Franc, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

Happy Birthday Greetings:

August 3: Elesia Hagan-Day, August 4: Kathy Kapaldo

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

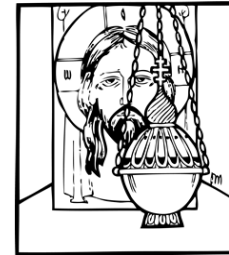
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – August 2: Dan Pinchot – August 9: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – August 2: J. Yurosky – August 9: R. Dzumba



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

August 2 - 8, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Judith Rubino

(In loving memory)

Offered By:

Michael Bobanic

The feast of the Holy Transfiguration is celebrated late in summer, at the time of the first fruits, which remind us of God's great goodness and His infinite bounty. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for His generosity we bring some of these first fruits to the church for blessing.

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!



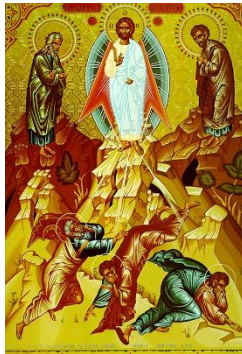
Please sign-up for the Picnic on the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Total Faith

When someone has total faith, such that he no longer disbelieves in anything found in holy Scripture and has faith like that of Abraham, who so believed in God to such a degree that his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness, then he has all faith like a grain of a mustard seed. Then such a man will say to this mountain – I mean in this case the deaf and dumb spirit in him who is said to be epileptic – “Move from here to another place.” It will move. *(Origen)*

The Transfiguration of our Lord, August 6

The Transformation of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in which Jesus Christ, beloved and only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, manifested his glory in the presence of the holy Apostles Peter, James, and John, with the Law and the prophets bearing witness in the persons of Moses and Elijah. This was done so that, while sharing the servile humility of our state he might intimate our glorious restoration through grace. Thus it might be announced to the ends of the earth that the image of God, in which humanity was created, even as it was corrupted in Adam, would be restored in Christ.



The Dormition Fast

The feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the most ancient feast of the Mother of God, and more than any other, this feast directs our gaze towards what we are all called to as Christians: communion with the Lord for all eternity. By tradition, we prepare for it with the Dormition Fast; a strict abstinence from August 1 to 14, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). The observance of this fast is voluntary.

***Unto the Mother of God let us sinners humbly and diligently have recourse now
O Most Holy Theotokos save us!***

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

MON., AUG 3 Isaacius and Others, Venerables
4:15-5:15 P.M. Confessions
5:15 P.M. Akathist to the Theotokos
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Mystery of Holy Anointing
Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially our family members and friends
Following Social

TUE., AUG. 4 Seven Youths of Ephesus, Martyrs
8:30 A.M. Moleben for those suffering from drugs and alcohol dependence
9:00 A.M. First and Third Hour

WED., AUG. 5 TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD, Solemn Holy Day
5:00 P.M. GREAT VESPERS with LITIJA
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY with Blessing of Grapes/Fruit
Intention: For the return of fallen away Catholics to the Faith, especially our neighbors in Beaver County
Following Social

THUR., AUG. 6TRANSFIGURATION of our LORD, Solemn Holy Day
9:00 A.M. FESTAL MATINS

FRI., AUG. 7 POST-FESTIVE DAY of the TRANSFIGURATION
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Jeffrey Zdinak, requested by Fr. Anthony

SUN., AUG. 9ELEVENTH 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., AUG. 8 ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Health of Rebecca Kayla Harding, requested by Dan and Jackie

PRAY for the FALLEN AWAY

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

As we go through the Dormition Fast, we celebrate our 3rd Annual Days of Prayer for Fallen Away Catholics. This has been an extremely fruitful mission for our parish and we've had many Catholics return to the practice of the faith. I encourage everyone to participate in this parish mission as much as possible. We are blessed to have several excellent guest homilists coming to join us:

1. Fr Thomas More OSB, a bi-ritual monk of St. Vincent Archabbey
2. Deacon Joseph Hnat, a longtime deacon of the Eparchy of Parma studying for the priesthood
3. Fr. DJ Egan, a friend of mine from my time in Roman seminary who is pastor of St. Aidan parish in Wexford
4. Fr. Ian McElrath, a bi-ritual priest of the Diocese of Erie

Note that Thursday is the **Solemn Holy Day of the Transfiguration**. We will have the blessing of grapes and fruits at the end of each feast day liturgy.

Saturday, August 15th is the Feast of the Dormition, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Our schedule will be as follows:

Friday, August 14th 6:00pm Great Vespers 7:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by Procession with Dormition Shroud at St. Mary.

Saturday, August 15th 7:45am Festal Matins 9:00am Divine Liturgy followed by Procession with Dormition Shroud at St. George.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Come, let us ascend the mountain of the Lord, and go into the house of our God. Let us contemplate the glory of His Transfiguration, the glory of the only begotten Son of God the Father. From His light, let us receive light; and raised up by the Holy Spirit, let us sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity forever.

Litija verse for the Feast

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At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me."

In today's Gospel Reading Our Lord said that the disciples who were unable to heal the boy were FAITHLESS. What does it mean to have faith?

Faith is what comes of an encounter with the Lord beyond words and human concepts. It is the result of a face to face, heart to heart encounter with the living God. Faith is a gift given by God to those who have purified their hearts, to those who have learned how to sit at the feet of the Lord in silence and who practice moment by moment, day by day, month by month and year after year the constant remembrance of His presence. Faith is a return to the truth of who we are as human beings created in His image and likeness. It is the rising within us of the rivers of living water promised by Christ to those who have, as St. Seraphim so beautifully taught, acquired the Holy Spirit. Faith is released in us from the depths of our souls when we have taken out the garbage that obstructs the image and let go of everything that is unhelpful, unloving and unhealthy.

Faith embraces God Himself in an unmediated way, demanding and asking for nothing except to see and experience the wonder of His presence. Even miracles are a distraction from the "one necessary thing" which is to sit at His feet, to feed on His words, to bask silently in His silence. The Holy Fathers say that if you see a vision during prayer, ignore it and return to prayer for there is only one "necessary thing." Faith rests in the God who at all times "is everywhere present, filling all things" and is content to be alone with Him and to love Him. True faith simply knows that the goodness of the Lord overflows at all times to all creation whether times are good or bad or happy or sad. "To live is Christ, to die is Christ," wrote St. Paul. That is all we need. The sign of faith in a person may be miracles or not, but the one sure sign that faith is at work is love and humility. If they are present, then a variety of miracles are already occurring and the eyes of faith can see them. Amen.



Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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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!