

September 6, 2026
Fifteenth 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: Resurrectional Tone 6: pp. 152 - 153

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., SEPT. 6 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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., SEPT. 8 BIRTH of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day

8:30 A.M.FIRST & THIRD HOUR

6:00 P.M.DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Thomas Costo, requested by Patricia Costo

Following Social in the Center

WED., SEPT. 9 Synaxis of Joachim and Anna

7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

SUN., SEPT. 13 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the CROSS

8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY

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Wedding Anniveraries:

September 12: Daniel & Kathy Kapaldo

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME – Eileen Batcha, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marian Yurosky

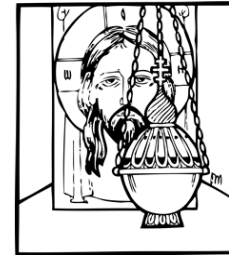
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – September 6: Jo Ann Hersh – September 13: Louisa Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – September 6: F. Hersh – September 13: R. Dzumba



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

September 6 - 12, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

Becoming like God

The first commandment teaches every kind of godliness. For to love God with the whole heart is the cause of every good. The second commandment includes the righteous acts we do towards others. The first commandment prepares the way for the second and in turn is established by the second. For the man who is grounded in the love of God clearly also loves his neighbor in all things himself. The kind of man who fulfills these two commandments experiences all the commandments.

(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

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

COME CELEBRATE THE

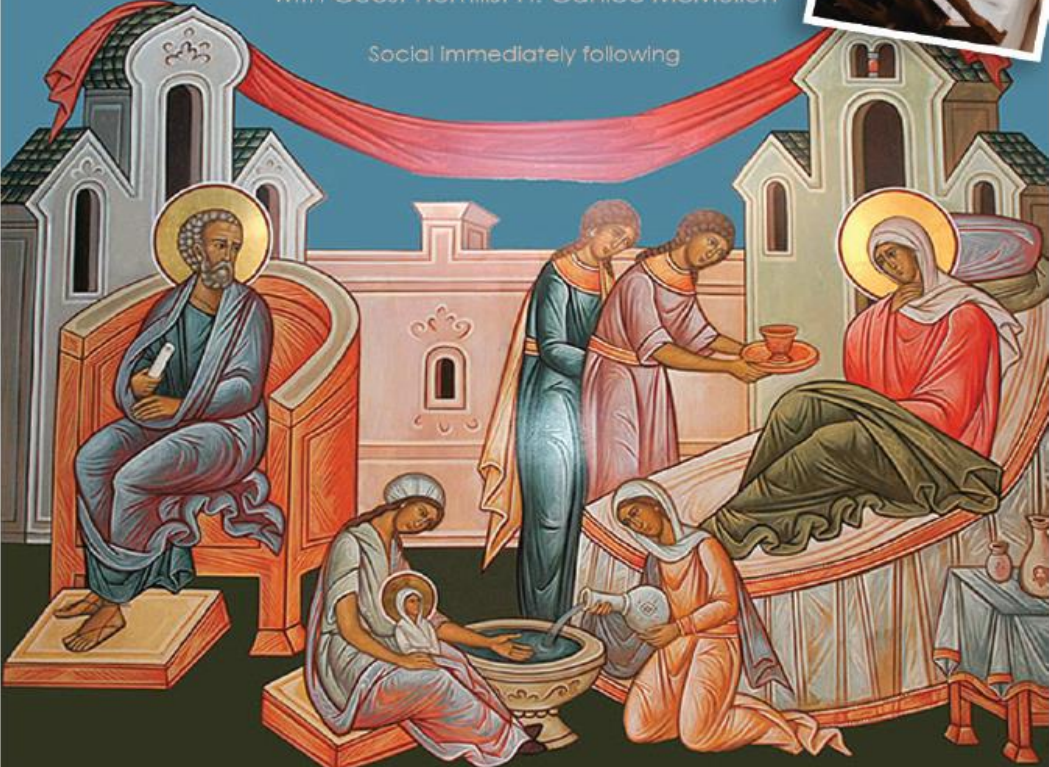
Birth of the Theotokos

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

St. George Byzantine Church
1001 Clinton Street, Alliquippa, PA

6:00 PM
DIVINE LITURGY
with Guest Homilist Fr. Canice McMullen

Social Immediately following



This Week!

We extol you, O Most Holy Virgin, and we venerate the holy ancestors of God, and we celebrate your glorious Nativity!

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., SEPT 9 Synaxis of Joachim and Anna

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Miriam, Joel, and Frances Hardy, requested by parents, Ben and Melanie

THUR., SEPT. 10 Menodora and Others, Martyrs

7:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Remi Ruiz, requested by Grant Gaylord

FRI., SEPT. 11 Theodora, Venerable

9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Mary Ellen and + Arthur Fellenstein, requested by Carol Fellenstein

SAT., SEPT. 12 Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

5:30 P.M. GREAT VESPERS

Following Young Adult Barbeque

SUN., SEPT. 13 SUNDAY before the EXALTATION of the CROSS

10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR

11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Anthony Thaddeus Burke, requested by Pete Masciontonio

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., SEPT. 12 NO LITURGY

Welcoming Committee

After hearing multiple parishioners express interest, we will be reviving the **St. George Welcoming Committee** that existed in the past, effective Sunday, September 20th. We have been blessed to have an increased number of visitors to our parish. We want them to feel welcomed, be able to know what liturgical books to use, and to be invited to the coffee hour following liturgy. These volunteers will also be in charge of selling the votive candles prior to liturgy. I would like to have 2 volunteers available per Sunday/major liturgy, which will require showing up no later than 8:00am. Depending on how many volunteers we have, we will have a schedule and a rotation.

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

This week we celebrate the Birth of the Theotokos, a Solemn Holy Day and one of the 12 Great Feasts. We will celebrate First and Third hour at 8:30am at St. George. We will be having one Divine Liturgy at St. George at 6:00pm with my dear friend Fr. Canice McMullen as a guest homilist. A social will follow.

I apologize for the schedule shift but there will no Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel this Saturday, September 12th.

All are welcome to attend the Great Vespers at 5:30 at St. Mary's (fulfills Sunday obligation for Byzantine Catholics). There will be a young adult barbecue (ages 18-39) to follow.

We still are in need of volunteers to signup to clean (basically vacuuming) St. Mary's. Even helping once a month would be *tremendously helpful*.

Next Monday, September 14th is a Solemn Holy Day, the Exaltation of the Cross. We will have one Divine Liturgy at St. Mary at 6:00pm. This is traditionally a day of strict fast for Byzantine Catholics.

Normally, the goal is to do a more full liturgical observance for Solemn Holy Days. However, Labor Day preceding the Birth of Mary and the Exaltation of the Cross following on a Monday makes this untenable this time around.

A reminder to our volunteers to please turn in Safe Environment forms.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

This question was posed by one of the scholars of the law in an attempt to test Jesus. It's clear, from the context of this passage, that the relationship between Jesus and the religious leaders of His time was beginning to become contentious. They were beginning to test Him and were even trying to trap Him. However, Jesus continued to silence them with His words of wisdom.

In response to the question above, Jesus silences this scholar of the law by giving the perfect answer. He says, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”

With this statement, Jesus gives a complete summary of the moral law found in the Ten Commandments. The first three Commandments reveal that we must love God above all and with all our might. The last six Commandments reveal that we must love our neighbor. The moral law of God is as simple as fulfilling these two more general commandments.

But is it all that simple? Well, the answer is both “Yes” and “No.” It's simple in the sense that God's will is not typically complex and difficult to comprehend. Love is spelled out clearly in the Gospels and we are called to embrace a radical life of true love and charity.

However, it can be considered difficult in that we are not only called to love, we are called to love with all our being. We must give of ourselves completely and without reserve. This is radical and requires that we hold nothing back.

Reflect, today, upon the simple call to love God and your neighbor with all that you are. Reflect, especially, upon that word “all.” As you do, you will most certainly become aware of ways in which you fail to give everything. As you see your failure, recommit in hope to the glorious path of making a total gift of yourself to God and others.

Lord, I choose to love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. I also choose to love all people as You love them. Give me the grace to live these two commandments of love and to see them as the path to holiness of life. I do love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.



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Cantors: Jo Ann Hersh, Louisa Hersh, 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

Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вики!

THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS



JOIN US ON OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

OCTOBER 1, 2026

6:00pm Divine Liturgy
7:15pm Program begins
Q&A to follow

Free of Charge
(Free Will Offering will be accepted)



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