

September 20, 2026
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross



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., SEPT. 20 SUNDAY after the EXALTATION of the CROSS
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

WED., SEPT. 23 Conception of John the Baptist
7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR, Reader Service

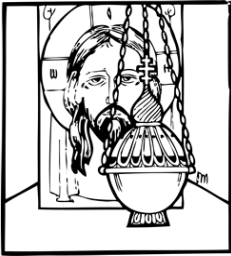
SUN., SEPT. 27 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Joseph Yuroskey, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

Fr. Anthony will be away until Saturday, September 26th. 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.

Wedding Anniveraries:
September 25: Dan & Jackie Pinchot

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins
HOME – Eileen Batcha, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marian Yuroskey
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 20: Dan Pinchot – September 27: Prudy Peya
Ushers – Stand in as needed
Troica Holders – September 20: C. Winslow – September 27: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK’S SANCTUARY LAMP
September 20 - 26, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

Our Parishioners

*Christ our God, teach us to humbly bear our cross as we seek to follow You.
Give us eyes to see where need exists and generosity to serve as You served.
Through the power of Your precious Cross, grant to us Your great mercy and
teach us to embody Your compassion.*

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

St. George Fellowship Hour

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to join us following the Sunday Divine Liturgy for Fellowship coffee and doughnuts TODAY and every Sunday!

We invite EVERYONE to STAY and join us.



Safe Child Environment

As of June, 2026, the Archeparchy has updated the forms for Safe Environment clearances. If you have not completed the newly updated forms and want to continue as a volunteer at St. George, please contact Jackie Pinchot as soon as possible. You can make an appointment to meet with her in the Church office to complete the paperwork. You may email her at: stgeorgealiquippa@protonmail.com.



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"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
Mark 8:34b

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Слава Иисусу Христу! ~ Слава на вики!

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., SEPT. 23 Conception of John the Baptist
6:00 P.M. Chant Group Practice

SUN., SEPT. 27 EIGHTEENTH 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., SEPT. 26 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Mike and Betty Sasala requested by Terry and Marta Sasala

Are you ashamed of Christ?

One who claims to live in Christ ought to walk as He walked. Would you follow Christ? Then be humble as He was humble. Do not scorn His lowliness if you want to reach His exaltation. Human sin made the road rough. Christ’s resurrection leveled it. By passing over it Himself He transformed the narrowest of tracks into a royal highway. Two feet are needed to run along this highway; they are humility and charity. Everyone wants to get to the top – well, the first step to take is humility. Why take strides that are too big for you – do you want to fall instead of going up? Start with the first step, humility, and you will already be climbing.
(Saint Caesarius of Arles)

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. Grant victory to your Church over evil; and protect your people by your cross.

The Cross, once a tool of death, has become a means to life, an instrument of our salvation; it gives strength to resist temptation, to refrain from gossip or harsh words and it dispels fear. Amen.



A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

I will be taking some time away this week so there will be no weekday Divine Liturgies.

Next week, we will be having celebrations for St. Mary's Feast Day as follows:

St. Mary's parish Feast Day is October 1st, the Protection of the Theotokos. The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, September 30th 6:00pm All-Night Vigil (Vespers and Matins) followed by a social.

Thursday, October 1st 6:00pm Divine Liturgy followed by Dr. Peter Kwasniewski Lecture

Sunday, October 4th 9:30am Matins 11:00am Divine Liturgy followed by Parish Open House

Please sign up in the back of the Church if you plan to attend the St. Mary's Open House so we can prepare enough food. There will be no 8:30am Divine Liturgy at St. George Sunday, October 4th to allow us to celebrate a combined event at St. Mary's. There will still be the 5:00pm Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Chapel Saturday evening.

I will be on our required Archeparchy Clergy Retreat October 4th - 8th.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

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The Epistle which is proclaimed in the Church today is one that has been misused by many non-Apostolic Christians who would look to reject the Church's teaching on salvation. "Faith" in our understanding is the union of our entire self to Christ. This union which entrusts my intellect, spirit, soul and body to the Savior joins me to Christ in such an intimate way that my life is transformed into his life. This is the process of Theosis or divinization. As Saint Paul says "it is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me." Faith, then, is an aspect of love by which I give my life to the one that I love. In this act of total self-gift we can discern two important truths. The one who loves first must die to himself in as much as the lover's life is no longer about himself but totally about the one whom he loves and whom he sustains through the gift of his life. The second truth that results from the first is that the lover, having died to himself, comes to life or is "resurrected from the dead" in the life of the beloved.



The Gospel which is proclaimed today confirms and makes explicit for us the above explanation of loving faith. "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it." The cross, the exaltation of which we celebrated this past Thursday, is the sign of the Lord's total self-giving love. The cross reveals to us the breadth and depth of God's love. What remains is our response to that gift and our union with that love.

For Your Reflection:

1. How can we understand Saint Paul's teaching that he is "nailed to the cross" with Christ?
2. How can we unite ourselves to the cross of Christ and why would Jesus want us to do so?
3. How do we save our life by losing it?
4. What kind of life are we called to give up and what kind of life do we gain?

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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 Stewardship Church and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday,

Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month, October - May

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