

September 27, 2026
Eighteenth 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!

Proper for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 1: pp. 125 - 127

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., SEPT. 27 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Joseph Yurosky, requested by Butch and Judy Dzumba

TUE., SEPT. 29 Cyriacus, Venerable

6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + 40th day Joseph Yurosky

WED., SEPT. 30 Gregory Illuminator, Bishop-Martyr

7:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: Private intention from Mt. St. Macrina

SAT., OCT. 3 Dennis the Areopagite, Bishop-Martyr

7:45-8:15 AM Confessions

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Members of the Yuhasz Family, requested by Bill & Carole Yuhasz

SUN., OCT. 4 NO DIVINE LITURGY at ST. GEORGE

Happy Birthday Greetings:
September 30: Dan Pinchot

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

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

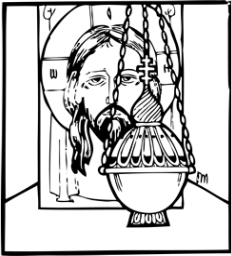
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

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

Epistle Readers – September 27: Prudy Peya – October 11: JoAnn Hersh

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – September 27: R. Mudron – October 11: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
September 27 – October 3, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ Mary Kay Brooks
(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:
Butch & Judy Dzumba

Practical Questions:

1. In what ways do we tend to shy away from sharing our faith with others?
2. What opportunities / small practical ways do we have on a daily basis to share our faith with those around us?
3. Why did Jesus choose simple fishermen for his mission of salvation? What does this teach us about our calling to be evangelizers?
4. What would you have done if you were Simon, Andrew, James or John and Jesus had asked you to “put out your net” after you had not caught anything all night and you had already cleaned your nets?

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

Pirohi Sale next Week!

Our pirohi sale returns on **Friday, October 9** and will continue the second Friday of each month thereafter (Except January). Our pirohi project raises money to help support our Church AND **BRINGS US TOGETHER FOR A SENSE OF COMMUNITY**. It is the community that unites us to our Creator, and unites us to one another, in a communion of love! Join us for this important tradition for our St. George Church by volunteering and/or purchasing pirohi.



Pirohi workdays:

Monday, October 5 at 9:00 AM: peel potatoes

Tuesday – Thursday Oct. 6 – 8 at 9:00 AM each day until finished

Friday, Oct. 9 beginning at 6:30 AM

Any amount of time you can help will be GREATLY appreciated!

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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Слава Иисусу Христу! ~ Слава на вики!

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., SEPT. 30 *Anticipated* **PROTECTION of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day**
6:00 P.M. **All Night Vigil: Vespers and Matins**
Following **Social**

THURS., OCT. 1 **PROTECTION of the THEOTOKOS, Solemn Holy Day**
6:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
Following **Talk by Dr. Peter Kwasniewski**
Intention: + Ligia Giraldo, requested by Terry & Marta Sasala

FRI., OCT. 2 **Cyprian, Bishop-Martyr**
9:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Kathryn Ragsdale, requested by Patricia Costo

SUN., OCT. 4 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
9:30 A.M. **FESTAL MATINS**
11:00 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel
Following **Parish Open House**

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., OCT. 3 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**
5:00 P.M. **DIVINE LITURGY**
Intention: + Judith Rubino, requested by Cynthia Hedzik

Follow Christ and He will astonish you with blessings!

After toiling the whole night Simon and his companions caught nothing. But in the name of Christ they let down the net and immediately it was full of fish. ... Many have taken part with the holy apostles in their labors, and still do, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea (that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things).

(St. Clement of Alexandria)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

We have an absolutely packed week filled with wonderful celebrations!

Thursday, October 1st is the patronal feast day of St. Mary's the Protection of the Theotokos. On **Wednesday evening, we will begin the celebration at 6:00pm with an "All-Night" Vigil**, a service combining Vespers and Matins that takes roughly two hours followed by a social. You are more than welcome to come late or leave early, don't feel as if you have to stay for the whole thing.

Since we will not be having Wednesday evening Divine Liturgy, we will have Divine Liturgy at 7:00am at St. George on Wednesday morning rather than 1st and 3rd hour.

Thursday evening we will have the feast day at St. Mary's at 6:00pm followed by a lecture from Dr. Peter Kwasniewski at 7:15pm, a friend of mine and an internationally known liturgical scholar.

Saturday morning we will have Confessions and 8:30am Divine Liturgy at St. George as it is a First Saturday.

Sunday we will have one combined Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's at 11:00am followed by the parish open house. Please sign up by today if you plan on coming. There will be 9:30am Festal Matins preceding Divine Liturgy.

We will still have liturgy Saturday evening at St. Nicholas Chapel but there will be no Sunday liturgy at St. George.

Next week I will be on the Archeparchy's required clergy retreat. Please contact me in the case of an emergency, but please wait until Thursday afternoon when I return for non-essential business. There will be no weekday liturgies until Friday.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

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In Luke 5:1–11, we encounter the moment when Jesus calls His first disciples through the miracle of the great catch of fish. As the crowds press in to hear the Word of God, Jesus steps into Simon Peter's boat and teaches from the water. Afterward, He tells Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Simon, weary from a fruitless night of fishing, replies, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5). His obedience, despite doubt, leads to an astonishing result. The nets overflow with fish, and the boats nearly sink under the weight of the catch.



This moment is more than a miracle; it is a revelation. Peter, overwhelmed, falls at Jesus' knees and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8). His response reflects the awe and humility that often accompany an encounter with divine holiness. In the Byzantine Christianity, this echoes the experience of theosis—being drawn into the life of God despite our unworthiness. Jesus does not reject Peter's confession but instead calls him to a new mission: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men" (Luke 5:10). This is the heart of apostolic life. We are transformed by Christ and sent into the world.

The imagery in this passage resonates deeply with Byzantine spirituality. The boat represents the Church, from which Christ teaches. The deep water symbolizes the mystery of divine grace, which lies beyond human effort. The net is the Gospel, cast into the world to gather souls. And the catch is the fruit of obedience and trust in Christ. Peter and his companions leave everything behind, their boats, their nets, even their identity as fishermen, to follow Jesus. This radical surrender is the beginning of their discipleship.

On this 16th Sunday after Pentecost, we are invited to reflect on our own response to Christ's call. Are we willing to "put out into the deep," trusting Him beyond our comfort zones? Will we let down our nets again, even when past efforts have failed? Can we acknowledge our sinfulness without letting it paralyze us? And most importantly, are we ready to follow Him, leaving behind whatever holds us back? The Gospel challenges us to move from fear to faith, from labor to abundance, and from spectators to apostles.

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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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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)



A talk with scholar
Dr. Peter Kwasniewski

"Exploring the Common Riches of the Byzantine Rite and the Roman Rite"

Peter A. Kwasniewski holds a B.A. in liberal arts from Thomas Aquinas College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from the Catholic University of America, with a specialization in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas.

After teaching at the International Theological Institute in Austria, he helped establish Wyoming Catholic College in 2006, where he taught theology, philosophy, music, and art history and directed the choir and schola until 2018.

Today, he is a full-time writer, speaker, and publisher, who co-founded the traditional Catholic digital platform Pelican Plus; he writes at the Tradition & Sanity Substack, and directs Os Justi Press, which publishes popular and academic books by many authors on a wide variety of subjects.

Dr. Kwasniewski himself has written more than twenty books, with special attention to the traditional Roman liturgy, and his work has been translated into at least twenty languages. He is also a composer whose sacred choral music has been performed around the world.

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St. George & St. Mary
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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Can you
touch a
prayer? Can
you pull it
close and feel
its comfort?
You can if it
comes in the
form of a
prayer
shawl!

A Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the
power of prayer with the love of knitting
and crocheting to reach out to those
individuals in need of comfort, solace,
shelter, or a warm hug!

Prayer shawls--and other handcrafted
items--are simple gifts of grace from God,
prayerfully and lovingly stitched as
reminders that God is always with us.

If you can knit or crochet (at any level)
please consider joining us for fun,
fellowship, prayer and service to others!

Sign up sheet in the narthex

