

October 4, 2026
Nineteenth 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!
Слава Иисусу Христу! ~ Слава на вики!*

Proprs for this Sunday: Resurrectional Tone 2: pp. 130 - 132

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., OCT. 7 Sergius and Bacchus, Martyrs
7:00 A.M. FIRST AND THIRD HOUR, Reader Service

SUN., OCT. 11 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Mary Elizabeth Olack, requested by daughter, Kathy Kapaldo

Christ is Among us! He is and Shall be!
Christos posred'i nas! Jest' i budet!

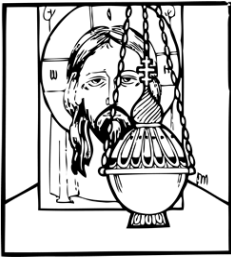
Happy Birthday Greetings:
October 9: Charles Hagan

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 – October 11: JoAnn Hersh
Ushers – Stand in as needed
Troica Holders – October 11: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
October 4 - 10, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Joseph & Mary Elizabeth Olack
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
Olack Family

From the Desert Fathers: Venerable father Anthony the Great
Do you want true intelligence? Then book learning isn't enough; you must also have spiritual knowledge. This includes being able to tell the difference between what is good and what is evil. Then you must avoid what is sinful and harmful to your soul and, with thanks to God, carefully keep what is good and what benefits your soul. If you do that, you are truly intelligent.

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 Season is Back!!!

Our pirohi sale returns this **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**. 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

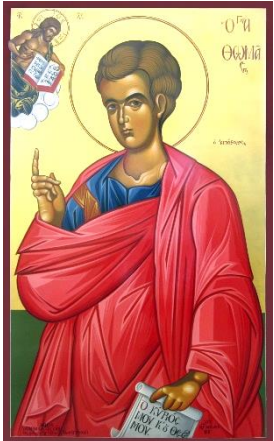
Friday, Oct. 9 beginning at 6:30 AM

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

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas, October 6

The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior. According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”



Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

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St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

FRI., OCT. 9 James Alpheus, Apostle
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Private Intention from Mt. St. Macrina

SUN., OCT. 11 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For Deacon Tom on the 15th anniversary of his ordination requested by Fr. Anthony



St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., OCT. 10 SUNDAY of the FATHERS of the 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel



How deeply is the Lord rooted in you?
This good seed is worthy of admiration. Rich and well-productive land brings forth fruit a hundredfold. They say that the best soils sometimes under cultivation produce a hundredfold, so this is a mark of every fertile and productive spot. One of the holy prophets said from the mouth of God, “And all nations shall congratulate you because you are a desirable land.” (Mal 3:12) When the divine word falls upon a pure mind skillful in cleansing itself from things hurtful, it fixes its root deeply and shoots up like an ear of corn. It brings its fruit to perfection being strong in blade and beautifully flowered.
(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

It was a beautiful and full week with the celebrations for St. Mary's patronal feast! Thanks to all who helped or participated in any way as we did our best to offer right worship to God and honor the Theotokos.

This will be a much quieter week as I will be away for the Archeparchy's required clergy retreat. Other than a Wednesday morning reader service, there will be no liturgical services until Friday. Please contact me if there is an emergency but please wait until I return on Thursday afternoon for non-urgent matters.

Work has been progressing on the retaining wall by the rectory lawn at St. Mary's. The cost of this project has been borne by an anonymous benefactor. Also, you will notice the smaller green Divine Liturgy books in the pews which were donated to both churches. This is a simplified format which doesn't require flipping to multiple pages. We are hoping these will help our visitors follow our rich liturgy and perhaps be appreciated by our regular parishioners as well! We are so blessed by our generous donors - thank you so very much!

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

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This Sunday, we hear the Parable of the Sower. Christ reveals the mystery of the Kingdom of God through the image of a sower scattering seed. The seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents the condition of our hearts.

Some seed falls on the path and is eaten by birds, symbolizing those who hear but do not grasp or accept God's Word. Other seed falls on rocky ground where they sprout quickly but wither for lack of water, just as we may receive the Word with joy but fail to let it take root when trials come. Still other seed falls among thorns, representing life's distractions, worries, riches, and pleasures. All of which choke spiritual growth.



“But as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience” (Luke 8:15). As Byzantine Catholics, we are reminded that the Word is not merely heard but received, nurtured, and lived. The icon of the Theotokos offers us a powerful image of the “good soil”: a heart that receives the Word and bears fruit through obedience, humility, and love.

Let us ask ourselves: What kind of soil are we? Do we allow the noise of the world to drown out the voice of God? Or do we, like the good soil, hold fast to the Word with a noble and faithful heart, bearing fruit through perseverance?

As the deacon proclaims in the Divine Liturgy, “Let us be attentive!” May we truly listen and may the Word of God take root in us, transforming our lives into a living Gospel.

When we hear the Word of God, our concern is to “hold it fast in an honest and good heart.” This, in turn, will cultivate “fruit with patience.” Every Liturgy presents us with the opportunity of “hearing” the living Word of God. If we have “ears to hear,” the seed of the Sower will fall on “good soil.”

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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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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!



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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