

October 11, 2026
Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



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: See Handout

St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

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

WED., OCT. 14 Paraskevia, Venerable
7:00 A.M. FIRST & THIRD HOUR

SUN., OCT. 18 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Luke – Apostle
8:15 A.M.FIRST HOUR
8:30 A.M.DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: +Mark A. Seech and Jason E. Seech, requested by Edward M. Seech

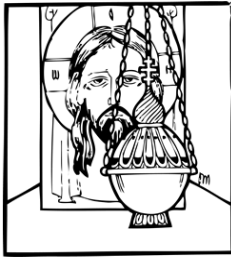
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Happy Birthday Greetings:
October 16: Frank Dalonzo, October 17: Dorothy Hagan

Wedding Anniversaries:
October 13: Charles and Dorothy 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 – October 18: Dan Pinchot
Ushers – Stand in as needed
Troica Holders – October 11: F. Hersh – October 18: M. Bobanic



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
October 11 - 17, 2026
Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ John & Kathryn Dulick
(In Loving Memory)
Offered By:
Dottie & Chuck Hagan

There should be images in the churches of the faithful, especially the images of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Mother of God, of every kind of material, both gold and silver and of every color, so that his incarnation may be set forth for all. Let there also be painted the lives of the Saints and Prophets and Martyrs, so their struggles and agonies may be set forth for the stirring up and teaching of the people, especially of the unlearned.
St. Theodosius to the Second Council of Nicea

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

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

On this Sunday, we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II, 787), who defended the veneration of holy icons against the heresy of iconoclasm. Their witness affirms the Incarnation: that Christ, the Word made flesh (John 1:14), entered into visible creation, sanctifying it and making it a vessel of divine grace.



In the Gospel reading (John 17:1–13), we hear Christ’s high priestly prayer. He prays to the Father, saying, *“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).

This prayer reveals the heart of our faith: communion with God through Christ. The Fathers of the Council defended this communion by safeguarding the truth of the Incarnation. To deny the legitimacy of icons was, in effect, to deny that the Son of God truly became man. As St. John of Damascus wrote in his defense of icons, “When the Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth” (John 17:8, 17).

The Fathers of Nicaea II were sanctified in this truth. They stood firm against political pressure and theological confusion, preserving the apostolic faith handed down through the Church. Their work reminds us that fidelity to Christ often requires courage, discernment, and unity.

Finally, Christ prays: “Holy Father, keep them in Your name... that they may be one as We are” (John 17:11).

This unity is not merely institutional—it is spiritual, rooted in the truth of Christ and the love of the Trinity. The Council Fathers, though diverse in background, were united in their defense of the faith. Their unity reflects the unity Christ desires for His Church: a communion of love, truth, and holiness.

As we honor the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, we are called to:

- Embrace the truth of the Incarnation and the Church’s teaching.
- Venerate holy icons as windows to heaven, not as ends in themselves.
- Seek unity in Christ, grounded in truth and love.
- Live eternal life now, by knowing the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit.

May their intercession strengthen us to remain faithful, courageous, and united in the truth of Christ.

St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

MON., OCT. 12 Probus and Others, Martyrs
11:00 A.M. FUNERAL DIVINE LITURGY for Antoinette Kurash

WED., OCT. 14 Paraskevia, Venerable
6:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Juan Rosario, requested by Matthew and Maria Sawicki

THURS., OCT. 15 Euthymius, Venerable
7:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Lucia Mejia De Giraldo, requested by Terry & Marta Sasala

FRI., OCT. 16 Longinus, Martyr
9:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, & St. Nicholas Chapel

SUN., OCT. 18 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Luke – Apostle
10:45 A.M. THIRD HOUR
11:00 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Michael Sasala, requested by Terry & Marta Sasala

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., OCT. 17 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST, Luke – Apostle
5:00 P.M. DIVINE LITURGY
Intention: + Judith Rubino, requested by Maria & Michael Altrudo

Let it be known everywhere that the Lord is God

Even though He appeared as a man He has still given us the indications of a godlike power and majesty, and that these indications are evident on many occasions and in a multitude of ways. He drove away diseases and rebuked unclean spirits. He gave the blind their sight. He even expelled death itself from the bodies of men, a death that cruelly and mercilessly had tyrannized mankind from Adam even to Moses (see Rom 5:14). That widow’s son at Nain arose unexpectedly and wonderfully! The miracle did not remain unknown to everyone throughout Judea but was announced abroad as a divine sign, and admiration was upon every tongue.



(St. Cyril of Alexandria)

A Note from Fr. Anthony

Dear parishioners,

As I announced last Sunday, I am very happy to have been named pastor of St. Mary's continue as administrator of St. George! I had requested to be named pastor of both churches but it appears to be Archeparchy policy to only name a priest the pastor of the church where he resides. There is absolutely no expectation that another priest will be assigned to St. George. This is a sign of stability for our churches and allows us to continue on the path of growth that we have been experiencing.

There will be no Liturgy on Tuesday as it will be my day off due to the Monday funeral.

There will be an ice cream sundae social following the 11 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 18 in celebration of my assignment. Please plan to join us after liturgy!

On Friday, October 23rd we will have a special 6:00pm Divine Liturgy in which we will celebrate the Liturgy of St. James in honor of his feast day. This is the ancient liturgy of the Church in Jerusalem until it was succeeded by the Byzantine Rite.

As we move forward, I would like to remind everyone to please talk to me or someone on the Pastoral or Finance Councils if you have any questions or suggestions. I am not familiar with all of the customs that have developed over the years at both churches and appreciate learning about them from you and will consider including them if deemed appropriate.

A reminder that the combined Pastoral Council members are Deacon Tom, Lill Dziabiak, JoAnn Hersh, Francis Hersh, Jonathan Dohanich, and Jackie Pinchot. St. Mary Finance Council members are Deacon Tom, Patty Shuster, Robin Pesa, and Greg Plumb and St. George Finance Council members are Dan Pinchot and Brian Cushin. Charitable questions and suggestions are always welcome.

I thank God for my assignment and your support.

God bless.

Fr. Anthony

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Today the Church proclaims the inspirational story of the resurrection of the dead son, the only son, of the widow of Nain. It is one of Jesus' chief miracles. In the person of the widow, we can see the most destitute, the most hopeless of people. In those days, a widow was left often times with no means of financial security – no means to provide the basic necessities of life. No means, that is, unless there is left to her a son who can look out for her and offer her protection. Sadly, this widowed woman is the wife of a dead man and now the mother of a dead son – truly, she was bereft of hope. She was indeed in a hopeless state – a state of real need. And as Jesus comes to this woman to restore her dead son to life, the woman receives not only her son but also the possibility of life for herself. It was for this reason, to restore life to a world in the stronghold of death, that Jesus was born of the Theotokos. It is for this reason, to give life back to mankind, that he was crucified, was buried and on the third day rose again.



The Church challenges us today to become a people formed in the image and likeness of Christ – a people whose sole identity is to give our life that others might live. Every aspect of our life, then, must be about giving of ourselves to those around us. And through giving of ourselves we proclaim in our actions the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For Your Reflection:

1. What are the different kinds of “needs” that people have?
2. Is there a way to be dead in our heart and yet alive in our body? If so, how can we become more like Jesus to those who are spiritually dead?
3. What are some practical ways in which we can help others who are in need?

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its first meeting on Saturday, November 1 at St. George Church following the First Saturday Liturgy. Liturgy is at 8:30 AM. The meeting will follow, around 10:00 AM. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

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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

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Life and Liturgy

A Monthly "Theology on Tap" style Adult Education Series (21+) with Fr. Anthony

Talks begin at 7:15 pm in the Social Hall Bar area

Drinks & snacks provided!



St. George Byzantine
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Remaining Dates:

Thursday,
Oct. 22

6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

7:15 pm We're In This Together: Why Byzantine Catholics should appreciate the Traditional Latin Mass and why Traditional Roman Catholics should appreciate the Divine Liturgy.

Thursday,
Nov. 5

6:30 pm Moleben of Thanksgiving

7:15 pm Latinizations or Genuine Developments? Do Daily Divine Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Rosary have a place in the Byzantine Catholic Church?

Thursday,
Dec. 3

6:30 pm Emmanuel Moleben

7:15 pm Questions & Answers with Fr. Anthony! All questions are welcome relating to the talks, Divine Liturgy and tradition, and anything else you might have always wanted to ask!



St. George & St. Mary
Byzantine Catholic
Churches

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.

