

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church



(Under the Holy Protection of the Mother of God)

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: After Liturgy or by appointment

Holy Mystery of Anointing: prior to surgery or whenever requested

Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Arrange with Father Kyp

New Parishioners: Welcome! Please see Father for registration



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR AUG 9th to AUG 23rd, 2026

Sunday Aug 9th 11:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – pg 130 Readings: I Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Friday Aug 14th 6:30 p.m.	Dormition Of The Theotokos -- Holy Day of Obligation Blessing of flowers and fragrant herbs Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28 Intention: Open
Sunday Aug 16th 11:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 135 Readings: I Cor 9:2-12; Mt 18:23-35 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday Aug 23rd 11:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 141 Readings: 1 Cor 16:13-24; Mt 21:33-42 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, Aug 9th: Patty Sersen

Sunday, Aug 16th: Ellen McCabe

Sunday, Aug 23rd: Patricia Johnson

Altar Servers

Sunday, Aug 9th: Aaron Nemeyer and Nevin Moore

Sunday, Aug 16th: James Kirby and Richard Slavic

Pray for the Sick, Recovering, and Shut-Ins:

Theresa Glagola at Sundale



Keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.

Please let Father Kyp know to include any family and parish members who are ill, hospitalized, or need a visit for blessing, anointing, confession, or request of prayers. Kindly call Father Kyp at (724) 953-6835 Thank You.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to:

Anyone celebration theirs this week

May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!

For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for the
Souls in purgatory and Disembodied Spirits



In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



Offertory Collection for Aug 2nd, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Day	Icon Sale	Total
\$435	\$44	\$33	\$5	\$30	\$547

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 42



Our Parish is on Facebook! "St. Marys Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church". Look us up and invite your friends as well! This is a good missionary tool.

Reminder: Father is available for Confession before & after the Vigil Liturgy for the Dormition Of The Theotokos on **August 14**.



Divine Liturgy on Sunday September 6

In observance of the Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA - The parochial Divine Liturgy at St Mary's in Morgantown will be celebrated at **10 am** that day. There will be no social activities following the liturgy. Father is encouraging all the faithful to make the pilgrimage part of your Labor Day weekend plans.

The pilgrimage schedule will be posted in the back of the church and is available online and on social media.

FINAL HELPING HANDS DAY – SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 9:00 AM



2nd Rummage Sale will take place at St. Mary’s social hall on **Friday Aug. 14th and Saturday Aug 15th from 9am – 2pm** both days.

There is something for everybody! Kitchen items, household items, Boyd’s Bears, figurines, Thomas Kincaid items, luggage, paper shredders, TY Beanie Babies, puzzles, autographed Bill Mazerowski Baseball, Krystonia books and figurines and much much more. Call Patty or Suzie at 239-564-0110 with questions. Items not sold will be donated to charity.

**RUMMAGE
SALE**



For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in increments of 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc., there will be a special celebration on Sunday, September 20, at St. Elias Church in Munhall, PA. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign up or give your information to Fr. Kyp. We need to turn in our parish sign-up sheet by July 26.



"Whoever slanders a neighbor in secret I will reduce to silence. Haughty eyes and arrogant hearts I cannot endure." Psalm 101:5



The St. Mary’s Spiritual Reading Book Club is every Friday evening at 7p in the parish hall/basement. Together we read books about prayer and the spiritual life, and discuss what we read along the way! (No book purchase required!) There is food provided each time, and you can feel free to contribute a snack or beverage too if you so desire!
Current book: The Ladder of Divine Ascent by St. John Climacus

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

I Cor 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Mt 18:23-35

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



SAFE ENVIRONMENT/CLEARANCE UPDATE

If anyone has received a letter, email, text, or phone call from Heather Hatfield, newly appointed Safe Environment Coordinator for the Archeparchy, please follow the directions she gave in order that we will be in compliance when it comes to the paperwork. If there are any questions, contact Fr. Kyprian and he will be available during the week to assist with needed paperwork and questions. An audit will be taking place in the near future.

Psalm 15:1–3: "Whoever walks blamelessly does not slander with their tongue, does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others."



"A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends." Proverbs 16:28:



Apostle Matthias of the Seventy - Commemorated on August 9

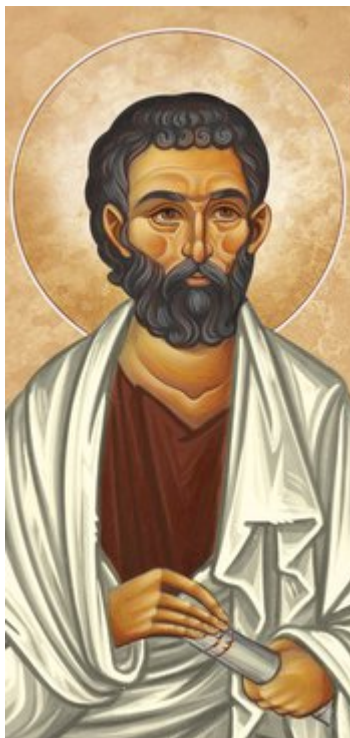
The Holy Apostle Matthias was born at Bethlehem of the Tribe of Judah. From his early childhood he studied the Law of God under the guidance of Saint Simeon the God-Receiver (February 3).

When the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to the world, Saint Matthias believed in Him as the Messiah, followed constantly after Him and was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord "sent them two by two before His face" (Luke 10:1).

After the Ascension of the Savior, Saint Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles (Acts 1:15-26). After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthias preached the Gospel at Jerusalem and in Judea together with the other Apostles (Acts 6:2, 8:14). From Jerusalem he went with the Apostles Peter and Andrew to Syrian Antioch, and was in the Cappadocian city of Tium and Sinope. Here the Apostle Matthias was locked into prison, from which he was miraculously freed by Saint Andrew the First-Called.

The Apostle Matthias journeyed after this to Amasea, a city on the shore of the sea. During a three year journey of the Apostle Andrew, Saint Matthias was with him at Edessa and Sebaste. According to Church Tradition, he was preaching at Pontine Ethiopia (presently Western Georgia) and Macedonia. He was frequently subjected to deadly peril, but the Lord preserved him to preach the Gospel.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/4461/08/09/102243-apostle-matthias-of-the-seventy>



Dormition of the Theotokos

The Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins. In the Gospel of the feast, however, in the liturgical services and in the Dormition icon, the Church proclaims as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings and death of this world; and that having truly died, she was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise which is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk11.27–28).



In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death (Troparion).

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life, by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb (Kontakion).

The feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the celebration of the fact that all men are "highly exalted" in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary's fate is, the destiny of all those of "low estate" whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary's child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

It must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be "blessed" to be "more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim" if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived.

In this sense everything that is praised and glorified in Mary is a sign of what is offered to all persons in the life of the Church. It is for this reason that Mary, with the divine child Jesus within her, is called in the Orthodox Tradition the Image of the Church. For the assembly of the saved is those in whom Christ dwells.

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/dormition-of-the-theotokos>