

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 MAY 31st to JUNE 21st, 2026

Sunday May 31st 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of All Saints - pg 211 Readings: Heb 11:32-12a; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday June 7th 11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday After Pentecost – pg 125 Readings: Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23 Intention: + Mary Sersen by Patty Sersen
Wednesday June 14th 6:30 p.m.	Third Sunday After Pentecost – pg 130 Readings: Rom 5:1-10; Mt 6:22-34 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday June 21st 11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 135 Readings: Rom 6:18-23; Mt 8:5-13 Intention: For John Dargay

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, May 31st: Patty Sersen

Sunday, June 7th: Ellen McCabe

Sunday, June 14th: Patricia Johnson

Altar Servers

Sunday, May 31st: Nevin Moore and Richard Slavic

Sunday, June 7th: Aaron Nemeyer and Kevin Slavic

Sunday, June 14th: James Kirby and Dante Lista

Servers, Just because your name isn't listed doesn't mean that you can't serve too. Four

servers are a blessing. It's a first come first serve opportunity ;-)

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 celebrating theirs this week.



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

For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for **+Sersen and Medvick Families**



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 May 17th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Day	Building Fund	GCU	Total
\$390	\$13	\$33	\$50	\$100	\$2500	\$3086

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 34

Parish Picnic and Father's Day

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

June 21st, will be the first parish picnic of the year coinciding with Father's Day. Food, Fun and Games for everyone. A portion of the \$500 GCU grant will be used to purchase the meats, drinks, chips and picnic supplies. **Please bring a side dish.**



School of Diaconate Studies Accepting New Applicants Now for 2027!

The admissions process for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies is now open. Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply. Classes for the first year of the 4 year program will be held June 13-26, 2027 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two week residency is required each year. Please Submit the registration form and once received candidates will then be contacted by the Vocations Office. **Deadline for the Registration form is July 1, 2026.** For any further inquiries, you may e-mail vocations@archpitt.org



ANNOUNCEMENT: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC OUTREACH FORMING IN CHARLESTON, WV

With the blessing of Metropolitan William, I have been entrusted with the beginning stages of forming and organizing a Byzantine Catholic Outreach in Charleston, WV. There are currently several dozen Byzantine Catholics residing in that area - with the closest Byzantine Catholic parish being approximately 3 hours away. At



the present time, the community does not have a priest of their own. In response to their petition to the Metropolitan, I will be traveling to Charleston to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, meet with the faithful, and assess their spiritual needs. Over the coming weeks, I will be organizing efforts in preparation for our first Divine Liturgy, which is planned for

Sunday, June 14th at 5:00 p.m. If you know anyone who is living in the Charleston, WV area who would benefit from or who would be interested in attending, please encourage them to contact me directly. I will continue to faithfully serve the parishes in Uniontown and Morgantown during this time. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Your prayers, support, and continued understanding are greatly appreciated. - Fr. Kyprian Wojciechowski

Verses for reflection this week:

"Evil is like a weed, if you don't uproot it quickly, it will take over your heart. So when you get a bad idea, delete it from the start." +St. Maximus the Confessor

"Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan." +St. John Chrysostom

The GCU (Greek Catholic Union) has really been a blessing to our church. With regular yearly donations of \$1000, a \$500 debit card for church social activities and a matching funds request of \$2500 we can't thank them enough. And now, the GCU is sponsoring the bulletin covers if we wanted them and we took them up on this offer.

Thank you GCU for your generosity and may God grant you many blessings.

Priesthood Ordinations

On Sunday, June 7, Deacon Mark LeRoy and Deacon Nicholas Krivacs will be ordained to the sacred priesthood at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, PA, at 3 p.m. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry in the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Father is very blessed to have the opportunity to take part in their Ordinations.

Safe Environment Program Announcement

Father would like to remind all parishioners, faithful of St. Mary's Parish, and friends of the parish that all parish employees and volunteers are required to be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. This effort also helps ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

Those who volunteer or assist the parish in any capacity are encouraged to contact Father to begin the Safe Environment training process, including those involved in the following ministries and activities:

- Cantors and readers
- Adult altar servers, sacristans, and ushers
- Parish Advisory Board members
- Office staff and money counters, including those who assist with the bulletin or bookkeeping
- Those involved in religious education or catechetical programs
- Those who clean, decorate, or help maintain the church and parish grounds
- Volunteers assisting with parish events, bake sales, food sales, and similar activities
- Anyone who publicly represents the parish in any capacity
- Anyone involved with the parish on either a volunteer or paid basis, especially those who may come into contact with children or vulnerable individuals

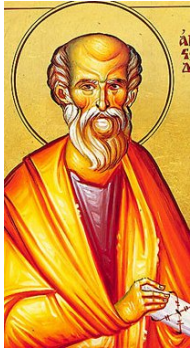


An informational session will be held following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Please see Father with any questions. The process is simple, and he is happy to assist anyone in completing the requirements.

Venerable Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt - Commemorated on June 6

Saint Bessarion, Wonderworker of Egypt was an Egyptian. He was baptized while still in his youth, and he led a strict life, striving to preserve the grace given him during Baptism. Seeking to become more closely acquainted with the monastic life, he journeyed to the holy places. He was in Jerusalem, he visited Saint Gerasimus (March 4) in the Jordanian wilderness, he viewed other desert monasteries, and assimilated all the rules of monastic life.



Upon his return, he received monastic tonsure and became a disciple of Saint Isidore of Pelusium (February 4). Saint Bessarion took a vow of silence, and partook of food only once a week. Sometimes he remained without food or drink for forty days. Once, the saint stood motionless for forty days and forty nights without food or sleep, immersed in prayer.

Saint Bessarion received from God the gift of wonderworking. When his disciple was very thirsty, he sweetened bitter water. By his prayer the Lord sent rain upon the earth, and he could cross a river as if on dry land. With a single word he cast out devils, but he did this privately to avoid glory. His humility was so great that once, when a priest ordered someone from the skete to leave church for having fallen into sin, Bessarion also went with him saying, "I am a sinner, too." Saint Bessarion slept only while standing or sitting. A large portion of his life was spent under the open sky in prayerful solitude. He peacefully departed to the Lord in his old age. <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2017/06/06/101631-venerable-bessarion-wonderworker-of-egypt>

Sunday of All Saints

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

<https://www.goarch.org/-/sunday-of-all-saints>

Sunday of All Saints

Heb 11:32-12a

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.



Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.