

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



Theresa Glagola at Sundale

May we 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:

Harold Seger on Mar. 28th



May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!  
For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention for the Health of the Halapy Family



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 Mar. 23rd, 2025

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Easter Flowers		Total
\$445	\$19	\$132	\$27		\$623

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 36

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church



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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 MAR 30th to APR 13th, 2025

Sunday Mar. 30th 11:00 a.m.	4th Sunday of the Great Fast – pg 141, 226 – Fr. John Climacus Readings: Heb 6:13-20;; Mk 8:34-9:1 Intention: For the people of St Mary’s Parish
Wednesday Apr. 2nd 6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Intention: Open Followed by a Lenten Soup and Bread Supper
Apr. 3rd	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Apr. 5th	Akathistos Saturday
Sunday APR. 6th 11:00 a.m.	5th Sunday of the Great Fast – pg 146, 230 – Mary of Egypt Readings: Heb 9:11-14; Mk 10:32-45 Intention: For the people of St Mary’s Parish
Wednesday Apr. 9th 6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Intention: Open Followed by a Lenten Soup and Bread Supper
Apr. 12th	Saturday of Lazarus
Sunday Apr. 13 11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Readings: Phil 4:4-9; Jn 12:1-18 Intention: For the people of St Mary’s Parish

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

## ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE



**St. Mary's is holding our annual bake sale for Pascha.** Baking takes place on April 14-15; **pick up is April 16** between 8 a.m. -1 p.m. Nut, Poppy seed, & Apricot rolls: \$15.00 each. Pascha Bread (with or without raisins) are \$6 each. Pierogies (potato & cheese or potato & jalapeno): \$10/dozen. Easter eggs (Peanut Butter, Black Walnut, or Coconut): 1/2 lb., \$6 each. **Deadline to order is April 5.**

To place your order, please call Ellen: 304-282-0431.

Donations of All Purpose Flour, Sugar and Canned Milk are needed to help offset expenses. If you can't help with the work, please help a little with your .



## The 18th EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Will be held at the St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall 201 E. Main Street Uniontown, PA on Sunday, April 6, 2023, from Noon to 4PM.

Egg artists display, demonstrate, and sell decorated eggs, Easter items (embroidered basket covers, lamb butter molds, decorated candles) and crafts for purchase, children's Easter theme activities, explanation of traditional Easter foods for basket blessing, Lenten lunch menu, baked goods (including long rolls and more) workshop on making pysanky, raffles and basket raffles, and church tours. Free admission. Handicapped accessible. For info: call 724-438-1382 (Leave message.)

Check parish website for any updates: <http://www.stjohnbaptist-byzcath-uniontown.org/>



There will be Soup and Bread Suppers following the Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgies. Bring a soup to share but it's not necessary. All are welcome.



## Venerable John Climacus of Sinai, Author of "the Ladder"

*The twenty-second step of THE LADDER deals with various forms of vainglory.*

It often happens that God humbles the vainglorious, sending a sudden misfortune. If prayer does not destroy a proud thought, we bring to mind the departure of the soul from this life. And if this does not help, let us fear the shame which follows dishonor. "For whoever humbles himself shall be exalted, and whoever exalts himself shall be humbled" (Luke 14:11). When those who praise us, or rather seduce us, start to praise us, let us recall our many sins, then we shall find that we are not worthy of what they say or do to honor us." <https://www.carmelitepriory.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/TheLadderofDivineAscent.pdf>

**The Great Canon of St Andrew**, Bishop of Crete, is the longest canon in all of our services, and is associated with Great Lent, since the only times it is appointed to be read in church are the first four nights of Great Lent (Clean Monday through Clean Thursday, at Great Compline, when it is serialized) and at Matins for Thursday of the fifth week of Great Lent, when it is read in its entirety (in this latter service, the entire life of St Mary of Egypt is also read).



There is no other sacred hymn which compares with this monumental work, which St Andrew wrote for his personal meditations. Nothing else has its extensive typology and mystical explanations of the scripture, from both the Old and New Testaments. One can almost consider this hymn to be a "survey of the Old and New Testament". Its other distinguishing features are a spirit of mournful humility, hope in God, and complex and beautiful

Trinitarian Doxologies and hymns to the Theotokos in each Ode.

[https://www.saintjonah.org/services/greatcanon\\_sts.pdf](https://www.saintjonah.org/services/greatcanon_sts.pdf)



## Akathistos Saturday

The Saturday of the fifth week of Great Lent is called the Saturday of the Akathist in the Church's Typikon. The word "akathist" in Greek literally means "not-sitting" or "not-sitting hymn," that is, a hymn during which one is not supposed to sit. The akathist was written no later than the sixth century; a tradition exists that its author was St. Romanos the Melodist.

In 626, in memory of the victory of the Greeks over the barbarians who besieged Constantinople and posed a threat to the lives of many, a kontakion was added to the akathist: "To Thee, the Champion Leader, we Thy servants dedicate a feast of victory and of thanksgiving as ones rescued out of sufferings, O Theotokos."

The Most Holy Theotokos is extolled in the akathist with the help of various metaphors, similes, and poetic images. The composition was written in Greek, and in the Greek original each of its lines corresponds rhythmically to the other lines; in many cases the endings of the verses rhyme. St. Romanos the Melodist, or another hymnographer whose name remains unknown to us, clothed the doctrine of the Most Holy Theotokos in entirely unique and very beautiful poetic form. People have been very fond of the akathist: over the centuries it has been read not only at divine services, but also during private prayer, both by monks and laymen.

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