

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 JULY 19th to AUG 2nd, 2026

Sunday July 19th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils – pg 341 Readings: 1 Cor 1:10-18, Mt 14:14-22 or Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday July 26th 11:00 a.m.	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 161 Readings: I Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday Aug 2nd 11:00 a.m.	Tenth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 125 Readings: I Cor 4:9-16; Mt 17:14-23 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

In the event of a pastoral emergency from July 20-25, please contact Fr. James Ragan at (724) 388-6176.

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, July 19th: Patricia Johnson

Sunday, July 26th: Don Waycaster

Sunday, Aug 2nd: Thomas Paronish

Altar Servers

Sunday, July 19th: Aaron Nemeyer and Kevin Slavic

Sunday, July 26th: 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 **+Kurt Brown**



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 July 12th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Building Fund	Icon Sale	Donations	Total
\$475	\$5	\$33	\$200	\$20	\$20	\$733

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 26



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.



Sunday July 19th there will be Blessing of Cars, after Divine Liturgy, in anticipation of the **Feast of the Prophet Elijah**.



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.

Please drop all donations at the social hall after any Sunday Liturgy and someone will be there to assist you. We are accepting donations up to and including Sunday, Aug. 9th. If necessary, we'll be happy to coordinate a time that someone can pick up your donations. Call Patty or Suzie at 239-564-0110 to schedule. Please be sure that all items are clean and in working order. Items not sold will be donated to another charity.

**RUMMAGE
SALE**



Parish Picnic

July 26th, will be the second parish picnic of the year. 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 or dessert.**



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.

O Holy Spirit,

I have my own expectations about what I should and should not do.

I surrender to You my ideas, my limitations, my preferences, and my goals.

Fill me, Holy Spirit, with Your supernatural gifts!

Empower me to accept and grow in the supernatural life as much as the early disciples.

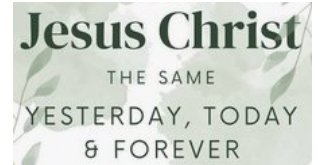
I want to be useful to You. I want to go where You lead me.

Holy Spirit, send me forth gifted and empowered to make a difference spreading the Good News of God's forgiving love.

Eight Sunday After Pentecost

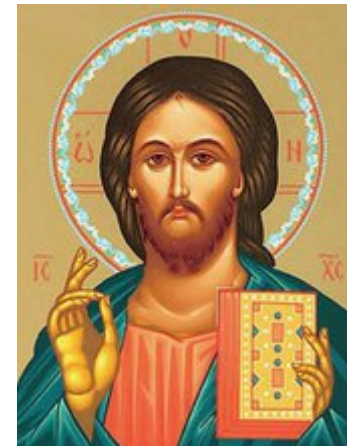
1 Cor 1:10-18, Mt 14:14-22 or **Heb 13:7-16**

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



Jn 17:1-13

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.



"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All

mine are yours and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils - Commemorated on July 19

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Clad in the garment of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicaea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicaea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

A brief summary of the dogmatic theology of the First Six Ecumenical Councils is formulated and contained in the First Canon of the Council of Trullo (also known as Quinisext), held in the year 692. The 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are spoken of in this Canon I of Trullo as having: “with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity.”



The 150 Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, “repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope.”

The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that “Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One.” They also confessed that “she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

The 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council decreed that “the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures.”

The 165 God-bearing Holy Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council “in synod anathematized and repudiated Theodore of Mopsuestia (the teacher of Nestorius), and Origen, and Didymus, and Evagrius, renovators of the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead.”

The 170 Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council “taught that we ought to confess two natural volitions, or two wills [trans. note: one divine, and the other human], and two natural operations (energies) in Him Who was incarnate for our salvation, Jesus Christ, our true God.” <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2015/07/19/50-fathers-of-the-first-six-councils>

Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah - Commemorated on July 20

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.



The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice

would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: “Truly, the Lord is God!” Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in “a gentle breeze” (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/07/20/102060-holy-glorious-prophet-elijah>

