

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 **+John McCabe**



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 Feb 15th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Days		Server Vest.	Total
\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$

Church Attendance for Sunday was:

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 FEB 15th to MAR 8th, 2026

Sunday Feb 22nd 11:00 a.m.	First Sunday of the Great Fast – pgs 141, 220 Sunday of Orthodoxy Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday Mar 1st 11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of the Great Fast – pgs 146, 222 Second All Souls Service Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3; Mk 2:1-12 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Wednesday Mar 4th 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Sunday Mar 8th 11:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of the Great Fast – pgs 152, 223 Veneration of the Cross Third All Souls Service Readings: Heb 4:14-5:6; Mk 8:34-9:1 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

Wednesday evening Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts is cancelled this week while Fr. Kyprian recovers from being sick.

Services at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown

Friday February 27th

6:00 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts



First Sunday of the Great Fast

Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. 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, and tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

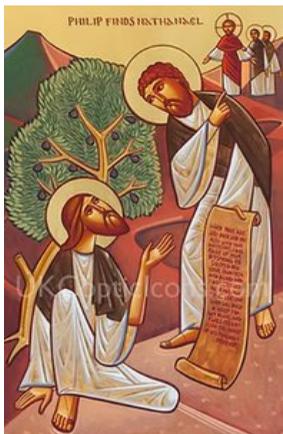
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

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, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jn 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also

the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathaniel asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathaniel replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



Four new matching white altar server vestments have been purchased by the church. We are seeking donations to help offset the cost. Thank you for your continuing support.



Pysanky Classes are being offered at St. John's in Uniontown on Tuesday, February 17, and Monday evenings thereafter, starting February 23 and going through March 23. Class runs from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information or to sign up, please call 724-438-1382.



Theophany House Blessings: Father Kyprian will continue to offer house blessings, an important Tradition in our Byzantine Tradition, which gives the priest an opportunity to connect with families and individuals. Father Kyprian will also bless the homes of the homebound during his February visits. Contact the rectory/parish office to schedule a convenient date and time.



Sunday of Orthodoxy

The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilos, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes.

In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel.



Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage. <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1982/03/07/10-1st-sunday-of-great-lent-sunday-of-orthodoxy>