

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 the **Health of Theresa Glagola**



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 1st, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Days	Building Fund	Flowers	Alter Cloths	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 8th to FEB 18th, 2026

Sunday Feb 8th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of Meatfare – pgs 130, 217 Readings: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2, Mt 25:31-46 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish	1st All Souls Service
Wednesday Feb 11th 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Evening Vespers Divine Liturgy Readings: Joel 2:12-26; Joel 4:12-21 Intention: Open	
Sunday Feb 15th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of Cheesefare – pgs 135, 218 Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish	
Monday Feb 16th	1st Day Of The Great Fast Readings: Gen 1:1-13 & Prov 1:1-20	
Wednesday Feb 18th 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	

Services at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown

Sunday February 15th

4:00 pm Church Forgiveness Vespers

Monday February 16th

6:00 pm Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts for the Beginning of Lent



Adult Catechesis & Potluck

Wednesday, Feb 18th after Presanctified Liturgy

Sunday of Meatfare

1 Cor 8:8-13

“Food will not bring us close to God. ”We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mt 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care



of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to

me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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.

The existing server vestments have been professionally dry cleaned and are back in service.



Pysanky Classes will be offered here at St. John’s 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.

Saturday of Cheesefare Commemoration of all our God-bearing Fathers and Mothers who shone forth in asceticism - Commemorated on Feb 14th

On this day, we commemorate all the righteous and God-bearing Fathers and Mothers, both known and unknown, who shone forth in asceticism. With these two weeks of Meatfare and Cheesefare, the Church gradually eases us into the full fasting which begins on Monday.



The holy ascetics are virtuous men and women who contended against the devil and their own passions. By examining their lives and their struggles against the Enemy, we take courage from the victory they have achieved, and are inspired to imitate their God-pleasing conduct. They also teach us that fasting is not merely abstinence from food, but involves refraining from inappropriate speech and unseemly actions. Since these holy ascetics share the same

human nature that we have, their example is an encouragement to us as we embark on our own spiritual struggles. Their lives are a model for us to follow as we seek to acquire and practice the various virtues and to turn away from everything evil. If we undertake these same struggles of prayer, fasting, and good works, we shall receive from God the same reward they did.

Most of the holy ascetics commemorated today have their own separate Feast Day during the year, while some are remembered only on this day.

Catechesis on why our attendance at the Divine Liturgy is Important.

1. Because the Divine Liturgy is Heaven on Earth

The Divine Liturgy is not merely a prayer service or a sermon. It is the actual participation in the heavenly worship described in Scripture:

“You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...” (Hebrews 12:22)

In the Liturgy, time and eternity meet. Christ Himself is present, the angels worship with us, and the Church on earth joins the Church in heaven. To be absent without necessity is to step away from this encounter with God's Kingdom.

2. Because Christ Commands Us to Gather

The Church does not invent this practice; it obeys Christ.

* “Do this in remembrance of Me.” (Luke 22:19)

* “Where two or three are gathered in My Name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20) The early Christians gathered every Sunday, the Day of the Resurrection, to break bread and offer thanksgiving (Acts 2:42). Sunday is not just a convenient day—it is the Lord's Day, the weekly Pascha. (This Day belongs to God)

3. Because the Eucharist Is Our Life

At the heart of the Divine Liturgy is Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ.

“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.” (John 6:53) The Church understands this literally and sacramentally. The Eucharist is not symbolic—it is spiritual nourishment, healing, forgiveness, and union with Christ. Regular participation keeps our spiritual life alive, just as food sustains the body. It is truly the precious Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

4. Because We Are the Body of Christ, Not Isolated Believers

Christianity is not a private spirituality. We are saved together. “Now you are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)

The Divine Liturgy is where the Church most fully becomes what it is. By attending, we bear one another's burdens, pray for the world, and offer ourselves “on behalf of all and for all.”

5. Because Love Requires Faithfulness, Not Convenience

Traditionally the Byzantine Catholic Church sees Sunday and Holy Day attendance not as a legal obligation, but as an expression of love and faithfulness.

St. John Chrysostom warned that neglecting the Liturgy weakens the soul, just as neglecting food weakens the body. Love shows itself through commitment, even when it requires effort or sacrifice. We should "want to be here"

6. Because Holy Days Shape Our Souls

Holy Days place our lives inside God's story rather than the world's schedule. They teach us who Christ is, who the saints are, and who we are called to become. By celebrating them, we are gradually formed into the likeness of Christ.

We attend the Divine Liturgy every Sunday and Holy Day because:

- * Christ is truly present
- * Heaven and earth are united
- * The Eucharist is our life
- * The Church is our family
- * Faithfulness deepens love
- * Salvation is lived, not merely believed

Or as the one of the Saints quietly insists:

If Christ is truly risen, then there is nowhere else we would rather be.

Fr. Kyprian



The fasting regulations for the Byzantine Church are listed below. In strict tradition, the Great Fast would require abstinence from all meat and dairy products every day from the first day of Lent through Great and Holy Week ending with the Paschal (Easter) Liturgies. Our Eparchy of Passaic states that all who receive Holy Communion are required to follow the abstinence listed below as the minimum fast. Anyone who wishes is encouraged to do more.

Excellent Detailed Information can be found here:

[**“THE GREAT FAST”**](#) *(courtesy of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.)*

ABSTINENCE

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain.

Abstinence is to be observed on all **Wednesdays and Fridays** during the **Holy Season of the Great Fast**.

STRICT ABSTINENCE

The law of strict abstinence (fast) requires not eating any meat, eggs and dairy products on certain days. All adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence.

Strict Abstinence is to be observed on the **First Day of the Great Fast, and on Great and Holy Friday**.

DISPENSATION

Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of Abstinence and Strict Abstinence into other pious practices.