

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 JUNE 21st to JUNE 29th, 2026

Sunday June 21st 11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 135 Readings: Rom 6:18-23; Mt 8:5-13 Intention: Theresa Glagola on the occasion of her birthday by Anne Hegner
Wednesday June 24th 6:30 p.m.	Birth of John the Baptist – pg 334 Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Lk 1:5-25.57-66 & 76-80 Intention: Open
Sunday June 28th 11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 141 Readings: Rom 10:1-10; Mt 8:28-9:3 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Monday June 29th 6:30 p.m.	Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, Prime Apostles – pg 338 Holy Day of Obligation Readings: 2 Cor 11:21-12:9; Mt 16:13-19

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, June 21st: Don Waycaster

Sunday, June 28th: Thomas Paronish

Sunday, July 5th: Patty Sersen

Altar Servers

Sunday, June 21st: Richard Slavic and Nevin Moore

Sunday, June 28th: Aaron Nemeyer and Kevin Slavic

Sunday, July 5th: 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:

Theresa Glagola whose birthday is **today!!!**

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

For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for the health of **Carole Toth**



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 June 14th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Local Poor				Total
\$400	\$20	\$51	\$25				\$496

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 30



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.



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Sts. Peter & Paul Fast: Our Byzantine Catholic Church has begun the fasting period to prepare us for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29th. Although this fast is NOT obligatory...a good rule to begin is abstention from all meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please try to keep this fast as best you can. IT IS a period of penance.

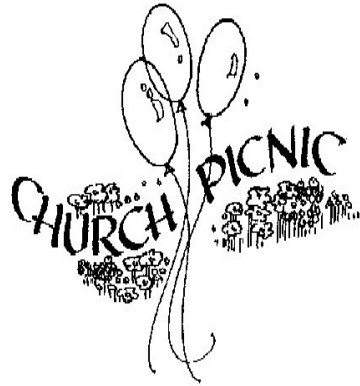


Parish Picnic and Father's Day

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 or dessert to share.



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



Upcoming Holy Days

June 24th at 6:30 pm – **Birth of John the Baptist** -- St Mary's Morgantown WV

June 29th at 9:00 am – **Sts. Peter & Paul** -- St. John The Baptist Uniontown

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Sts. Peter & Paul is a Holy Day of Obligation - every effort should be made to attend the Liturgy at either parish.



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

The Nativity of the Venerable and Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist

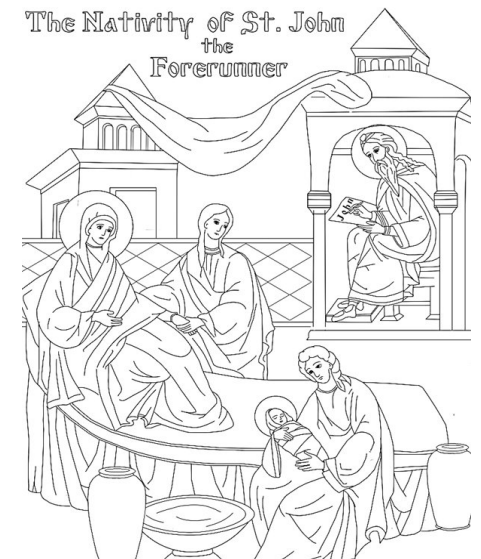


He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name. Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation. Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yahweh is gracious."

Kontakion:

She that once was barren doth today bring forth Christ's Forerunner, John, the culmination and the crown of all the Prophets. For when he, in River Jordan, laid his hand on Him Whom the Prophets preached aforetime, he was revealed as God the Word's fore-chosen Prophet, His mighty preacher, and His Forerunner in grace.



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.

Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis -- Commemorated on June 25

The Virgin Martyr Febronia suffered during the reign of Diocletian (284-305). She was raised at a monastery in the city of Sivapolis (Assyria).

The head of the women's monastery was the abbess Bryainē, the aunt of Saint Febronia. Being concerned about her niece's salvation, she assigned her a stricter form of life than the other nuns. According to their monastic rule, on Fridays the sisters put aside their other duties and spent the whole day in prayer and the reading of Holy Scripture. The abbess usually assigned the reading to Saint Febronia.

News of her pious life spread throughout the city. The illustrious young widow Hieria, a pagan, began to visit her, and under the influence of her guidance and prayer she accepted holy Baptism, bringing her parents and kinsfolk to the Christian Faith.

Read more <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/06/25/101812-virgin-martyr-febronia-of-nisibis>



THE STORY OF SAINT FEBRONIA OF NISIBIS (+304-305) Commemorated on June 25

“The story quoted from: “Holy Women of the Syrian Orient”

Translated, with an introduction, by: Sebastian P. Brock and Susan Ashbrook Harvey.”

Although St. Febronia is reputed to have been a martyr Nisibis under Diocletian (284-305), we placed this Life here, for it manifestly belongs to the hagiographical genre of the “epic passion,” and it has been correctly described by Halkin¹ as “un roman

edifiant” without historical value; this, of course, is not deny that there probably existed a historical martyr Febronia around whose name the present Life (which may date from the late sixth or early seventh century) has been woven.

For the lengthy version:

<https://santafebronia.wordpress.com/the-story-of-saint-febronia-of-nisibis-304-305/>



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Rom 6:18-23

And that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mt 8:5-13

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress.” And he said to him, “I will come and cure him.” The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does it.” When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, “Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you according to your faith.” And the servant was healed in that hour.



The Lord's statement that the faith of this Roman soldier was superior to that of any of the Jews surely seemed foolish, treasonous, and blasphemous according to conventional standards. With those words, He made clear that nationality and ethnicity are not spiritually determining factors, for “many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness...” Though it was commonly overlooked at the time, God's promises to Abraham were for the blessing of “all the nations,” not merely one group of people. These promises have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ such that all with faith in Him are now heirs to their fulfillment as His beloved sons and daughters. (Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:8-9)

Read more: <https://easternchristianinsights.com/2025/07/05/homily-for-the-fourth-sunday-after-pentecost-and-fourth-sunday-of-matthew-in-the-orthodox-church/>