

**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 Jim 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 Jim at (304) 918-3297 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 the Richard Johnson 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 Feb 16, 2025**

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	All Souls		Total
\$482	\$48	\$32	\$40		\$602

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 52

# 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 Jim  
*New Parishioners:* Welcome! Please see Father for registration



**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR FEB 23rd to MAR 9th, 2025**

<b>Sunday Feb. 23rd 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of Meat Fare</b> – pgs 156, 217 Readings: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2, Mt 25:31-46 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Sunday Mar. 2nd 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of Cheese Fare</b> – pgs 161, 218 Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Monday Mar. 3rd</b>	<b>First Day of the Great Fast</b>
<b>Wednesday Mar. 5th 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>
<b>Sunday March 9th 11:00 p.m.</b>	<b>1st Sunday of the Great Fast</b> – pg 125, 220 <b>Holy Martyrs of Sebaste</b> Readings: Heb 11:24-26,32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

**CHOOSE LIFE!** That the people of this nation may come to fully understand that abortion means the violent death for an unborn child, we pray to the Lord.



Pray firstly to be purified of passions, secondly to be freed from ignorance and forgetfulness, and thirdly to be delivered from all temptation and forsaking.  
~St. Nilus of Sinai~



## Sunday of Meat Fare

1 Cor 8:8-9:2

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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.”

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## Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday)

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous “poor,” but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives.

Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good deed” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.



The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for “humanity,” yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ’s love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ’s love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.

<https://www.goarch.org/meatfare-learn>

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**PYSANKY CLASSES** are being offered at St. John’s in Uniontown on Monday evenings starting March 3 and going through April 7th. Class runs from 6:00 to 8:00. For more information please call 724-438-1382.



**First and second finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John - February 24**