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

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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 20th to SEPT 27th, 2026

Sunday Sept 20th 11:00 a.m.	**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** – pgs 161, 258 Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-9:1 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday Sept 27th 11:00 a.m.	**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost** – p 125 Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 5:1-11 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Wednesday Sept 30th 6:30 p.m.	**Liturgy for the Holy Protection of the Theotokos** – p 261 Readings: Heb 9:1-7; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28 Intention: Open
Sunday Oct 4th 11:00 a.m.	**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost** – p 130 Readings: 2 Cor 11:31 – 12:9; Lk 8:5-15 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for **+John and Anna Herko**



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Patron Saint Dinner – St. Mary Assumption in New Salem, PA will be having its Patronal Saint Dinner on Sunday, Sept 27th from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM .$20 pre person. For more info. Call 412-491-9705

St. John the Baptist in Uniontown will hold its **"20th Classic Car and Truck Show"** on Sept. 27th in the church parking lot. Registration is from noon to 2 pm with the Show concluding at 4 pm Rain or Shine. Info. 724-438-1383 (leave message)

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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to:



Hannah Paronish on Sept. 24th

May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!
For many happy and blessed years!

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, Sept 20th: Ellen McCabe
Sunday, Sept 27th: Patricia Johnson
Sunday, Oct 4th: Don Waycaster

Altar Servers

Sunday, Sept 27th: Richard Slavic and Nevin Moore
Sunday, Oct 4th: Aaron Nemeyer and Dante Lista

Offertory Collection for Sept 13th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Days	Local Poor	Total
$490	$42	$71	$210	$5	$818

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 31

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.

The Come & See Weekend at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Pittsburgh will be November 6-8. All young men (ages 18-35) who are open to discerning a vocation to Holy Orders or the Diaconate are encouraged to register for this event. Registration fills fast. Please see Fr. Kyp ASAP if you are interested!

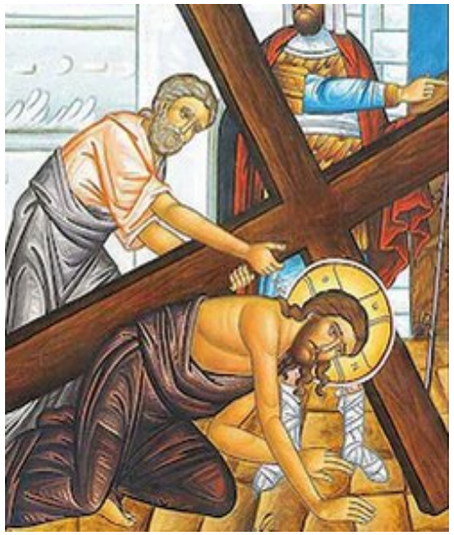
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"Do not hate anyone, or be eager to find fault with others. Look instead at your own sins and shortcomings." +St. John Chrysostom

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Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

You may remember that when the Lord was carrying His Cross, the Roman soldiers forced someone else to carry it, one Simon of Cyrene. Perhaps it was because our Savior was too weak in that moment to bear the weight of it. He had not slept or eaten for days. He had been beaten and whipped. He had been tortured by the soldiers and made to wear a crown of thorns. Then the Roman soldiers grabbed Simon of Cyrene out of the crowd and forced him carry the Cross of Christ, as they made their way through the Holy City to Golgotha. Can we even imagine what that means?



There is a plain truth in the ancient world about carrying crosses. It was a humiliation to the condemned man – that he had to carry the instrument of his own death on his way to a most painful and miserable end. The Lord's burden was shared by Simon of Cyrene, because by doing so, the Lord Jesus allowed all of us – represented by Simon – to partake in His humiliation. And because of this exchange on that Way of the Cross so many centuries ago, the Lord showed us that we will never be alone with our own crosses. He will always be there to help us carry them, no matter how heavy they may seem.

The Lord became a debtor to us all through Simon of Cyrene, because Simon carried the His Cross for all of us. And now, the Lord will help us with our crosses in generous repayment. Therefore, as we digest the words of the Gospel today, let us consider what in our lives is a cross that we bear – or even many crosses.

Let us choose to carry them, in the Ὁδός Ἀγάπης – the Way of Love that our Lord walked. If we do so, we will always find that their weight is shared by the God Who willed to be raised upon the Cross of Golgotha.

And by the power of His Holy Cross, we shall turn the pains and sorrows of this life into glory and joy, with love, forgiveness, and compassion for all.

Amen. A portion of the homily by Archbishop Elpidophoros

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Gal 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.
But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!
For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.
For I, through the law, died to the law that I might live to God.
I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Mk 8:34-9:1

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." 9 And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

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St. Mary's Spiritual Reading Book Club is every Friday evening at 7p in the parish hall/basement. Together we read books about prayer and the spiritual life, and discuss what we read along the way! (No book purchase required!) There is food provided each time, and you can feel free to contribute a snack or beverage too if you so desire! Current book: **The Ladder of Divine Ascent by St. John Climacus**

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GCU 2026 Holiday Food Bank Donations. In keeping with a key point of the GCU Mission Statement—"Strengthening Communities", GCU will once again be sponsoring our Holiday Food Bank Donation Program. In an effort to increase the amount donated to your local Food Bank and to get your parish more involved, we are once again asking parishes that participate to have a collection in their church during the month of October. Money collected by your parish will be matched up to $500. The GCU check, made payable to the Food Bank, will be sent to you to make an in-person presentation to your local food bank along with the parish's collection, in time for the upcoming holiday season.