

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 MAY 10th to MAY 31st, 2026

Sunday May 17th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council - pg 196 Readings: Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38; Jn 17:1-13 Intention: +Richard Alonso: By his best friend, Ryan
Sunday May 24th 11:00 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday - pg 203 5th All Souls Service Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Wednesday May 27th 6:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy Readings: Rom 1:18-27; Mt 5:20-26 Intention: Open
Sunday May 31st 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of All Saints - pg 211 Readings: Heb 11:32-12a; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

5th All Souls Service – May 24th

This tradition underscores the Byzantine Catholic understanding of the communion of saints, where the living and the dead are united in a bond of love and prayer. It is a time for the faithful to remember their loved ones, seek God's mercy for them, and reaffirm their hope in the resurrection and eternal life.

"Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also."

Colossians 3:13

Father's Time and Service

Just as a gentle reminder, when Father serves at St. Mary's on Sundays, there are sacrifices involved for both parishes. While we are grateful to have him with us, it also means that the faithful at St. John's miss his presence and ministry there as well.

Because of his responsibilities between parishes, Father often misses:

- Sunday post-liturgical gatherings at St John's
- ECF classes and parish events
- Portions of parish functions due to travel and scheduling

Often times he is required to leave promptly after Liturgy to attend

- Sunday afternoon ordinations, meetings, and diocesan obligations that frequently require long-distance travel
- Deanery /Clergy days of prayer

In many ways, Father is constantly dividing his time in order to faithfully serve both communities, traveling close to 60 miles round trip.

At the same time, there has been much ongoing work and planning regarding the Morgantown property and church grounds, including:

- Repairing the wall border in the church.
- Exterior brick work
- Addressing water infiltration, mold, and water damage
- Sidewalk repairs
- Ramp improvements
- Downspout repairs
- parking lot improvements
- Repairing the steps leading from Listravia Avenue

From the moment he arrived, Father has been making plans to improve and preserve the church property. Already, a new AC unit has been installed in the church, and funds have been raised for the wall border project, with work expected to begin shortly.

Please be assured that Father works very hard to serve St. Mary's faithfully and responsibly. Large projects such as these require not only the effort and attention of the priest, but also the support, patience, and cooperation of the faithful. He is also working to establish an outreach in Charleston WV and continue to minister to the students and young adults at WVU

If we truly want to care properly for our parish complex, all of us must be willing to contribute our time, effort, and support. Over the past several months, Father has been organizing the necessary people and resources so that, as weather and conditions improve, these matters can be addressed properly.

As always, if you notice any maintenance concerns or problems around the property, please bring them to Father's attention as soon as possible.



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 **+Margaret Waycaster**



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 May 10th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Mother's Dinner				Total
\$520	\$35	\$33	\$136				\$754

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 39

Glory to Jesus Christ!

In today's Gospel (Jn 17:1–13), we hear Christ lift His eyes to the Father and pray, "Holy Father, keep them in Your name... that they may be one, even as We are one."

On this Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, we remember those bishops who defended the truth of Christ's divinity at Nicaea, safeguarding the unity of the Church and the purity of the faith we still proclaim.

Jesus' prayer reveals His deepest desire for His disciples: communion with the Father, unity with one another, and the joy that comes from belonging to Him. "I have given them Your word... and now I come to You... that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves." The Fathers of Nicaea lived this prayer boldly. They stood firm in the truth of who Christ is—"Light from Light, true God from true God"—so that the Church could remain one Body, rooted in the apostolic faith.

For us, this Gospel is not only a memory but a mission. Christ prays for us, too. He entrusts us with His word, His joy, and His unity so that we may witness to Him in the world.

Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples

1. Guard the truth with love by learning, praying, and sharing the faith with clarity and gentleness, just as the Fathers did.
2. Build unity by healing divisions in your home, parish, or community—choosing reconciliation over resentment.
3. Bring Christ's joy to others through concrete acts of encouragement, hospitality, and compassion that reveal the Father's love.

<https://parma.org/>

ANNOUNCEMENT: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC OUTREACH FORMING IN CHARLESTON, WV

With the blessing of Metropolitan William, I have been entrusted with the beginning stages of forming and organizing a Byzantine Catholic Outreach in Charleston, WV. There are currently several dozen Byzantine Catholics residing in that area - with the closest Byzantine Catholic parish being approximately 3 hours away. At the present time, the community does not have a priest of their own. In response to their petition to the Metropolitan, I will be traveling to Charleston to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, meet with the faithful, and assess their spiritual needs. Over the coming weeks, I will be organizing efforts in preparation for our first Divine Liturgy, which is planned for Sunday, **June 14th at 5:00 p.m.** If you know anyone who is living in the Charleston, WV area who would benefit from or who would be interested in attending, please encourage them to contact me directly. I will continue to faithfully serve the parishes in Uniontown and Morgantown during this time. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Your prayers, support, and continued understanding are greatly appreciated. - Fr. Kyprian Wojciechowski

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies arose within the Church itself. One of the most pernicious of these heresies was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, was a man of immense pride and ambition. In denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, Arius falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being. A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops.

Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine (May 21) consulted Bishop Hosius of Cordova (Aug. 27), who assured him that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ's Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea.

Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan's knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13).

The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text of the Symbol of Faith the word "consubstantial," which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox (which occurred on March 22 in 325). <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2017/05/28/43-commemoration-of-the-holy-fathers-of-the-first-ecumenical-council>

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, May 17th: Don Waycaster

Sunday, May 24th: Thomas Paronish

Sunday, May 31st: Patty Sersen

Altar Servers:

Sunday, May 17th: Any Wanting to Serve