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 OCT 4th to OCT 18th, 2026

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: Health of Fr. Jerome Botsko by Linda Waycaster
Sunday Oct 11th 11:00 a.m.	**Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council** – p 135, 263 Readings: Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-16 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Sunday Oct 18th 11:00 a.m.	**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost** – p 141 Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Lk 8:5-15 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for **+Jo Ann Toth**



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Fr. Kyp will be on retreat this week. In the event of a true pastoral or sacramental emergency, or a death, please contact Fr. Brian Crenwelge at St. John University Parish in Morgantown at (304) 296-8231.
Please keep Fr. Kyp in your prayers for a restful & fruitful retreat!

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"I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who create dissensions and obstacles, in opposition to the teaching that you learned; avoid them. For such people do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites, and by fair and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the innocent." Romans 16:17-18

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:



Patty Pavlich on Oct. 7th

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

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Epistle Reader:

Sunday, Oct 4th: Don Waycaster
Sunday, Oct 11th: Thomas Paronish
Sunday, Oct 18th: Patty Sersen

Altar Servers

Sunday, Oct 4th: Aaron Nemeyer and Dante Lista
Sunday, Oct 11th: Nevin Moore and Richard Slavic

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Offertory Collection for Sept 27th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles		Feast Day	Icon Sale		Total
$	$	$		$	$		$

Church Attendance for Sunday was:

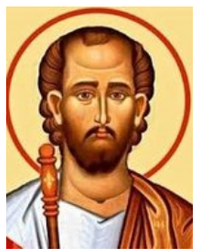
Our Parish is on Facebook! "St. Marys Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church". Look us up and invite your friends as well! This is a good missionary tool.

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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.

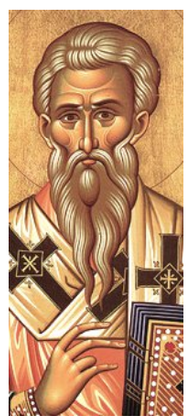
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Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas - October 6



On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says Saint John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."
Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2009/10/06/102885-holy-glorious-apostle-thomas

The Apostle James, the son of Alphaeus – October 9th



James, the son of Alphaeus, was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the blood-brother of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. He was a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and a witness of His suffering, Resurrection and Ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the lot fell to James to preach the Gospel of Christ in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding areas, and then in Egypt, where he suffered for his Savior. With great power in word and in deed, James disseminated the saving news of the incarnate Word of God, destroying idolatry, driving demons out of men, and healing every infirmity and disease in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. His labor and zeal were crowned with great success. Many pagans came to believe in Christ, churches were built and organized, and priests and bishops were ordained. James suffered in the Egyptian town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans. Thus, this great and wonderful apostle of Christ took up his abode in the Heavenly Kingdom, to reign eternally with the King of Glory.
From the Prologue of Ochrid.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Cor 11:31 -12:9

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.
It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

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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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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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There is a profound peace hidden in the words: ***'My grace is sufficient for you.'*** They do not promise a life without trials and troubles, but reveal the presence of God within them. The Apostle will continue to bear that *thorn* to the end, and from that place of weakness there will arise a remarkable confession: ***'Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me.'*** (II Corinthians 12:9). roarch.org.uk