

# 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 AUG 30th to SEPT 6th, 2026

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| <b>Sunday<br/>Aug 30th<br/>11:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> – pg 146<br>Readings: 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Mt 22:1-14<br>Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish            |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Sept 6th<br/>10:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> – pg 152<br>Readings: 2 Cor 4:6-15; Mt 22:35-46<br>Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish              |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>Sept 8th<br/>6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Nativity of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary</b><br>Readings: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28<br>Intention: Open                             |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Sept 13th<br/>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross</b> – pgs 156, 249<br>Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17<br>Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish |



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for **+John McCabe**



**Parish Bingo Picnic August 30th Today!** will be the third parish picnic of the year. Food, Fun and Games for everyone. The final portion of the \$500 GCU grant was used to purchase the meats and drinks. **We hope you brought a side dish or dessert to share.**



## 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:

**Ted Eldridge** on Sept 2nd

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

For many happy and blessed years!



**Epistle Reader:**

**Sunday, Aug 30th: Don Waycaster**

Sunday, Sept 6th: Thomas Paronish

Sunday, Sept 13th: Patty Sersen

**Altar Servers**

**Sunday, Sept 6th: Aaron Nemeyer and Richard Slavic**

Sunday, Sept 13th: Nevin Moore and James Kirby



## Offertory Collection for Aug 23rd, 2026

| Envelope Offerings | Loose Offerings | Candles | Local Poor | Feast Day |  | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|------------|-----------|--|-------|
| \$660              | \$22            | \$13    | \$70       | \$50      |  | \$815 |

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.



**Divine Liturgy on Sunday September 6**

In observance of the Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA - The parochial Divine Liturgy at St Mary's in Morgantown will be celebrated at **10 am** that day. There will be no social activities following the liturgy. Father is encouraging all the faithful to make the pilgrimage part of your Labor Day weekend plans.

The pilgrimage schedule will be posted in the back of the church and is available online and on social media.



**The 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



**Byzantine Church New Year – Sept 1st**

September 1<sup>st</sup> seems an odd time to start a New Year in the church. In fact, in the Western Church, the new church year begins after the feast of Christ the King with the beginning of Advent (the season of preparation for the Nativity of Christ). However, in the East we base our new church year on the first day of an Indiction year. This comes from the Roman Empire, which set the Indiction (from *indico*, “to mark” or “put a value on”) as a new tax cycle.



Originally, September 24<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of the year. This changed before the end of the fifth century, when the eastern parts of the Roman Empire used September 1<sup>st</sup> as the start date instead. Some traditions also point to this coinciding with the Emperor Constantine’s miraculous vision which leads him to victory *in hoc signo* of the Holy Cross.  
September 1<sup>st</sup> is also significant to us because we believe it is the date of Christ began his public ministry in the Gospel of Mark (1:14-

15). This is derived from the fact that the Church commemorates the Beheading of John the Baptizer and Forerunner on August 29, after which Christ is recorded as having started his Galilean public ministry in Mark’s gospel.

<https://thebyzantinelifelife.com/new-year-for-us-byzantines/>

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

2 Cor 1:21-2:4

But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.  
But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Mt 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared



my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and

gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”



"The Lord hates six things, including a lying tongue and a false witness who pours out lies." Proverbs 6:16–19