

# 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 24th to JUNE 7TH, 2026

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| <b>Sunday<br/>May 24th<br/>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> - pg 203<br><b>5th All Souls Service &amp; Kneeling Prayers</b> from Pentecost Vespers<br>Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12<br>Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish |
| <b>Sunday<br/>May 31st<br/>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Sunday of All Saints</b> - pg 211<br>Readings: Heb 11:32-12a; Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30<br>Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>June 7th<br/>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Second Sunday After Pentecost</b> - pg 125<br>Readings: Rom 2:10-16; Mt 4:18-23<br>Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish   |

### Epistle Reader:

**Sunday, May 24th: Thomas Paronish**

Sunday, May 31st: Patty Sersen

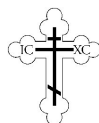
Sunday, June 7th: Ellen McCabe

### Altar Servers:

**Sunday, May 24th: James Kirby and Dante Lista**

Sunday, May 31st: Nevin Moore and Richard Slavic

Sunday, June 7th: Aaron Nemeyer and Kevin Slavic



## 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 **+Rosella Pavlich**



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 17th, 2026

| Envelope Offerings | Loose Offerings | Candles | Feast Day |  |  | Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|--|--|-------|
| \$430              | \$56            | \$70    | \$100     |  |  | \$656 |

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 33

## Kneeling Prayers

The significance of the Kneeling Prayers service is manifold:

1. Orthodox Christians do not kneel for prayers from Pascha until Pentecost. Following the canon of the first Nicene council, we also don't kneel on Sundays. So Vespers on the evening of Pentecost is the first time since Pascha that we kneel.
2. These prayers are only read once each year in this service.
3. These prayers signify a transition from the joy and celebration of the Resurrected Christ to the "normal" mode of discipleship with its ascetic struggle, repentance, and crucifying of the passions.



## 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

## Verses for reflection this week:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever." (John 14:16)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8)

"And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

## Safe Environment Program Announcement

Father would like to remind all parishioners, faithful of St. Mary's Parish, and friends of the parish that all parish employees and volunteers are required to be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. This effort also helps ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

Those who volunteer or assist the parish in any capacity are encouraged to contact Father to begin the Safe Environment training process, including those involved in the following ministries and activities:

- Cantors and readers
- Adult altar servers, sacristans, and ushers
- Parish Advisory Board members
- Office staff and money counters, including those who assist with the bulletin or bookkeeping
- Those involved in religious education or catechetical programs
- Those who clean, decorate, or help maintain the church and parish grounds
- Volunteers assisting with parish events, bake sales, food sales, and similar activities
- Anyone who publicly represents the parish in any capacity
- Anyone involved with the parish on either a volunteer or paid basis, especially those who may come into contact with children or vulnerable individuals



An informational session will be held following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Please see Father with any questions. The process is simple, and he is happy to assist anyone in completing the requirements.

## 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.

## Pentecost Sunday

In today's Gospel (Jn 7:37–52 & 8:12), we hear Christ cry out with a promise that reaches every thirsty heart: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink." On this great feast of Pentecost, the Church proclaims that the One who spoke these words has now poured out the Holy Spirit, the "Living Water," upon the world. What Christ foretold in the Temple is fulfilled in the Upper Room. He does not simply give us something; He gives us Himself, dwelling within us, renewing us, and making us radiant with divine life.

