



**The Holy Assumption of  
Saint Mary  
Byzantine Catholic Church**

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Served by Rev. Michael Kerestes, Deacon Edward Frey, Deacon Basil Soroka,  
with the ministry of Sister Theodosia, OSBM and Sister Regina, OSBM

**Confessions: Saturday 4:30 PM / Sunday 8:30 AM or weekdays by request**



Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Candle Room.

**Stewardship:** 9/17/17

Offertory \$1138.00  
Dues 26.00  
Holydays 214.00

Initial Offering 2.00  
Candles 82.00  
Building /Reno 143.00  
Flowers 3.00  
ECF 2.00

**Total: \$1,608.00**

**Propers  
for  
The Divine Liturgy  
Resurrection Tone 7  
Divine Liturgy Book, page 156**

**24 September 2017  
Schedule of Divine Services**

SATURDAY 23 September  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – RESURRECTION TONE 7**  
THE HOLY MARTYR, FIRST AMONG WOMEN AND EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES, THECLA  
THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE PECHERSKAYA LAVRA  
5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy:** +*Michael G. Soroka* by Joe & Marcy Boris and Family

SUNDAY 24 September  
8:30 AM **Morning Prayers**  
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy:** For the *People of St. Mary Parish*

**RETREAT:** The annual Passaic diocesan Priests' Retreat will take place at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ from Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

SATURDAY 30 September  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – RESURRECTION TONE 8**  
**FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
OUR VENERABLE FATHER ROMANOS THE MELODIST  
5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy:** For the *People of St. Mary Parish*

SUNDAY 1 October  
8:30 AM **Morning Prayers**  
9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy:** +*Jenny Budzinski* by Michael & Theresa Vacendak

**SCHEDULE CHANGE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – DIVINE LITURGY AT 4:00 PM**

**PILGRIM VOCATION ICON:** Today we begin our Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. This program is beginning today in every Byzantine Catholic Parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics, and sisters. We also need people like you to pray for and encourage them.

**Let us remember in prayer:**

. . . Those who are ill or convalescing. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

. . . All those who are in some special need of God's loving kindness and mercy at this time. Let us remember particularly the "*Candle Prayer Requests*" of all who have asked for the prayerful support of our Parish Family in their special intentions . . . +MaryAnn T. Sakalas by Michele; Special Intention of Roz by Andy; Special Intention of Andy and Jonathon by Judy and Bud; +Frank L. Sabach by Mom; Better health of Cyndi Fernandez by Mom; Special Intention of William B. Evans by Mom; For a Special Intention; In Loving Memory of +John Sosnoski by Daughter, Janet and Family.

**300 Club Dinner and Final Drawing:**

**Saturday October 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM** in our Social Hall. **Free to all 300 Club members, \$10.00 for immediate family members coming as a guest.** Sign-up sheet in the candle room (**Deadline to sign up - Monday, Oct. 9, 2017**).

Homemade dessert donations will be greatly appreciated!

Any questions please call Parish Office at (570) 822-6028.

**YOU MUST BE PAID IN FULL TO PARTICIPATE** in final drawing and dinner.

**FALL DANCE:** St. Andre Bessette Fall Dance will take place on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and they include a homemade dinner and an evening of dancing. Call the Parish Office at 570-823-4988.

**St. Therese Annual 9-Day Novena:** St. Anthony and St. George Parish will be hosting the "St. Therese Annual 9-Day Novena" beginning on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and concluding on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast Day of St. Therese. The Novena will take place at St. George Chapel, 79 Loomis Street, Wilkes-Barre. Novena Prayers will be offered each day at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM, except on the first and the last days of the Novena. On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of Novena, the Prayers will begin after 4:00 PM Mass and will also be held at 7:00 PM. On

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the last day of the Novena, the Sacred Liturgy (Mass) will be offered at 4:00 PM followed by the Novena prayers and will conclude with individual veneration of and blessing with the relic of St. Therese. The guest homilist will be Father Thomas Looney. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Sunday, 24 September 2017

**Vocations BBQ with the Bishop (Re-scheduled):** Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood? Bishop Kurt extends an invitation to young men (age 18 to 40) who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church to join him and some of our diocesan clergy for prayer, fellowship, and an informal lunch.

This gathering will take place, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 PM at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. It will provide a valuable opportunity to ask questions of the Bishop and clergy and to hear how they received their own call to priesthood and their ongoing response to that call. To make a reservation please call the Parish Office at 570-822-6028 by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Come and ask. Come and listen. Come and learn. Come and see.

**BROADCAST OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC DIVINE LITURGY:** On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, EWTN will telecast the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by recently-ordained Bishop Andriy Rabiychuk from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Responses will be sung by the choir of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, D.C. You can watch on your EWTN TV Channel or livestreaming on the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia website at <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/> or at [http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live\\_player.asp?sat=dome](http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live_player.asp?sat=dome).

**TURKEY DINNER:** St. Mary Byzantine Church, 321 Chestnut Avenue in Kingston, will sponsor a Turkey dinner on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00–6:30 PM (takeouts will be available from 4:00 – 5:00 PM). Adults – \$10.00, child under 12 – \$6.00. For tickets, call Roger at 570-288-6263. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

**Toy Bingo:** St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor a Toy Bingo on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison Street. Doors open at 12:00 PM, games begin at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$10.00 and includes 3 regular bingo cards. Seating is limited, tickets may not be available at the door. It is recommended to purchase tickets in advance by calling Mary at the Parish office (570-823-4988) as this event was last year.

**"The History of Wilkes-Barre":** You are invited to a slide show presentation by local historian Tony Brooks on the history of Wilkes-Barre. It will be held at St. Anthony / St. George Parish (corner of Park Ave. and Dana St.) on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Church Hall. A light luncheon will be served. All are welcome to attend!

**RUSYN GENEALOGY AND HERITAGE CONFERENCE:** The theme of this Fifth Annual Conference is: *Rusyn History and Culture from A to Z*. It will take place next Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Kings College Campus Center in Wilkes-Barre. Registration is \$45.00 and includes a breakfast buffet and lunch. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Sharon Jarrow ([shangp@rcn.com](mailto:shangp@rcn.com) or 610-759-2628). Speakers include Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi, John Righetti,

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