

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!

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13 January 2013: Sunday after Theophany

The Holy Martyrs Hermylaus and Stratonicus of Belgrade.

Our Venerable Father Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 12	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Martin, Dorothy, & Tina Osif</i>
Sun. Jan. 13	10:30 AM: Sunday after Theophany: pro populo
Sat. Jan. 19	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Robert Knouse, Sr. requested by Family of Robert Knouse, Jr.</i>
Sun. Jan. 20	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: pro populo
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	<u>Acolytes</u> <u>Readers</u> <u>Ushers</u>
Sat. Jan. 12	M. Mihalko L. Knouse J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. Jan. 13	R. & E. Hess J. Hess J. Overdorff, W. Furwa
Sat. Jan. 19	M. Mihalko D. Cholock J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Jan. 20	E. & R. Hess S. Vacha B. & J. Knouse

Collection: Adult \$1777; Candles \$43; Student \$2; Christmas \$225;
01/06/13: Holy Day \$65; Initial Offering \$72; **Total: \$2184.00.**

The Holy Martyrs Hermylaus and Stratonicus, Slavs by origin, lived at the beginning of the fourth century during a persecution against Christians by the emperor Licinius (311-324). St Hermylaus served as deacon in the city of Sigidon (Belgrade). Condemned by Licinius to imprisonment, he was long and cruelly tortured for Christ, but he remained unyielding.

Hermylaus mocked the pagan gods, calling them deaf, dumb, and blind idols. In anger Licinius ordered more severe torments for him, saying that he could avoid them if he would offer sacrifice. The holy martyr predicted that Licinius would suffer terrible wounds himself because he worshiped idols instead of the Creator. His words came true, for Licinius was killed in 324.

After three days Hermylaus was brought before the tribunal again and asked whether he would avoid more torture by offering sacrifice. The saint replied that he would offer worship and sacrifice only to the true God.

St Hermylaus prayed that the Lord would give him strength to endure his torments and triumph over the pagans. A voice was heard saying, "Hermylaus, you will be delivered from your suffering in three days, and will receive a great reward." The torturers fell to the ground in fear, and took the saint back to prison.

St Stratonicus was one of the prison guards and a secret Christian. Seeing the agonizing torments of his friend, he was unable to keep from weeping, and he revealed that he was a Christian. They also subjected him to punishment.

After the torture, they put both martyrs into a net and threw them into the Danube. On the third day, the bodies of the saints were found by Christians on the bank of the river and buried near Sigidon. Their venerable heads were in the Church of Hagia Sophia, where the Russian pilgrim Anthony saw them in the year 1200.

Saint Hilary, the great opponent of Arianism, was born around 320. He was raised as a pagan, but converted to Christianity as an adult. He became Bishop of Poitiers in 350. When the emperor Constantius II attempted to impose Arianism on the western Church, St Hilary led a vigorous opposition to his efforts. Because of his outspoken criticism, he was exiled to Phrygia in 356. There he became such a defender and champion of Orthodoxy that the emperor decided it would be less trouble to allow him to return to his diocese. St Hilary continued to fight against Arianism until his death in 368. His holy relics still rest in the cathedral bearing his name at Poitiers in France. He has lent his name to the "Hilary term" of English law courts and universities, which begin on or near his Feast Day.



~ Announcements ~

- **Please Remember in Your Prayers the soul of Cody Fullman who died last Saturday.** Eternal rest grant unto Your servant Cody, O Lord, and remember him forever. Our most sincere Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the Fullman family, their relatives and friends. **Вичная Память.**
- **ECF Classes resume next Sunday, January 20.**
- **2012 ENVELOPES!!** Kindly turn in your **2012 offertory envelopes ASAP** so that you may be given credit on your contribution forms. Please make sure that you **ALWAYS** mark your envelope as to the amount of your donation.
- **The First All Souls' Saturday is transferred to January 26th this year because the Feast of the Encounter, 2 February, is on that Saturday. Please use your envelope marked All Souls – February 3 and turn in the list of your beloved departed so that they may be remembered in the 9:30 am Divine Liturgy that day.**



- **Thank you** to **Lisa Cianciotti & Joan Mott** for donating baked goods to our Friday bingo.
- A belated «**Thank you**» to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giacobbi** for their generous donation to St Mary Church in memory of **Anthony Giacobbi. Вичная Память!**
- **Marriage in 2013?** Couples planning to get married this year must attend the two part Pre-Cana Program offered by the Archeparchy on **Saturday March 9th and 16th** at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, in Munhall, PA. See Father for the registration form.
- **BCW REMINDER:** for those of you subscribing to the **Byzantine Catholic World**, it is time once again to renew your subscriptions. Please turn in your **\$12.00** remittance ASAP to the parish office, either cash or check made payable to “St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.” Please inform us of any corrections that need to be made to the spelling of names and/or changes in address. If you do not presently subscribe to our archeparchy’s newspaper and wish to do so, follow the above directions.

