

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

Administrator: Fr. Paul-Alexander Shutt, OSB
Confession Schedule: Saturday 16:00 – 16:30,
Parish email: st.marytrauger@gmail.com

Parish Office: 724-423-3 673 Hall: 724-423-8838
Sunday 9:00 – 9:30, or by appointment
Website: www.stmarybyzantinecatholic.org

24 AUGUST 2025 / 7533 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian.
Our Blessed Confessor and Priest-monk Dominic Methodius Trčka.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Aug 23 17:00 Vigil: 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Suffrages for +Paul & Margaret Kern – daughter Margaret
- Sun. Aug 24 10:30 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Suffrages pro populo
- Sat. Aug 30 17:00 Vigil: 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Suffrages for +Helen DeFlorio – James Kontir Family
- Sun. Aug 31 10:30 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Last Sunday
and Day of the Liturgical Year 7533 ~ Suffrages pro populo

✠	✠	✠	✠	✠
08 / 17 / 2025	Adults: \$1125	Candles: \$70	Holy Day: \$200	
COLLECTION	TOTAL: \$1395			
ATTENDANCE	Holy Day: 16 + 5	Sat. 12 + 5	Sun. 27 + 11	



THE BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST is always celebrated on August 29th at the close of our Church's ecclesiastical year. His conception is observed at the start of the new church year on September 23rd. Red vestments are worn on this day. By tradition a strict fast is observed. Local traditions also include such practices as not eating food from a plate or anything in the form of a head, *e.g.*, cabbage, lettuce, apples, *et cetera*.



~~~~~  
**W**hat shall we call you, O Prophet? An angel, an apostle, or martyr? An angel, because you lived as a bodiless being; an apostle, because you taught the nations; a martyr, because you were beheaded for Christ. Entreat Him to have mercy on our souls.

**W**hile the birthday of the shameless Herod was being observed, the oath made to the lustful dancer was fulfilled; the head of the Forerunner was cut off and offered to those at table. What a loathsome banquet, filled with wickedness and horrible murder. As for us, let us worthily venerate and bless the Baptizer, for he is the greatest man born of women.

**O** most holy John, your head was cut off for preaching the Law of the Lord, for in blameless privilege you reproached the unbelieving king when he disobeyed the Law. Therefore, the host of angels wonder at you, and the ranks of apostles and martyrs praise you. We also honor your yearly memorial, O most noble one, giving glory to the holy Trinity Who has crowned you, O blessed Forerunner.

**B**orn of the prophet Zechariah, John was the greatest of the prophets and was sanctified in his mother's womb for the service of the Lord. Today he is beheaded by an evil king. Both before and after his beheading, his head was a reproach for the maiden who danced indecently, thus covering one sin with another. Therefore we call out to you in faith: O John the Baptizer, having acquired favor with the Lord, beseech him unceasingly for the salvation of our souls.



## ~ Announcements ~

- **ETERNAL MEMORY!** The parish extends its deepest condolences and prayers to the DeFlorio family, whose mother Helen, at the age of 103, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. *In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant, Helen, and remember her forever. Бѣчнаа памать!*
- **THANK YOU!** The parish is most grateful for a very generous donation given by a «diaspora» member of St Mary Church who still feels strong ties to the parish.
- **THE 91<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MT. SAINT MACRINA PILGRIMAGE – Theotokos: Icon of Hope** – in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help is next weekend: **August 30 - 31**. A complete schedule of all services and events is posted in the Narthex and on the monastery's website at <https://sistersofstbasil.org>.