

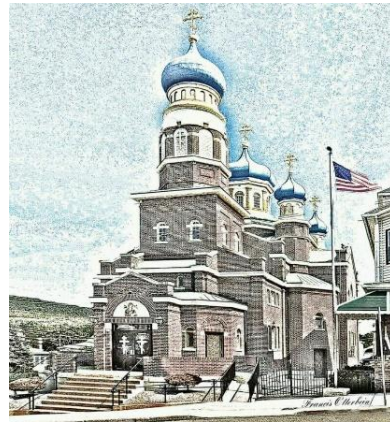
St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, April 5, 2026

Reader Hours: Curtis Wetzel
Reader Epistle: Chad Snyder



Palm Sunday Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem.

Please call Fr. James Weremedic at (570) 427- 3686 for emergencies!
Please call (570) 764-4323 for non-emergencies.

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, April 5	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy – (Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April 5	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 6	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 7	5:00 PM: Bridegroom Service
Thursday, April 9	5:00 PM: 12 Passion Gospel Readings for Holy Friday
Friday, April 10	5:00 PM: Holy Friday – Great Vespers Burial Service-Matins Lamentations
Saturday, April 11	9:30 AM: Holy Saturday – Vesperal Liturgy with the 15 Old Testament Readings
Saturday, April 11	11:30 PM: Nocturns
Sunday, April 12	Midnight: Matins, Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy followed by the Blessing of Baskets & enjoying our basket foods
Sunday, April 12	11:00 AM: Agape Vespers, Blessing of Baskets.

Prayer List*:

Robert Boguski, Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, William Evetushick, Julia Forte, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Altheia Rosahac Sherlock, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, SD James Weremedic, Jr.

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

Candles April 5

7/Day Vigils-Altar: In memory of Jenne Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon

Altar Candles: In Memory of Stephanie Chmel offered by Edward Pierson

Eternal Lamp: In Health of Mildred O'Shura offered by Sal Herbert

7/Day Tetrapod: In Health of Elizabeth O'Shura offered by Sal Herbert

Decorated Candles: In memory Mary Lutash offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Vigil Crosses: In memory Olga Hebda offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

April Birthdays: Paul Macenka, 10- Jacqueline Babinetz, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Anastasia Babinetz, Julie McHugh, 22- Thomas Terry, 24- Dennis Vavra, 25- Paul Macenka, Jr.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

Financials 3/29/2026: Envelopes \$ 645, Non-Envelope \$ 51, Altar Candles \$ 110, Candles \$ 95, Donations \$, F.U.E.L. \$ 125, Building \$ 100, H.E.L.P. \$ 51,

How much is my tithe?!

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$38	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

We are not required to bring a tenth of our income to the Church; we can bring twenty, thirty, or even one-hundred percent, as did the poor widow (*Mark 12:42-43*). But we can start with a small step. We can at least bring as much as the Old Testament Hebrews, at least the ten percent that rightly belongs to God and not us. But if we don't have as much zeal for the temple of God as the Old Testament people had, then the Lord will accept and bless even seven or five percent or any other amount offered with a pure heart. **We must begin somewhere!**

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Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
April 5	Curtis Wetzel	Chad Snyder	John Evetushick
April 12	Claire Remington	John Evetushick	Pascha
April 19	Edward Pierson	Michael Ropitsky	Mike Tatusko
April 26	Mat. Lisa	Edward Pierson	Sal Herbert

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For urgent priestly needs.

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570-427-3686 and update in your contacts.

April 5, 2026 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY

The First Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *(Refrain)*

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. *(Refrain)*

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

Refrain: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? *(Refrain)*

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ")

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Tone 1 Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Let the house of Israel say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Entrance Verse

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us.

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Tone 4 Troparion

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection. Now we praise You and sing: "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Tone 6 Kontakion

Sitting on Your throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: // "Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

(The Trisagion is sung.)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

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V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

V. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.