

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, December 1, 2024

Reader Hours: Kaitlyn Dymtrow
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 6.
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Martyr Ananias of Persia.

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.**

SERVICES:

Sunday, December 1 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour
Annual Parish Meeting on December 8, 2025 – Second Announcement!
Thurs., December 5 5:00 PM: Vespers, Litya
Friday, December 6 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia)
Saturday, December 7 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, December 8 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, **Annual Parish Meeting**
Saturday, December 14 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, December 15 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour
Saturday, December 21 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, December 22 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*: Archpriest Thomas & Matushka Evelyn Edwards, Matushka Lisa Robert Boguski, Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Kaitlyn & Shannon Dymtrow, Anna Eltgroth, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Odess Remington, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Peter Weremedic, Marie Yurchak

* 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.

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Fr. James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.
Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of
Nicholas Berezniak (Dr. Ron Berezniak's uncle)
Who fell asleep in the Lord 11/25/2024! Memory Eternal!*

On December 24, 2024, we will have our 2nd parish 'Holy Supper' in our church hall with traditional strict fasting foods. Celebrating as a family of St. Mary's is important to prepare for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Candles (December 1)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Matushka Irene Borick** offered by Julia Forte
Altar Candles: In memory of **Michael & Julia Roshac** offered by Alice Styler
Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Hieromonk Athanasi** offered by Edward Pierson
Decorated Candles: In memory of **Mary Scarloss** offered by Stephanie Chmel

December Birthdays: 3- Izrael Bracero, 9- Odess Remington, 11- Stephanie Chmel, 12- Heather Cloutier, 16- James Weremedic, Jr., 18- Kathryn Jupin, 19- Ixsaviar Bracero, 28- Sophie James

Financials 11/24/2024: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$1,280, Non-envelope \$55, Holy Day \$76, Altar Candles \$20, Candles \$77, Donations \$200, Building Fund \$50,

**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.**

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

12/01 John Evetushick 12/08 R & L Berezniak 12/15 Helen King 12/22 Russ King

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!** On Tithing | A Russian Orthodox Church Website (pravmir.com)

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

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost (11th of Luke)

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Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

Tone 2 Troparion (Prophet Nahum)

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Nahum, O Lord; through him we beseech You: // "Save our souls!"

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Prophet Nahum)

Illumined by the Spirit, your heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing far-off things as though they were present. // Therefore, we venerate you, glorious prophet Nahum.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

V. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.
V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Silent Prayer before the Gospel:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

**Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
Liheap Season 2024-2025**

Fr. James has several Liheap applications for the 2024-2025 Liheap season. Any old applications from last year are not valid, so dispose of them. Please contact Ms. Kristine Barron at 570-621-3090 or Joseph Cuthie at 570-621-3018 if you have questions.