

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**OUR WEBSITE:**

**[www.stmarysnativity.org](http://www.stmarysnativity.org)**

Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic

Retired Attached: V. Rev Paul Ropitsky

President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

Reader Hours: Kaitlyn Dmytrow

Reader Epistle: Edward Pierson



**36<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 3.** Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste.

Ven. Dimitri, Wonderworker of Priluki.

Rt. Blv. Great Prince Vsevolod, Wonderworker of Pskov.

Righteous Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast.

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, Feb. 11 8:00 AM – Matins

Sunday, Feb. 11 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, Feb 17 3:30 PM – Parastas:

*Joseph Devine offered by Fr. James & Mat. Lisa*

*Mark Gunderson offered by Fr. James & Mat. Lisa*

*Kimberly Evetushick offered by John & Mary Evetushick*

*John & Anna Bogosh by Gloria Bench & family*

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4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Feb 18 8:00 AM – Matins (**Zacchaeus Sunday**)

Sunday, Feb 18 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour

Saturday, Feb 24 4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Feb 25 8:00 AM – Matins (**Publican & Pharisee**)

Sunday, Feb 25 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour

**A Women's Retreat will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The topic is "The Gift of Compassion: From God to US – Through Us, to Others" with Presbytera Kerry Pappas presenting.**

**Prayer List\*:**

Fr. Nikolai Breckenridge, Fr. Michael Evans, Fr. James Weremedic, Fr. Gregory White, Sbdn. James Weremedic  
Clarissa, Evanna, Emmalyn & Kasandra Buchannan, Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel,  
Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King,  
Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Anna Pierson,  
Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Michael Teno, Victoria 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.

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael Harahus  
Who fell asleep in the Lord 2/5/2024! Memory Eternal!*

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Martha Stafiniak  
Who fell asleep in the Lord 2/8/2024! Memory Eternal!*

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mary "Matesy" Herbert  
Who fell asleep in the Lord 2/4/2024! Memory Eternal!*

**If anyone is in need of a priest,  
please call Father 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.

A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for our next Adult Education.

The start of sessions will be determined.

**Candles (February 11)**

7-day Vigils-Altar: In health of **Helen Butts** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

Altar Candles: In memory of **Kimberly Evetushick** offered by Mike & Wendy Kulick

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Peter Wyshosky** offered by Julia Forte

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

Decorated Candles: In memory of **Marion Pickenheim** offered by William Yelsh

Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel** offered by family Members

**February Birthdays:** 1- Michael Kulick, 3- Michael Tatusko, 6- Barbara Faenza, 7- Ira James,  
9- Wendy Kulick, 15- Claire Remington, 22- Peter Harahus

**Financials 2/4/2024: Operating Acct:** Envelopes \$1,365, Holy Day \$203, Altar Candles \$40,  
Candles \$72 Fuel Fund \$45, Building Fund \$11

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:**

**February 11** Valentine's Day Turkey Dinner

**February 18** Russell King      **February 25** Helen King      **March 3** John Evetushick

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.

**February 11, 2024 36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Tone 3**

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316). Ven. Dimitri (Demetrios), Wonderworker of Priluki (Vologdá—1392). Rt. Blv. Great Prince Vsevolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Wonderworker of Pskov (1138). Righteous Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (ca. 867).

**Mark 16:9-20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Matins Gospel)**

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

**Tone 4 Troparion (St. Blaise)**

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. // O Hieromartyr Blaise, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

**Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Blaise)**

Godly shoot, unfading flower, most fruitful branch of Christ the Vine, God-bearing Blaise, fill with joy those who in faith honor your memory // as you unceasingly intercede for us all.

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle)**

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

**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.

**Matthew 15:21-28 (Gospel)**

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Must be 18+  
Orthodox  
Christian in  
good standing  
to apply

## St. Tikhon's Summer Camp 2024

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July 30th - June 6th  
2024

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by joining the ranks of  
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but can't commit to  
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Consider helping for  
the day. Any time  
you can spare is  
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**JUNE 30TH-JULY  
6TH 2024**

**FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL CAMPERS  
FROM PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE  
OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

**STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING 2024 WEBSITE AND  
REGISTRATION LAUNCH.**

**IN THE MEAN TIME, JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP (ST.  
TIKHON'S SUMMER CAMP) FOR REAL-TIME UPDATES.**





Presented by The Diocese of Eastern PA and the Women's Group of Holy Trinity

## THE GIFT OF COMPASSION:

**From God to Us —Through Us, to Others**

~Extending and Receiving Compassion ~Compassion vs. Empathy

~Compassion in Scripture ~The Many "Faces" of Compassion

**Saturday, March 2nd - 10am-3pm**

Holy Trinity Church, 1501 Trinity Ct, Stroudsburg, PA

**Our featured speaker:**

**Presbytera Kerry Pappas**

Kerry is a priest wife and licensed marriage and family therapist. She works extensively with seminarian and clergy families, primarily through the Center for Family Care Team of the GOA. Kerry's work of over 40 years takes her around the country leading women and couples in interactive exercises and dialogue.



This event is open to all women of our diocese and beyond. There is no charge and lunch and snacks will be provided.

Please bring a friend and enjoy a day of reflection and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Sara Rusk at [rusksara21@gmail.com](mailto:rusksara21@gmail.com) by February 24.