

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic  
Retired Attached: V. Rev. Paul Ropitsky  
President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

Reader Hours: Chad Snyder  
Reader Epistle: John Evetushick



**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE. Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.**

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

Please do not call the rectory phone # at this time! At the request of Archbishop Mark, the rectory is currently being used by his new administrated Secretary and family.

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:**

Saturday, February 14 3:30 PM: Parastas: Kimberly Evetushick offered by John & Mary Evetushick, Jacob Sr, Mary, Rose Basil, Peter, John, Michael, Theodore, Martha, Marie, Jacob, Nancy & deceased members of the Lorchak Family offered by Larissa Verta, John & David Lorchak, John Bench, Jr. offered by Gloria Bench, John & Anna Bogosh offered by Gloria Bench Joseph Devine offered by Mat. Lisa & Fr. James, Mark Gunderson offered by Mat. Lisa & Fr. James

Saturday, February 14 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, February 15 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (**Meatfare Sunday**), Church School, Fellowship

**BBQ Luncheon. Monetary donations appreciated!**

Saturday, February 21 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, February 22 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (**Cheesefare**), **Forgiveness Vespers**, Fellowship

Monday, February 23 **First Week of Great Lent Begins**

Prayer List\*: Fr. James Weremedic

Robert Boguski, 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, 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 (February 15)**

7/Day: In health of **Todd Cleary** offered by John Evetushick

Altar Candles: In health of **William Evetushick** offered by John & Mary Evetushick

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Odes Remington** offered by Claire Remington

7/Day Tetrapod : In memory of **deceased members of Wysosky family** offered by Julia Forte

**February Birthdays:**

1- Michael Kulick, Shannon Gradwell, 3- Michael Tatusko, 6- Barbara Faenza, 7- Ira James, 9- Wendy Kulick, 15- Claire Remington, 16- Emma Fidler, Kimberly Gauronsky, 22- Peter Harahus

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 2/8/2026:** Envelopes \$1,122, Non-Envelopes \$5, Holy Day \$26, Altar Candles \$170, Candles \$50 Donations \$853, F.U.E.L. \$255, Building: \$48

**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
February 15	Chad Snyder	John Evetushick	Meatfare Luncheon
February 22	Mat. Lisa	Michael Ropitsky	Forgiveness Sunday
March 1	Gloria Bench	Chad Snyder	John Evetushick

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**For urgent priestly needs.**

Please note the new phone  
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**February 15, SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.**

**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 1      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 1      Kontakion      (from the Lenten Triodion)**

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      (from the Lenten Triodion)**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure.

*V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!*

**1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)**

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

V. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)**

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.













Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 1st</b>	 Prophet and the Pharisees Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Gospel: Luke 18:10-17	
Normal Fast Week <b>FEBRUARY 8th</b>	 The Prodigal Son Returns Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble!" Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare <b>FEBRUARY 15th</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare <b>FEBRUARY 22nd</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <b>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</b> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 1st</b>	 GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 8th</b>	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 15th</b>	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 22nd</b>	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 29th</b>	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 5th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 10th</b>	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 12th</b> NO FASTING!	 EIGHT WEEKS <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!