

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

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

Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic

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President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Reader Hours: Gloria Bench

Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



**37<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 4. Sunday of Zacchaeus.**

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome. Ven Cosmas of Yakhromsk.

St. Agapitos the Confessor and Wonderworker, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia.

St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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 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

Saturday, March 2 4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, March 3 8:00 AM – Matins (**Prodigal Son**)

Sunday, March 3 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour

Saturday, March 9 3:30 PM – Parastas

Saturday, March 9 4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, March 10 8:00 AM – Matins (**Last Judgment-Meatfare**)

Sunday, March 10 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 Presbyteria Kerry Pappas presenting.**



**A great big "Thank You" to everyone who prepared, served, cleaned up, bought tickets, and attended the Valentine's Day Dinner last week. We served over 90 meals with a profit of \$1,065 being donated to the church.**

**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.

**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 18)**

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

Altar Candles: In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel** offered by family members

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Kimberly Evetushick** offered by William Evetushick

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

**Financials 2/11/2024: Operating Acct:** Envelopes \$667, Non-Envelope \$110, Holy Day \$42, Candles \$56,  
Donations \$270, Fuel Fund \$30, Building Fund \$30, Initial \$25

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:**

**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.

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 9 West Railroad Street, Nesquehoning is holding their 2024 Annual Theme Basket Raffle. The drawing date is on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Hours are Thursday & Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Church Hall phone number: 570-669-6036.



February 18, 2024 37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Tone 4

## Sunday of Zacchaeus.

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461). Ven Cosmas of Yakhromsk (1492).  
St. Agapitos the Confessor and Wonderworker, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia  
(4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449-450).

Luke 24:1-12 (4<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 3 Troparion (St. Leo)

You were the Church's instrument in strengthening the teaching of true doctrine; you shone forth from the West like a sun dispelling the errors of heretics. // Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Leo)

Seated upon the throne of the priesthood, glorious Leo, you shut the mouths of the spiritual lions. With divinely inspired teachings of the honored Trinity, you shed the light of the knowledge of God upon your flock. // Therefore, you are glorified as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.  
V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!



1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

**Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

**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 19:1-10 (Gospel)**

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."



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# 2024 Annual Theme Basket Raffle

**Drawing Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2024  
Drawing at 2:00 pm

**Hours:**

Thursday and Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**CELEBRATING OUR 20th YEAR OF HOLDING THIS EVENT!!!**

As in the past, we anticipate a large selection of theme baskets and additional prizes: cash - big-ticket items - lottery board - 50/50 drawing. This year we have some special surprises that we've never had before! As usual, there will be an array of frozen and fresh foods (i.e., kielbasy and sauerkraut sandwiches, pirohi, halushki, bar-b-q, mac 'n cheese, hot dogs, and more) available for take out on a first come, first served basis, on any of the days we are open. There will also be a bake sale on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The format of this year's event will be the same as the past few years: The event will be open on the 2 evenings listed above, plus the day of the drawing. Raffle winners will be drawn starting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The drawing will be live-streamed on Facebook. Seating will NOT be available in the church hall. The lucky winners will be contacted by phone by the end of the day. It will be announced when the doors will re-open for patrons to pick up their winnings. Winners must present their ticket stub(s) and/or a valid state ID in order to claim their prizes.

(Snow Dates: March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, with the drawing on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>)  
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