

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Reader Hours: Mat. Lisa

Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



Please welcome Fr. Vjekoslav Jovicic, Rector of Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, Frackville! He gratefully accepted to celebrate the Divine Liturgy here today. Fr. James is in Frackville to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on his father's belated 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**35<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting.**

Ven. Isidore of Pelusium. Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir.

Ven. Kirill the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novgorod. Ven. Abraham and Coprius, of Pechenga. Martyr Jadorus. Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria. Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion.

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 4	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour
Saturday, Feb. 10	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb. 11	8:00 AM – Matins
Sunday, Feb. 11	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Valentine's Dinner
Saturday, Feb 17	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb 18	8:00 AM – Matins ( <b>Zacchaeus Sunday</b> )
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 ( <b>Publican &amp; Pharisee</b> )
Sunday, Feb 25	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School, 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 Presbyter 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, Jeanie Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Anna Pierson, Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Martha Stafiniak, 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 4)**

7-day Vigils-Altar: In health of **Sue O'Shura** offered by Millie O'Shura

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 **Kimberly Evetushick** offered by John & Mary Evetushick

Decorated Candles: In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel** offered by William Yelsh

Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

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

**Financials 1/28/2024: Operating Acct:** Envelopes \$670, Non-Envelope \$260, Fuel Fund \$25, Donations \$2,145, Holy Day \$40, Altar Candles \$40, Candles \$84

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:**

**February 4** John Evetushick **February 11** Valentine's Day Turkey Dinner

**February 18** Russell King

**We are hosting a Valentine's Day dinner on February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**The dinner will include an open face turkey sandwich, stuffing, vegetable and dessert.**

**Donation of \$12 per person. ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY.**

**See Mat. Lisa for tickets.**

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 4, 2024    35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    Tone 2**  
Afterfeast of the Meeting. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium.

**Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)**

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Tone 1 Troparion (Feast)**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Tone 8 Troparion (Ven. Isidore)**

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, venerable Isidore, rejoices with the angels.

**Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, // and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Ven. Isidore)**

Finding you to be another morning star, O glorious one, the Church is illumined by the brilliance of your words. // She cries out to you: "Rejoice, all-blessed and divinely-wise Isidore!"

**Tone 1 Kontakion (Feast)**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb and blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, // O only Lover of Man!

**Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)**

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.

V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Colossians 3:12-16 (Epistle)**

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**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 25:14-30 (Gospel)**

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.'

For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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.