

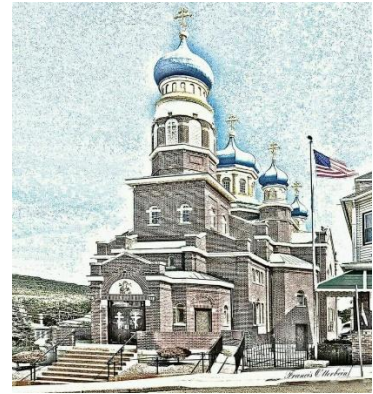
St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic
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President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Reader Hours: Curtis Wetzel
Reader Epistle: Chad Snyder



31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 5.

Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529).

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, January 10	4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 11	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, January 17	4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 18	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, January 24	3:30 PM: Parastas: Kimberly Evetushick offered by John & Mary Evetushick, Lorchak Family offered by Larissa Verta, John & David Lorchak
Saturday, January 24	4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 25	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (Zacchaeus Sunday), Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, January 31	4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, February 1	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy(Publican&Pharisee), Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*: Fr. James Weremedic

Robert Boguski, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, 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.

The Church School Teachers are inviting parents and all parishioners to come to the Church School sessions in the hall basement after the Divine Liturgies. It will help with some of the "CHURCH TRADITIONS" and also "PARISH TRADITIONS". I ask that if you are going to the sessions, please contact Gloria Bench and Barbara Birosik in advance. Yours in Christ, Fr. James

Candles (January 11)

7/Day: In memory of **Nicholas Teno** offered by Teno Family

Altar Candles: In health of **Susie Bortnick** offered by Barb Teno

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Helen Butts** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

7/Day Tetrapod : In memory of **Odess Remington** offered by Family

Decorated Candles: In memory of **Nancy Sabol** offered by Sal Hebert

January Birthdays: 2- Tommy Shanosky, 7- Jhanyah Bracero, 13- Dr. Ronald Berezniak, 28- Edward Pierson, 31- Michael Birosik

January Anniversaries: 9- Wash & Helen King, 23- Russell & Geri King

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 Christmas 1/4/2026: Envelopes \$1,013.67, Non-Envelopes \$41, Holy Day 286, Alter Candles \$60, Candles \$75, Donations \$2,060, Initial Offering \$90, Building \$13.

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
January 11, 2026	Curtis Wetzal	Chad Snyder	Helen King
January 18	Mat. Lisa	Michael Ropitsky	Sal & Dan Herbert
January 25	Gloria Bench	Edward Pierson	Berezniak

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For urgent priestly needs.

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January 11, 2026 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch
John 20:19-31 (8th Matins Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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 1 Troparion (Feast)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself // and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

Tone 8 Troparion (Ven. Theodosius)

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe. // Our Father Theodosius, pray to Christ God to 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 8 Kontakion (Ven. Theodosius)

Planted in the courts of your Lord, you blossomed beautifully with virtue, and increased your children in the desert, showering them with streams of your tears, O chief shepherd of the divine flock of God. Therefore, we cry to you: Rejoice, O Father Theodosius!

Tone 4 Kontakion (Feast)

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself, // O unapproachable Light."

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (Sunday After)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Ven. Theodosius)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Ps. 115:6)

Ephesians 4:12-17 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Tone 5 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.

Tone 6

V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

Mark 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Theophany House Blessings: The basic order for a simple home blessing is as follows.

- a. The bowl of water, icon and lit candles are placed on a clean table.
- b. The priest begins the service with a blessing and the Trisagion prayers (O heavenly King through the "Our Father".) It is always preferable that the eldest of another member of the family say the Trisagion prayers.
- c. After this the entire home is blessed, with the family walking with the priest holding candles and the Theophany icon while the Theophany Troparion is sung over and over:

When Thou, wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; / for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / calling Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the certainty of the word. / O Christ our God, Who hast appeared // and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

It is a very good idea for the family to sing this troparion, and know it by heart. Otherwise, of the priest has many houses to bless, his voice will get tired!

- d. Upon finishing blessing the house, the family gathers again at the table, and a short litany is said for the welfare of the family. The priest should have been provided a list of all family members and it is entirely appropriate the deceased loved ones of the family be commemorated from a list provided to the priest.
- e. When a priest visits, it is NEVER required that the family gives him money. The scripture tells us "Freely you have received, freely give". It is a pious custom among some to give the priest a donation at this time, **but this should never be thought of as a requirement.** The priest comes to the home because he wants God's blessing to be upon it, and to know those in his flock better and to be available to them.