

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, January 18, 2026

Reader Hours: Curtis Wetzel
Reader Epistle: Chad Snyder



Ss. Athanasius the Great and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria.

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 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,
John Bench, Jr. offered by Gloria Bench
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: No Vespers
Sunday, February 1 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (**Publican & Pharisee**), Church School, Fellowship
Monday, February 2 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (**Meeting of the Lord in the Temple**) Blessing of Candles
Saturday, February 7 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, February 8 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy (**Prodigal Son Sunday**), Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*: Fr. James Weremedic

Robert Boguski, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, 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.

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 Birozik in advance. Yours in Christ, Fr. James

**We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Julia Harahas
who fell asleep in the Lord 1/13/2025! Memory Eternal!**

Candles (January 18)

7/Day: In memory of **Harry Wyshosky** offered by Julia Forte

Altar Candles: In memory of **Daniel Skripek** offered by Russell & Geri King

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Claude & Beatrice Morgan** offered by SD. James Weremedic, Jr.

7/Day Tetrapod : In memory of **Helen Butts** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak Family

Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Michael & Helen Bogosh, Harry, Kathleen Harahush**
offered by Terri & David Bogosh

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 1/11/2026: Envelopes \$1,762, Non-Envelopes \$5, Holy Day \$161,
Altar Candles \$50, Candles \$102, Donations \$10, Coffee Hour \$50.

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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(pravmir.com)

Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
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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John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" - knowing that it was the Lord.

Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 3 Troparion (Sts. Athanasius and Cyril)

You shone forth with works of Orthodoxy and quenched all heresy, and became victorious trophy-bearers, hierarchs Athanasius and Cyril. You enriched all things with piety and greatly adorned the Church, and worthily found Christ God, // Who grants His great mercy to all.

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 4 Kontakion (Sts. Athanasius and Cyril)

Athanasius and Cyril, great hierarchs of true piety, and noble champions of the Church of Christ, Preserve all who sing: // "O Compassionate Lord, save those who honor You!"

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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 7 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

Luke 18:35-43 (Gospel)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

A prayer when going into the Altar to serve the Divine Liturgy

I shall go into Thy house; I shall worship toward Thy holy temple in fear of Thee. O Lord, guide me in the way of Thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before Thee. For in their mouth there is no truth; their heart is vain. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they spoken deceitfully; judge them, O God. Let them fall down on account of their own devisings; according to the multitude of their ungodliness, cast them out, for they have embittered Thee, O Lord. And let all them be glad that hope in Thee; they shall ever rejoice, and Thou shalt dwell among them. And all shall glory in Thee that love Thy name, for Thou shalt bless the righteous, O Lord, as with a shield of Thy good pleasure hast Thou crowned us.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 1st		Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 8th		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 FEBRUARY 15th 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 FEBRUARY 22nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY 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 MARCH 1st		SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY 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 MARCH 8th		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 MARCH 15th		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 bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 22nd		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 MARCH 29th		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! APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM 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 APRIL 10th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS SWEETS THE CRUCIFIX! CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 12th NO FASTING!		HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Great everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!