

ST. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, January 21, 2024
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Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 8.

Ven. Maximus the Confessor. Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa. Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond. Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome. Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor. Venerable Neóphytos of Mt. Athos. Ven. Maxim the Greek.

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 properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

SERVICES:

Sunday, Jan. 21	8:00 AM – Matins
Sunday, Jan. 21	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Archbishop MARK celebrating, we will have a greet and meet time with our Archbishop at the Fellowship Meal
Saturday, Jan. 27	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Jan. 28	8:00 AM – Matins
Sunday, Jan. 28	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour, Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, Feb 4	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb 5	8:00 AM – Matins
Sunday, Feb 5	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour

A Women's Retreat will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg on Saturday, March 2nd. The topic is "The Gift of Compassion: From God to US – Through Us, to Others" with Presbytera Kerry Pappas presenting. See insert for more information.

Prayer List*:

Fr. Michael Evans, Fr. James Weremedic, Sbdn. James Weremedic
Evanna & Emmalyn Buchannan, Jeanie Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Kimberly Evetushick, 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, 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.
Sessions will start on Sunday, February 18th.

Home Blessing:

If anyone wishes to have their home blessed, please call the rectory. Fr. James will set a date and time.

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Warcholak
Who fell asleep in the Lord 1/17/2024! Memory Eternal!*

Candles (January 21)

7-day Vigils-Altar... In memory of **Harry Wyshosky, Jr.** offered by Julia Forte

Altar Candles... In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod... In memory of **William Evetushick** offered by John & Mary Evetushick

Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel** offered by family members

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

January Anniversaries: 1- Edward & Anna Pierson, 9- Wash & Helen King,
23- Russell & Geri King

Financials 1/7/2024: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$538, Non-Envelope \$ 255, Donations \$580,
Holy Day \$103, Altar Candles \$50, Candles \$60, Initial \$105, Fuel Fund \$225

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

January 21 Greet & Meet with Archbishop MARK Meal (Everyone Welcome)

January 28 Michael Tatusko **February 4** John Evetushick **February 11** Valentine's Day Turkey
Dinner

**We are hosting a Valentine's Day dinner on February 11th. The dinner will include
an open face turkey sandwich, stuffing, vegetable and dessert.**

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

See Mat. Lisa or Claire Remington 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.

Colossians 1:12-18 (Epistle)

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

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 22:1-14 (Gospel)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'"

But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

So he said to him, '*Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?*' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, '**Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 8 Troparion (Ven. Maximus)

O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs; all wise Father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. // Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Neophytus)

Your holy martyr Neophytus, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercession, save our souls!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 6 Kontakion* (Ven. Maximus)

The Thrice-radiant Light took up abode in your soul, O all-blissful father, and displayed it as an elect vessel, manifest to the ends of the earth. O blessed Maximus, you explain hard-to-grasp doctrines with brilliance and clarity, // proclaiming the transcendent and unoriginate Trinity to all.

John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)

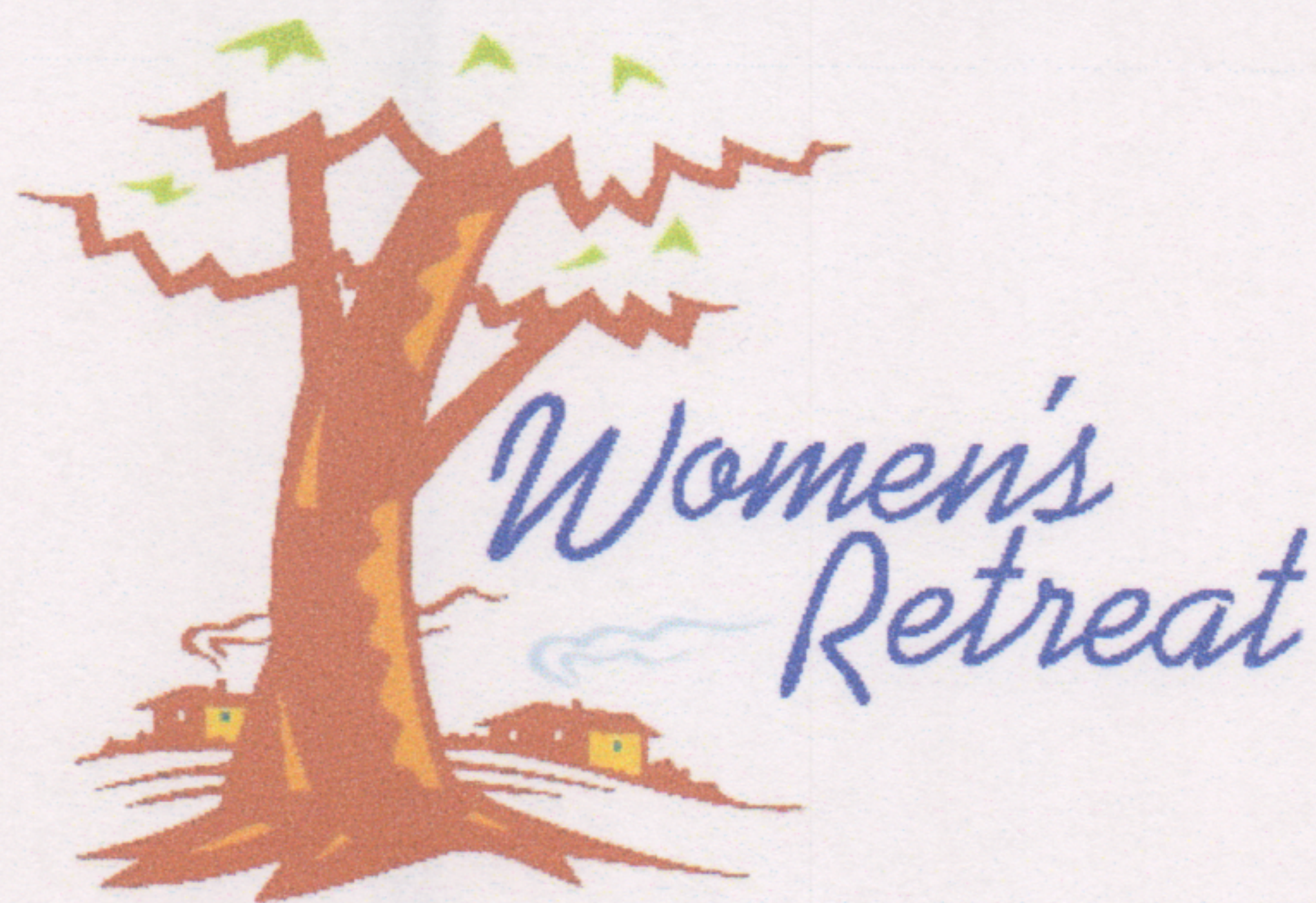
So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.



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 by February 24.