

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, January 28, 2024
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34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 1.

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Ven. Ephraim the Syrian. Ven. Theodosius, Abbot, of Tot'ma. Ven. Efrem (Ephraim) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novotórzhs. St. Efrem, Bishop of Pereyaslavl'. Ven. Palladius the Hermit, of Antioch. St. Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh.

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. 28	8:00 AM – Matins
Sunday, Jan. 28	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour, <i>Parish Council Meeting</i>
Thursday, Feb 1	4:00 PM – Great Vespers, Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
Friday, Feb 2	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (<i>Blessing of the Candles</i>)
Saturday, Feb 3	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Feb 4	8:00 AM – Matins
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. 12	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.

Prayer List*:

Fr. Michael Evans, Fr. Gregory White, Fr. James Weremedic, 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,
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.

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Kimberly Evetushick
Who fell asleep in the Lord 1/19/2024! Memory Eternal!*

Candles (January 28)

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

Altar Candles: In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel** offered by family members

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

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

Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

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

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

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

Financials 1/21/2024: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$, Non-Envelope \$250, Donations \$10,
Maintenance \$10, Holy Day \$4, Altar Candles \$, Candles \$70, Initial \$15, Fuel Fund \$20

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

January 28 Michael Tatusko

February 4 John Evetushick

February 11 Valentine's Day Turkey Dinner

February 16 Russell King

**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 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.

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Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 4 Troparion (New Martyrs)

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. // By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: // "You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 3 Kontakion (New Martyrs) (Today the Virgin)

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God // unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Matthew 28: 16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

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 (New Martyrs)

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us. (Ps. 45:1)

Colossians 3: 4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

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 22:35-46 (Gospel)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.