

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Reader Hours: Kaitlyn Dymtrow  
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



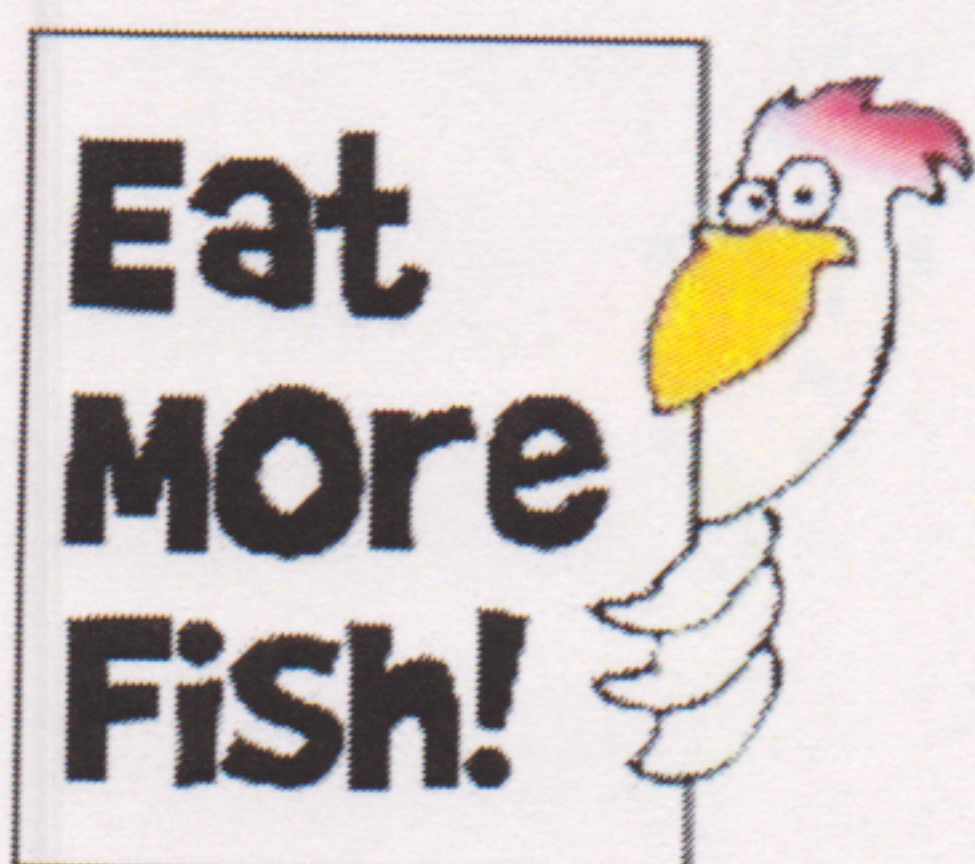
**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE                      Tone 7**  
**Sunday of the Last Judgment.**

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, March 9	3:30 PM – Parastas (Kimberly O'Brien, Alexis Gancasz)
Saturday, March 9	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 10	8:00 AM – Matins ( <b>Last Judgment-Meatfare</b> )
Sunday, March 10	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour, <u><b>P. C. Meeting</b></u>
Saturday, March 16	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 17	8:00 AM – Matins ( <b>Forgiveness Sunday-Cheesefare</b> )
Sunday, March 17	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, <b>Fish Dinner</b>
Sunday, March 17	4:00 PM – <b>Forgiveness Vespers</b>
Monday, March 18	5:00 PM: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Tuesday, March 19	5:00 PM: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Wednesday, March 20	9:30 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Wednesday, March 20	5:00 PM: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Thursday, March 21	5:00 PM: Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
Friday, March 22	5:00 PM: Akathist to the Theotokos
Saturday, March 23	5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 24	8:00 AM – Matins ( <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> )
Sunday, March 24	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**  
**St. Mary's Orthodox Church's Fish Dinner**

We are hosting a fish dinner on March 17, 2024. The dinner will include: Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll, Dessert and Coffee. \$15.00 per person. **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY.** To reserve your ticket Call Lisa at (570) 645-2772.

**Prayer List\*:**

Sbdn. James Weremedic

Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Edward Hojnicky, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Anna Pierson, Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, 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.

***Candles (March 10)***

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Michael Harahus** offered by Russell & Geri King

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 **Max Bubernak** offered by Gary Harahues

**\*Donations of flowers on the Tetrapod will now be \$50, due to the increase from Porvaznik's Flowers (under new management) in Lansford.**

**March Birthdays:** 1- Logan Leatherman, 7- Clarissa Buchanan, 14- Mary Hertzog, 21- Mildred O'Shura, 24- Olga Sidoriak, 28- Helen Law

**Financials 3/3/2024: Operating Acct:** Envelopes \$510, Non-Envelope \$252, Candles \$74, Altar Candles \$140, Holy Day \$40

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:**

**March 10** Marie Skripnek      **March 17** Fish Dinner      **March 24** Mike Tatusko

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.

**MARCH 10, 2024 Sunday of Meatfare. Tone 7**

**Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Martyr Quadratus and those with him: Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, Dionysius (another), Victorinus, Victor, Nikēphóros, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nice (Nika, Victoria), Galla, Galina, Theodora, and many others, at Corinth. Martyrs Quadratus, Saturninus, Rufinus, and the rest, of Nicomedia. St. Anastasia the Patrician of Alexandria.

**John 20: 1-10 (7<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them. Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

**Tone 5 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 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)**

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge.

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (from the Lenten Triodion)**

V. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure.  
V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

**1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)**

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's

temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### **Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

V. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

### **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 25:31-46 (Gospel)**

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."