

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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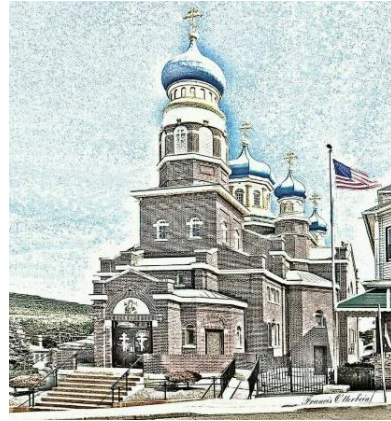
Retired Attached: V. Rev. Paul Ropitsky

President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Reader Hours: Edward Pierson

Reader Epistle: Curtis Wetzel



Blind Man

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS - On Saturdays at 4:00 PM before Vespers. New members welcome.

Sunday, May 17 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (**Blind Man**)

Sunday, May 17 **Chinese Auction**

Wednesday, May 20 5:00 PM: Vespers with Litya

Thursday, May 21 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, May 23 4:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 23 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, May 24 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship

Saturday, May 30 4:30 PM: Parastas, Michael Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon,

Mary Ann Macenka offered by Paul Macenka & family, Martha Teno offered by the children and grandchildren

Saturday, May 30 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, May 31 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*:

Robert Boguski, Elizabeth Brennan, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, William Evetushick, Julia Forte, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Logan Leatherman, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka Tom Macri, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Altheia Rosahac Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek,

* 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 570-764-4323.

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 (570-764-4323) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles May 17

- 7/Day Vigils-Altar: In Health of Russel King offered by Geri King
- Altar Candles: In Health of Julia Forte offered by Russell & Geri King
- Eternal Lamp: In Health of Julia Forte offered by John & Mary Evetushick
- 7/Day Tetrapod: In health of Russell King offered by John & Mary Evetushick

May Birthdays: 1-Daniel Herbert, 5- Gabriel Melber, Sal Herbert, 10- Thomas Herbert, 11- Stephanie Melber, 17- Julia Forte, Russell King, 21- Lindsey Ruch, 31 Marie Skripnek, Charlotte Melber

May Anniversaries: 9- Richard & Julie McHugh

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 5/10/2026: Envelopes \$ 1,024, Non-Envelope \$ 25, Candles \$ 47, Holy Day: \$15, Building: \$ 15 Cemetery: \$ 10,

How much is my tithing?!

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!**

[On Tithing | A Russian Orthodox Church Website \(pravmir.com\)](http://pravmir.com)

Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
May 17	Edward Pierson	Curtis Wetzel	Chinese Auction
May 24	Chad Snyder	Edward Pierson	Stephanie Melber
May 31	Gloria Bench	Chad Snyder	

May 17, 2026

Blind Man

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom..."

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(The Divine Liturgy is begun in this manner until the Leavetaking of Pascha.)

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Pentecostarion)

I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to You in repentance: // "You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness."

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Pentecostarion)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God!

V. *In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.*

Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle)

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. *Look upon me and have mercy on me!*

V. *Guide my steps according to Your word!*

John 9:1-38 (Gospel)

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

**COMMEMORATION OF DEPARTED
SOULS
PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY/JUNE
2026**

Dear Father,
Kindly include the following names of the beloved
souls
to be remembered in the Pentecost Memorial
Services

Family Name: _____

Parish Cemetery-Summit Hill

**Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 PM
Rain Date, Sunday, June 7 at 1:00 PM**

First Names:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Submitted by _____

Offering _____

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Family Name: _____

**Sky View Mausoleum-
Hometown**

**Saturday, May 30 at 2:00 PM
Rain Date, Saturday, June 6 at 2:00 PM**

First Names:

1. _____
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