

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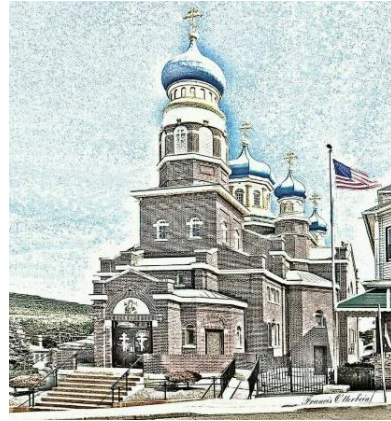
Retired Attached: V. Rev. Paul Ropitsky

President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Reader Hours: Chad Snyder

Reader Epistle: Edward Pierson



## **Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension.**

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, 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 2:00 PM: Commemoration @ Sky View Mausoleum-Hometown

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,  
John Bench Jr. offered by Family

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

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

Sunday, May 31 1:00 PM: Commemoration @ Parish Cemetery- Summit Hill

### **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,  
Steve Matsick, Michael Teno

\* 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 24**

7/Day Vigils-Altar: In Memory of Mary Lutash offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Altar Candles: In Memory of Olga Hebda offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

Eternal Lamp: In Memory of Helen Ostrosky offered by Marie Kalavritinos

7/Day Tetrapod: In Memory of Helen Butts offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

**Decorated Candles: In Memory all deceased Veterans Offered By: A Veteran  
In Health of all living Veterans Offered By: A Veteran**

**May Birthdays:** 1-Daniel Herbert, 5- Gabriel Melber, Sal Herbert, 10- Thomas Herbert,  
11- Stephanie Melber, 17- Julia Forte, Russell King, 21- Lindsey Ruch,  
24-Ashley Buchanan, 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 \$ 729, Non-Envelope \$ 85, Candles \$ 69, Holy Day: \$36,  
Building: \$ 50 Donation: \$100,

**How much is my tithe?!**

<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2%</b>
\$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)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour</b>
May 24	Chad Snyder	Edward Pierson	Stephanie Melber
May 31	Gloria Bench	Chad Snyder	
June 7	Mat. Lisa	Michael Ropitsky	John Evetushick
June 14	Curtis Wetzel	John Evetushick	

May 24, 2026

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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 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion (Ascension)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
Through the blessing, they were assured  
that You are the Son of God, //  
the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!  
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. //  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

## Tone 6 Kontakion

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love You, but remaining with them and crying: // "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon** (*Song of the Three Holy Children*)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!

*V. For You are just in all that You have done for us!*

**Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle)**

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**Tone 1** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*V. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

*V. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!*

**John 17:1-13 (Gospel)**

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## **Parastas Veterans of War**

Stephen Polansky,  
John Katchak,.  
Wash C. Shaffran,  
Victor Windus,  
John Evetushick,  
Anthony Sachon,  
John Karawullen,  
Michael Teno,  
Walter Danchak,  
Paul J. Martin,  
Michael Fadorchak,  
John Fedora,  
Nicholas Skirchak,  
Stephan Yurchak