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Sunday, October 5, 2025

Reader Hours: Chad Snyder
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



Martyr Charitina of Amisos. Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow.

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:

Sunday, Oct. 5	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Fellowship
Saturday, Oct. 11	5:00 PM: Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, Oct. 12	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Fellowship
Saturday, Oct. 18	5:00 PM: Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, Oct. 19	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Fellowship
Saturday, Oct. 25	4:30 PM: Parastas:
Saturday, Oct. 25	5:00 PM: Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, Oct. 26	9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Fellowship

Prayer List*: Fr. James Weremedic

Robert Boguski, Bob Bruda, Jeanne Cannon, Kaitlyn & Shannon Dmytrow, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, Daniel Skripnek, Peter Weremedic, SD James Weremedic, Jr.

Prayer for Shannon Golob and the Child to be Born of her.

* 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.

The Church School started last week. We should be consistent with the teachings of the church fathers and practice their teachings during the Divine Liturgy.

"It should be noted that as a Russian Patriarch Nikon and Orthodox church reformer of the 1600's points out, the ZAPIVKA is only for those who have taken communion. Those who have not, are given prosphora at the end of the Liturgy when they come up to kiss the Cross. And this prosphora is called ANTIDORN which means literally "instead of the gifts," because it was originally only given to those who did not receive communion at this time, so that they could at least have some prosphora as a blessing, though in current practice."

Candles (October 5)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Olga Weiss** offered by Stephanie Chmel

Altar Candles: In memory of **Peter, Harry & Kathleen Harahush** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Joseph Macenka** offered by Dorthy Macenka

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Odess Remington** offered by Claire Remington

October: Fr. James Weremedic, 5- Barbara Teno, 19- Ixsaiah Bracero, 23- Emmanuel Andrades, 26- Peggy Lampman, 27- Fr. Paul Ropitsky.

October: Anniversaries: 5- John & Mary Evetushick,

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 9/28/2025: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$321, Non-Envelope \$11, Altar Candles \$20, Candles \$57, Holy Day \$11, Donation \$530, Building Fund \$10

How much is my tithe?!

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!**

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Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
October 5	Chad Snyder	Michael Ropitsky	John Evetushick
October 12	Curtis Wentzel	Edward Pierson	OPEN
October 19	Mat. Lisa	Michael Ropitsky	Berezniak
October 26	Gloria Bench	Edward Pierson	Jeanne Cannon
November 2	Edward Pierson	Michael Ropitsky	OPEN

If anyone is in need of a priest.

Please call Fr. James Weremedic
at **(570) 427-3686**.

For non-urgent calls, please call the
rectory at (570) 645-2772.

For urgent priestly needs.

Please note the new phone
number 570-427-3686 and
update in your contacts.

October 5, 2025 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

Martyr Charitina of Amisos. Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow. Ven. Damian the Healer, Jeremiah, and Matthew, Clairvoyants, of the Kiev Caves. St. Charitina, Princess of Lithuania. Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Alexandria. Martyr Memelta of Persia. St. Gregory of Chandzoe, Georgia.

Luke 24:36-53 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

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 4 Troparion (St. Charitina)

Your lamb Charitina calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." // Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

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 2 Kontakion (St. Charitina)

Having fortified your soul with faith and strengthened by understanding you openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina; you stood before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by your blood, All-blessed One, and now you rejoice with the Angels, // praying for us, O passionbearer.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)
V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Consider these key points of the Epistle above (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)

- **Divine Presence:** The passage emphasizes that believers are the temple of the living God, highlighting God's dwelling among His people.
- **Separation from Unbelievers:** It calls for a distinction between the faithful and those who do not share the same beliefs, urging a separation from idolatry.
- **Covenantal Relationship:** The text references God's promises, reinforcing the idea of a covenantal relationship between God and His people.
- **Call to Holiness:** It encourages believers to purify themselves from all defilement, promoting a life of holiness and righteousness.
- **Joy in Repentance:** The following chapter emphasizes the joy that comes from repentance and the importance of maintaining a pure heart.
- **Encouragement for Community:** The passage serves as a reminder of the importance of community among believers, fostering mutual support in faith.

Silent Prayer

Illumine our hearts, O Master who loves mankind, with the pure light of thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of thy gospel teachings; implant in us also 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 thine unoriginate Father and thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

100th Anniversary of the

REPOSE OF ST. PATRIARCH TIKHON

SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER

All Saints Orthodox Church
211 Willow Street
Olyphant, PA 18447

9:15 AM: Entrance
of His Eminence,
Archbishop Mark

9:30 AM: Hierarchical
Divine Liturgy

Festal Reception to Follow in the Church Hall open to all.
Choir to Include Members of the St. Tikhon's Seminary
Choir joined by the Faithful of the Parishes of the Diocese.

