

# **St. Mary's Orthodox Church**

217 First Street – Coaldale Pa 18218-1602

Phone.....570-645-2772

OUR WEBSITE...www.stmarysnativity.org

Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic  
Retired Attached: V. Rev Paul Ropitsky  
Choir Director: Wash King

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

## **Holy Pascha**

**Prokeimenon – Tone 8 – This is the day which the Lord hath made!  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-8  
Gospel Reading: John 1:1-17

***Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!***

**All liturgical services are cancelled until further notice!**

**This includes Divine Liturgy, Akathist, Vespers, Parastas, etc. and all meetings and events at the church are CANCELLED.**

### **Message from Father James:**

Most Liturgical Services in April are being celebrated by Fr. James, with Subdeacon James and Mat. Lisa providing the responses. These include Typicas, Akathists, Vespers and Holy Week Services. Once the pandemic subsides Gloria Bench will notify you about rescheduling Parastas. For any new scheduling of Parastas, please call Gloria.

The traditional blessing of baskets at Pascha cannot occur this year due to the restrictions in place. **However, our Archbishop Mark will allow basket blessings to occur in a modified way. Those who would like their Pascha baskets blessed are to drive to the church on Sunday morning.**

Have your Pascha basket in the front seat passenger side of your car. As you approach Father James, lower your car window and Father will bless the food in the basket.

No one should exit their car. No walk-up blessings of Baskets. Please enter onto 1<sup>st</sup> street from High Street. You will be directed to go around the block if you come in any other direction. Safety is a priority. The basket blessing will start at 10:30 am and end at 11:30 am on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

There will be no pressure to have your baskets blessed. This year, you may use the Holy Water from Epiphany to bless your basket at home.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James

Please read the **Epistle, Gospel and Scripture Readings** on OCA website or use your bible with the Readings listed on the Church Calendar during this period of time.

**Prayer List: HEAVENLY FATHER ...** *Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Michael Birocik, James Blair, Terry Blair, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Jane Bubernak, Cecil Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene David, Ilene Devine, Gloria Ferri, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Helen Macenka, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Courtney Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Helen Scheese, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Nancy Vanno, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York

Please contact Fr. James Weremedic with any emergencies or concerns at 570-645-2772.

#### Local On-line Services:

Go to the Diocese of Eastern PA website at the bottom of our church website.

At the top of the page – Click on Holy Week Worship Options

Scroll down to Livestream Calendar

Click on Service you want to watch

You may need to click on the word "Videos" (on left side of the page)

Churches: Christ the Saviour, Holy Apostles, Holy Trinity, Holy Annunciation, Holy Cross, St. Stephen's, St. Nicholas, Holy Assumption, and Holy Transfiguration Monastery  
St. Tikhon's Monastery – see instructions below

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Mogadore, OH – You Tube

Services every day of the week – Mon. to Fri. at 7:00 PM

Sat. Vespers-Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM, Paschal Service 11:30 PM; Sun Vespers of Pascha 4:00 PM

#### Stream Schedule for Holy Week and Pascha

As many of our churches are either closed completely or restricted to the priest and a few others to assist him, we invite you to participate in the services of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha, joining His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the brotherhood of the Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk through live-streamed services on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Download Reader's Services of Holy Week and Pascha  
adapted for use without a priest

Watch the Services Live

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family of*

*Elaine (Harahus) Rottet*

*Who fell asleep in the Lord 4/10/2020*

*Memory Eternal!*

*Daughter of Michael and Julia Harahus.*

---



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**

---

**Financials April 8-11, 2020 Operating Acct:** -Dues 0 – Candles 12 – Weekly 82 – Non-Env 0 – Holy Days 171 – Altar Candles 0 – Pascha Offerings 810 – Donations 100+3060.63 = Total \$ 4,235.63  
Building Fund15- ...Charity Donation 0- ...Furnace Fund 0- ...Cemetery 0...Flowers 35 ... Thank you.

**April Birthdays:** 3- Anna Pisko, 4- Elizabeth Warcholak, 10- Jackie Babinetz, 14- Marie Yurchak, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Julie McHugh, Anastasia Babinetz 22- Martha Teno, Amanda Skripnek, 23- Britney Miller, Anne Ostrosky, 24- Dennis Vavra

**April Wedding Anniversaries:** None

=====

**Please keep filling your church envelopes**  
**April 8-11 income –\$4,235.63; April 8-11 expenses - \$5,020.61**  
**Quarterly taxes were due this week**  
**Checks can also be sent to the church**

## **April 19 – DEATH HAS BEEN DEFEATED!**

**“Christ is Risen!** Today we celebrate the joy of Pascha! Let the flowers of spring exhale their sweetest fragrance for this is a day of happiness. **Christ Lives! Christ Triumphs! Christ Reigns!** On Good Friday, Christ was crucified and died on the Cross. Sadness and inexpressible grief hovered in the air. But today we no longer see before us a suffering Christ, but a glorious Christ.

It was in a small rocky tomb, in Joseph’s garden, that our Lord revealed His divine power. He proved by His glorious Resurrection that He was greater than man. Man knows that he cannot, by his own power, rise from the dead. By doing so, Christ proved to us that He is the Son of God. This is the great triumph of Christ trampling down death with death. Truly, the Lord is risen and has slain death. This is why Pascha is the greatest event on the liturgical calendar.

By His glorious Resurrection, Christ has completed the work of salvation. He has confirmed our Holy Faith, for as St. Paul tells us: **‘If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty’** (1 Cor. 15:14) Pascha fulfills our hope in Christ’s teachings and promises.. We should give thanks for this blessed evidence of our Christian faith. No wonder we sing with great joy the words of David: **‘This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad therein.’** That is because the crucifixion has been displaced by the Resurrection.

*The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin .... Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey...USA*

+++++

**As Metropolitan Tikhon’s address on the OCA.ORG website, St. Mary’s Orthodox Church will not hold services until further notice. Streaming of services will be available by going to the DOEPA.ORG website and follow the instructions or OCA.ORG website and click on Coronavirus Resources (right side of page). Scroll down to Liturgical and Spiritual Resources and Several OCA churches doing live streams.**



### **Acts 1:1-8 (Epistle)**

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.