

# St. Mary's Orthodox Church

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**Sunday, August 23, 2020**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

After feast of the Dormition

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever!*

At this time, we are utilizing up to 50% capacity in the church, so **the first 75 people who arrive at the church to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday will be permitted to attend the service. At the candle stand will be a sign-in sheet that you must sign so we know who is attending the service.** There is no pressure or expectation to attend services during this period of COVID-19. Remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing of six feet except for immediate family members. These procedures and guidelines are in effect not only to protect ourselves but also to protect one another. It is essential that we know who is attending the Divine Liturgy in the event that a “notice of infection” is requested and contact tracing becomes necessary.

### *Some points to remember:*

*Please have the usher write down your name and phone # on the attendance sheet as soon as you enter the church. Your temperature will be taken.*

*Please follow the directions of the usher on lighting candles.*

*Please expect assigned seating to ensure proper social distancing.*

*Icons can be venerated by blessing yourself with the sign of the cross and bowing without physical contact (no kissing or touching the icons)*

*Please follow the instructions of the Priest on how to receive Communion.*

*Antidoron will not be distributed at this time.*

*Please remember to wear a mask and bring your own Divine Liturgy Book.*

Liturgical Services have started, although with ‘preventative measures’! Please see May 31, 2020 bulletin for the full procedures. We are blessed to have the services with restrictions and we pray for the time that these conditions are no longer necessary!

### Vespers Services

Great Vespers will be held at 4:00 PM outside in the Church yard in front of the wooden Cross. Everyone is welcomed, but must wear masks and keep physical distance of six feet. If it is raining or looking like it will rain, this service will be cancelled. We will not be able to make an announcement of the rain cancellation.

Sun...August 23...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by PARASTAS

In memory of Helen Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & Family

In memory of William Faenza offered by Barbara Faenza & Family

In memory of Helen Macenka (40<sup>th</sup> day) offered by Marie Yurchak

In memory of Denise Marie (Karlsen) Brown offered by Jeanne & John Cannon

In memory of Alexis Gancasz offered by Jeanne & John Cannon

In memory of Jennie & Michael Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon

In memory of Mildred (Terry) Pavuk offered by Vasil Pavuk

In memory of Natalie Miller offered by Olga Kushnir

In memory of Kathryn Puschak offered by Mr. & Mrs. Jay Puschak & family

In memory of Ruth Hawranick offered by Dave & Karen Mazaika

In memory of John D. Sidoriak offered by sister, Marie (Sidoriak) Heffelfinger

In memory of Helen Herbert offered by Sal & Matesy Herbert

In memory of Reader Leonty Macalush offered by Sal & Matesy Herbert

In memory of Elaine (Harahus) Rottet offered by Helen Sheers

Sat...August 29...4:00 PM – VESPERS – in church yard (weather permitting)

Sun...August 30...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

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. Youaika 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 Birosik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Jane Bubernak, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene David, Ilene Devine, Gloria Ferri, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, 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, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York

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.

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Financials 8/10-16/2020 *Operating Acct:* Candles 35 – Weekly 890 – Holy Days 18 – Altar Candles 60 – Donations 400 = Total \$ 1,403.00 Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Building Fund 40 . **Thank you!**

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August Birthdays: 5-Rose Harkins, 11-Alexandra Miller, 14- David King. 15- Courtney Miller, 18-Jane Bubernak, 22-Nancy Lorchak, 30- Daniel Skripnek, Jr, 31-Jerome Balliet

August Wedding Anniversaries: 20 – Dennis & Geri Vavra , 30 – Helen & George Yurchak (73<sup>rd</sup>)

**Candles (from May 31):**

7-Day Vigils/Altar...In memory of Natalie Miller offered by Millie O'Shura  
Altar Candles... For the health of Aunt Olga Hebda offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak  
Eternal Lamp... In memory of Mother, Mary Lutash offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak  
Vigil Crosses ... In memory of Zachary & Ann Kononchuk offered by Marie Kuzmicz  
7-Day Vigil/Tetrapod... In memory of David Christman offered by Olga Hebda  
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...

**Candles (from August 16):**

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of Joseph P. Kupetz, Jr. offered by Sal, Matesy, & Danny Herbert  
Altar Candles... In memory of Joseph P. Kupetz, Jr. offered by the Nick & Maria Ritzko  
Eternal Lamp... In memory of Nicholas Macenka offered by Helen Macenka Family  
Vigil Crosses ... For the health of Stephanie Chmel offered by Martha Stafiniak  
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the health of Geri King offered by Millie O'Shura  
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...For the health of Russell & Geri King offered by Helen Macenka Family

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If you do not feel comfortable coming to church yet, you may continue to watch 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 Live Streaming – Scroll down to church services

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Mogadore, OH – You Tube  
Services every day of the week – Mon. to Fri. at 7:00 PM  
Saturday Vespers – 5:00 PM; Sunday Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

## A PROPHET OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

“A large number of those who believe in God are not completely familiar with both the OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS. We have all heard of the more popular Prophets such as Moses, Elias, Daniel, and David. Emerging from the pages of the OLD TESTAMENT, today we focus on PROPHET SAMUEL.

This wise man was an instrument of God who lived eleven hundred years before Christ. He was the last judge of the Israelites and anointed their first two Kings. He was born to the barren woman Hannah. This gift from above was named Samuel, meaning “Heard by God.” Being the fruit of Hannah’s prayers, she dedicated him to God when he was around three years old.

Samuel grew up in a pious environment, eventually being chosen as protector of the Israelites. He judged them with holiness and righteousness. He displayed leadership by counseling both kings and military leaders. Samuel realized the need for a central leader of his people whose tribal disunity was impairing their service to God. Many ascribe to him the authorship of the Books of Judges and Ruth, and of the first 24 Chapters of the First Book of Kings.

Through Prophets, God has instructed and prepared us for future Incarnation and ultimately universal salvation. Our Faith was established by wise and educated people who interpreted the Holy Scriptures accurately and who enlightened us with inspired teachings. Let their words serve as our light and foundation, guiding us thru our earthly journey.” The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin.....Vestal, Cliffwood, N.J.

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11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Leavetaking of the Dormition. Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica. Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons. Ss. Eutychius and Florentius, of Nursia. St. Callinicus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

*Prokeimenon – Tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.*

Troparion — Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity, / in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, / and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion — Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)

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. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

## Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

### **(2) Prayers in Preparation of Holy Communion:**

Another Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

I am not worthy, Master and Lord, that Thou shouldst enter under the roof of my soul; yet inasmuch as Thou desirest to live in me as the Lover of men, I approach with boldness. Thou hast commanded: Let the doors be opened which Thou Thyself alone hast made and Thou shalt enter with Thy love for men just as Thou art. Thou shalt enter and enlighten my darkened reasoning. I believe that Thou wilt do this. For Thou didst not cast away the prostitute who came to Thee with tears, neither didst Thou turn away the tax collector who repented, nor didst Thou reject the thief who acknowledged Thy Kingdom, nor didst Thou forsake the repentant persecutor, the Apostle Paul, even as he was. But all who came to Thee in repentance Thou didst unite to the ranks of Thy friends, who alone art blessed forever, now and unto the endless ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ the Son of the Living God Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own Most Pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own Precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy Most Pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither like Judas will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

May the Communion of Thy Holy Mysteries be neither to my judgment, nor to my condemnation, O Lord, but to the healing of soul and body.