

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, August 30, 2020**  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
After feast of the Beheading of the Forerunner

***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!

Sun...August 30...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (After Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist)

Sat...September 5...4:00 PM – VESPERS – in church hall – must wear a mask

Sun...September 6...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Celebrating Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos)

Sat...September 12...4:00 PM – VESPERS – in church hall – must wear a mask

Sun...September 13...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Celebrating Exaltation of the Precious Cross)

NEXT Parastas is scheduled for September 27, 2020

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 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, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Sherlock, 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 8/17-23/20 Operating Acct:**

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**August Birthdays:** 30- Daniel Skripnek, Jr, 31-Jerome Balliet;

**September Birthdays:** 14- Matushka Lisa Weremedic, 14- Olga Hebda (100), 18- Adam Balliet, 20- Joseph Macenka, 30- Eleanor Sidoriak

**August Wedding Anniversaries:** 30 – Helen & George Yurchak (73<sup>rd</sup>)

**September Wedding Anniversaries:** 1- John & Olga Kushnir, 17-John & Ann Yaroma, 20- Michael & Wendy Kulick, 27- Andrew & Analisha Danko

Candles (from August 23):

7-Day Vigils/Altar...In memory of Joseph P. Kupetz, Jr. offered by Julia Forte

Altar Candles... For the health of Aunt Olga Hebda offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Eternal Lamp... In memory of Helen Macenka offered by Geri & Russell King

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of John D. Sidoriak offered by sister, Olga Sidoriak

7-Day Vigil/Tetrapod... In memory of Joseph P. Kupetz, Jr. offered by Al & Linda Barnisky

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...In memory of Harry Wyshosky, Jr. offered by Julia Forte

Candles (from August 30):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of Joseph P. Kupetz, Jr. offered by John & Dorothy King

Altar Candles... In memory of Jennie & Michael Harb offered by the Jeanne & John Cannon

Eternal Lamp... In memory of Mother, Mary Lutash offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of Joseph P. Kupetz, Jr. offered by sisters

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of Helen Macenka offered by Olga Sidoriak

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...For the health of Helen & George Yurchak (73<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

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

***We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Helen Scheese  
Who fell asleep in the Lord 8/16/2020                      Memory Eternal!***

## THE DIVINE BAPTIST

“As part of the larger Christian Family, we do not live alone, isolated from others. As members of the Church, we cannot be alone. Indeed, this kinship with others extends even beyond the grave. So it is that the Church honors and venerates the saints of God, those champions of faith who have received the crown of glory. In our prayers and worship, there is a constant tie maintained between the living and the dead in Christ.

Father S. Bulgakov had a pointed comment about the isolation of life without contact with the saints of God: ‘Those who reject the saints are destined to remain spiritually without a family, without race, without home, without sisters and brothers in Christ. They travel the way of salvation all alone, each one for himself, without looking for example, and without knowing communion with others.’ How true all this is when we think of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. The world of John lies in dust, but his influence and the love of the faithful for him, is still vibrant all over the Christian world today! Churches are dedicated to his patronage. His feast day is still solemnly observed. This Forerunner of our Lord helped inaugurate the sacred mystery of Christian baptism. How thankful are we for the efforts of St. John the Baptist!”

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12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3. Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky. Sts. Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople. Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir. St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow. St. Christopher of Palestine. St. Fantinus of Calabria. Synaxis of the Serbian Hierarchs: Ss. Sava I, Arsenius I, Sava II, Eustathius I, James, Nikodemos, and Daniel, Archbishops; Joannicus II, Spyridon, Ephraim II, Macarius, Gabriel I, Patriarchs; and Gregory, Bishop.

### **Prokeimenon – Tone 3:**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

### **Troparion — Tone 2**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner. / You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, / for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold. / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / you proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, / who takes away the sin of the world, / and grants us great mercy.

### **Kontakion — Tone 5**

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner, / became an act of divine dispensation, / for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. / Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, / loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, / but that which is false and temporal.

## **Constancy and Intent**

In the sermon last week, we heard these two words to inspire us to raise up from this pandemic. With our faithfulness and fidelity to our Traditions, we are ending this past church year and beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, starting a new Church Liturgical Year. Let us be resolved and committed to hear and read the Word of God each day!

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Epistle)**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### **Matthew 19:16-26 (Gospel)**

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## **Translation of the relics of Saint Alexander Nevsky**

The Holy Prince Alexander Nevsky (in monastic schema Alexis) died on the return journey from the Horde at Gorodtsa on the Volga, on November 14, 1263, and on November 23, 1263 he was buried in the Cathedral Church of the Nativity Monastery in the city of Vladimir.

Veneration of the Prince began right at his burial, where a remarkable miracle took place. The saint extended his hand for the prayer of absolution (a written document placed in the coffin). Great Prince John (1353-1359), in his spiritual testament written in the year 1356, left to his son Demetrius (1363-1389), the future victor of the Battle of Kulikovo, “an icon of Saint Alexander.” The incorrupt relics of the holy Prince were uncovered, because of a vision, before the Battle of Kulikovo in the year 1380, and then they were sent forth for a local celebration.

Russian commanders asked for the intercession of the holy Prince, glorified by his defense of the Fatherland, in the following times: On August 30, 1721 Peter I, after a lengthy and exhausting war with the Swedes, concluded the Nishtad Peace. On this day it was decided to transfer the relics of the holy Prince Alexander Nevsky from Vladimir to the new northern capital, Peterburg, on the banks of the Neva. Removed from Vladimir on August 11, 1723, the holy relics were greeted at Shlisselburg on September 20 of that year and remained there until 1724. On August 30, they were placed in the Trinity Cathedral of the Alexander Nevsky Lavra, where they now rest in Saint Petersburg. By an edict on September 2, 1724 a feastday was established on August 30.

Archimandrite Gabriel Buzhinsky (later Bishop of Ryazan, + April 27, 1731) compiled a special service in remembrance of the Nishtad Peace, combining with it a service to Saint Alexander Nevsky.

The name of the Defender of the borders of Russia and the Patron of Soldiers is famous far beyond the borders of Russia. The numerous temples dedicated to Saint Alexander Nevsky bear witness to this. The most famous of them: the Patriarchal Cathedral at Sofia, the Cathedral church in Talinin, and a church in Tbilisi. These churches are a pledge of friendship of the Russian National-Liberator with brother nations.