

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, December 20, 2020**  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever!*

**There will be Divine Liturgy on December 20, 2020**

**The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on December 20 in the Church Hall.**

Sat...December 19...**NO VESPERS**

Sun...December 20...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by **Annual Parish Meeting**

**NO COFFEE HOUR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

Fri...December 25...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Sat... December 26...4:00 PM – tentative - Vespers in **church hall basement** – must wear a mask

Sun...December 27...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – **NO COFFEE HOUR**

**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, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birozik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Jane Bubernak, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, Peter Holoviak, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Britney Miller, Courtney Miller, Isaac Miller, Margaret Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Joseph Tosca, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York.

**December Birthdays:** 3- Richard York, 9- Odess Remington, 11- Stephanie Chmel (100), 16- Sbdn James Weremedic, 22- Karoline Vavra, 28- Sophia James

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 12/7-13/20: *Operating Acct:* Candles 50 - Offerings 1,897 – Holy Days 64 – Altar Candles 120 – Christmas 65 – Donation 20 = Total \$2,216.00; Poinsettias 20 – Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. – Thank you!

Candles (December 20):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

Altar Candles... For the health of **Walter & Louise Rosahac** offered by Alice (Rosahac) Styler

Eternal Lamp... For the health of **Richard York** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Marion Pickenheim** offered by William Yelsh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Helen Macenka** offered by Millie O'Shura

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...For the health of **Odess & Claire Remington** offered by A Friend

Candles (December 25)

Altar Candles... For the health of **Fr. James & Mat. Lisa Weremedic** offered by Helen & Herky King

Eternal Lamp... For the health of **Stephanie Chmel** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses ... For the health of **Fr. Paul & Mat. Lovey Ropitsky** offered by Helen & Herky King

We express our deepest sympathy to the families of  
Robert Gregory Tallick who fell asleep in the Lord on 12/9/20  
and  
Lawrence Comisac who fell asleep in the Lord on 12/12/20

**Memory Eternal!**

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.

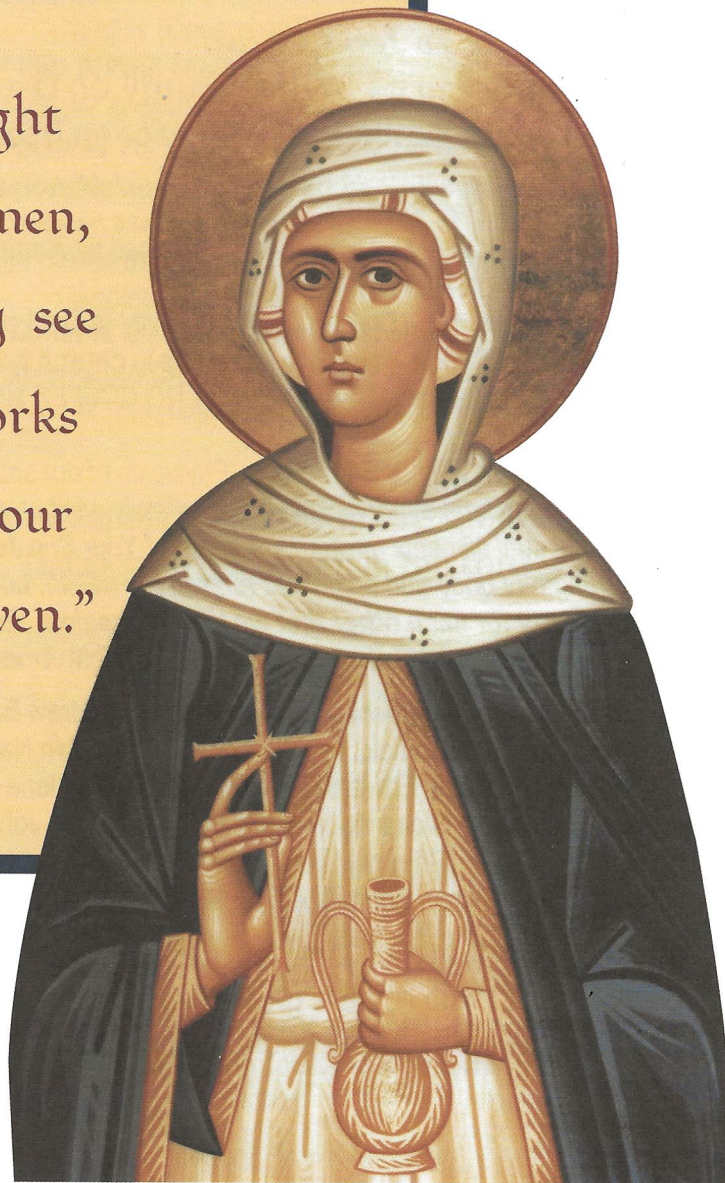
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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Mogadore, OH – You Tube



# Great Martyr ANASTASIA

“Let your light  
shine before men,  
that they may see  
your good works  
and glorify your  
Father in heaven.”





## THE PATRON SAINT OF PHARMACISTS

**S**aint Anastasia, whose name means “resurrection,” lived in the early 4th century. Persecution and suffering were still everyday realities for Christians believers. Pagan rulers of the Roman Empire used every means possible to stop the growth of our Christian Faith.

Anastasia was the daughter of a heathen father and a Christian mother. Of noble birth, she was given in marriage to a Roman official who was embittered against the Christian Gospel. During the violent persecutions carried on by the command of the Emperor Diocletian, Anastasia devoted herself to the care of Christians who were arrested for their faith and packed into prisons and dungeons. She gave of her time, money and skill to ease the suffering of those who bore witness to their faith in Christ. She provided medicines for the sick and wounded, and came to be known as “the medicine woman.”

Starvation, disease and torture took the lives of many. After tending to them in their suffering, Anastasia saw to it that the martyrs received a Christian burial.

Her husband was killed while on a journey for the empire. Anastasia then sold her earthly possessions and used the funds in caring for the incarcerated. It wasn't long before she herself was arrested by the pagan rulers and brought to trial for her Faith. She remained steadfast and was martyred in the year 304.

Not much else is known about St. Anastasia; few incidents of her life have been preserved. But the most important of these are known: She believed in Christ, served Him faithfully, loved Him and died for Him. Surely that is more than enough!



28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Repose of St. John of Kronstadt (1908). Sunday before the Nativity.

## Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (*Epistle, Sunday Before*)

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

## Matthew 1:1-25 (*Gospel, Sunday Before*)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king.

David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.

Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.

Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.



Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.  
Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.  
Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.  
And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.  
So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.  
Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.  
Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.  
But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.  
And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."  
So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'"  
Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

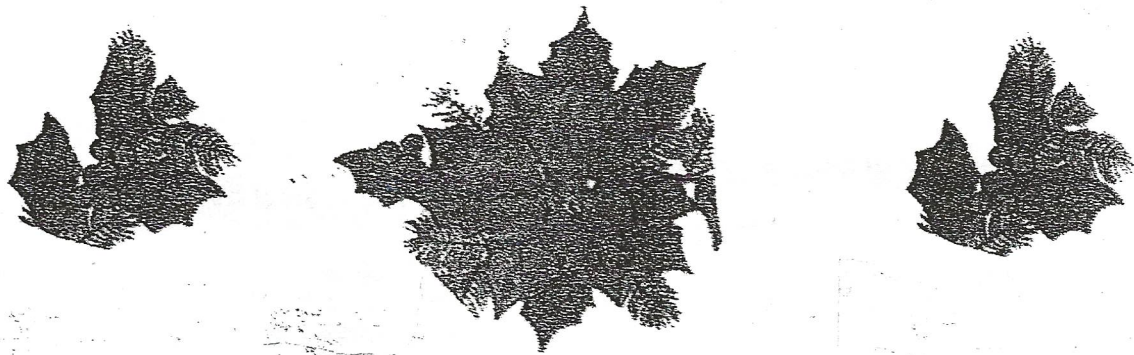
## Forefeast of the Nativity of our Lord

The Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord begins on December 20. From now on, most of the liturgical hymns will be concerned with the birth of the Savior. Many of the Church's hymns of this period are slightly modified versions of the hymns of Holy Week.

From the 20th to the 23rd we sing the Troparion (Tone 4) "Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all. Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave. Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the fruit divine; if we eat of it we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ is coming to restore the image which He made in the beginning."

We also sing the Kontakion (Tone 3) "Today the Virgin comes to the cave where she will give birth past understanding to the Word from all eternity. Rejoice, O universe, when the tidings are proclaimed. Glorify, with the angels and shepherds, the one Who chose to be manifest as a newborn Child, while remaining the eternal God."

At Vespers on this first day of the Forefeast we sing, "Come, all ye faithful, let us celebrate the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ as we spiritually offer our hymn as the star, singing with the Magi and shepherds: "Salvation comes from the Virgin's womb, recalling the faithful to life!" Let us raise up our minds on high, and in spirit cry out to Him unceasingly, "O Lord, glory to Thee!"



**2020**

***POINSETTIAS***

**St Mary's Orthodox Church  
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**POINSETTIAS ON TETRAPOD**

***IN MEMORY OF:***

**Very Rev. Paul & Mat Irene Borick  
Deceased Members Ladies Aid**

***REQUESTED BY:***

**Church Council & Parishioners  
St. Mary's Society**

**OTHER POINSETTIAS**

***FOR THE HEALTH & IN HONOR OF: REQUESTED BY:***

**Church Family Shut-ins  
Fr Paul & Mat. Lovey Ropitsky  
V. Rev. James & Mat Lisa Weremedic & Family  
St. Mary's Parish Families  
Health of Family Members  
Russell & Geri King**

**Good Samaritans  
Michael Ropitsky  
Family Parishioners  
Russell & Geri King  
Matushka Lovey Ropitsky  
Andrew Rudenko**

## **POINSETTIAS**

### ***In Memory of Deceased Members of the:***

Bogosh Family  
Goida Family  
Yaroma Family  
Pohlod & Kostin Families  
Rosahac & Pavlik Families  
Sidoriak & Kuchar Families

### ***Requested by:***

Ted Bogosh  
Rose Harkins & Family  
Rose Harkins & Family  
Geri King  
Walter Rosahac  
Olga Sidoriak

### ***In Memory of:***

John Bench, Jr.  
Parents, Nestor & Harriet Scarloss  
Sisters, Mary Solomon & Olga Weiss  
Husband, Andrew Chmel  
Husband, David Christman  
Parents, Donald & Helen Butts

### ***Requested by:***

Gloria Bench  
Stephanie Chmel  
Stephanie Chmel  
Stephanie Chmel  
Melanie Christman & Family  
Melanie Christman & Family

Harry Wyshosky, Jr.  
Peter Wyshosky & Family  
Pauline & Nicholas Maholick  
Joseph Kupetz  
Filomenia Hankey  
Husband, Michael Hebda  
Parents, Michael & Anna Fedora  
Frank & Mary Lutash  
Aunts Irene, Jennie, Gladys  
Bernard Sharpe  
Wash Sr, Mary, Helen, Sylvester,  
Nicholas, & Justin  
Joy Klemovich  
Parents, Joseph & Helen O'Boril  
Father & Grandfather, John Lorchak

Julia Forte  
Julia Forte  
Julia Forte  
Steve & Mary Hadermayer  
Steve & Mary Hadermayer  
Olga Hebda  
Olga Hebda  
Olga Hebda  
Niece, Geri King  
Godfather, Russell King

King Family  
Helen & Wash King  
Nancy Lorchak  
Children & Grandsons

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Peter & Anna Soley &  
Nicholas & Mary Macenka  
John & Mary Macenka  
Michael & Charlotte Charnak  
Husband, John Puschak  
Husband, John O'Shura, Sr.  
Son, David O'Shura  
Husband, John Puschak (2)  
Parents, Michael & Julia Rosahac  
Family Members  
Kay & Paul Maliniak  
John Sidoriak &  
Theodore & Florence Hawranick  
Gertrude Tatusko  
Michael & Anna Tatusko  
Parents (Andrew & Anna Harahuess)  
& Stephan Yurchak  
Parents (Michael & Fannie Yurchak)  
& Wasil Horvath  
Marlene Cox  
Kathryn & Stephan Yurchak &  
Justine & Andrew Yurchak

Joseph & Dorothy Macenka  
Paul & Mary Ann Macenka  
Paul & Mary Ann Macenka  
Irene Puschak  
Mildred O'Shura  
Mildred O'Shura  
Irene Puschak  
their Children  
Matushka Lovey Ropitsky  
Julia Rudenko

Eleanor Sidoriak  
Michael Tatusko, Jr.  
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Helen & George Yurchak

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*Christ is Born!*  
*Glorify Him!*

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