

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, January 22, 2023
Choir Director: Wash King

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, January 22- 9:30 PM – Divine Liturgy, Parastas, and Fellowship Hour

In memory of Joseph Herbert offered by the Herbert Family

In memory of John Bench, Jr. offered by Gloria Bench & Family

In memory of Walter Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & Family

In memory of Wash Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & Family

In memory of Jean (Haspe) Huffman offered by the Family

In memory of Julia & Michael Rosahac offered by the Rosahac Family

In memory of Michael & Helen Bogosh offered by Terri & David Bogosh

In memory of Peter, Harry, & Kathleen Harahush offered by Terri & David Bogosh

Saturday, January 28- 4:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 29- 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and Fellowship Hour: SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Wednesday, February 1- 4:00 PM – Great Vespers with Litya & Confessions

Thursday, February 2- 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Meeting of Lord in Temple (Blessing of Candles)

Saturday, February 4- 4:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, February 5- 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and Fellowship Hour and Church Council Meeting

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 Church Hall for Coffee Hour. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our Church Family.

Please Note: *Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.*

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.

Prayer List:

Fr. James Weremedic, Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh, Ashley Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Nadine Fegley, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Dale Renninger, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Joseph Tosca, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, George Yurchak, & Marie Yurchak.

Candles (January 22)

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

Altar Candles... In memory of **Marion Pickenheim** offered by William Yelsh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Peter Wyshosky, Sr.** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod... For the Health of **Helen Sheers** offered by Chris & Marie Kalavritinos & Anne Ostrosky

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **John & Margaret Secara** offered by Patricia Palinchak

January Birthdays: 2- Tommy Shanosky, 3- Allysa Vavra, 7- Ted Bogosh (98), 13- Dr. Ronald Berezniak, 21- Helen Sheers, 28- Edward Pierson

January Anniversaries: 1- Edward & Anna Pierson, 9- Wash & Helen King, 23- Russell & Geri King

Financials 1/15/23: *Operating Acct:* Candles 90 - Altar Candles 120 - Offerings 1002

Non-Envelope 150 - Holy Days 5 - Building Fund 5 - Initial Envelopes 17

Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

January 22 Lena Berezniak

January 29 Helen King

February 5 John Evetushick

February 12 Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

There is a sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour in the vestibule if you would like to host.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner is on February 12, 2023 @ 11:30 AM

See Marie Skripnek, Gloria Bench, or Helen King for Tickets - **Donation: \$12.00**

Several Memberships are available for Sam's Club.

Annual Fee is now \$45.00.

See Helen King if interested.

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.

The contribution sheets are ready to be picked up in the back of the church.

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

LIVING LIFE ONE DAY AT A TIME

We are an anxious generation, excelling in the dubious art of "making mountains out of molehills." Yes, worry, anxiety and fear occupy a large percentage of our time. We worry about our finances, our jobs and our health. Thoughts of our material possessions cause us great anguish, and the prospect of growing old frightens some of us to death!

For Christians, however, excessive worry must be viewed as a definite weakness in our faith. We are called upon to place our trust in the Lord and to obediently and willingly accept whatever comes our way each day. In His Sermon on the Mount, our Lord reminds us how pointless it is to worry. "Which of you, by worrying, can add a single cubit to his stature?" (Matthew 6:27) He is quick to point out that our Heavenly Father knows our needs, and He chides us for doubting His ability to take care of them. Christ also provides us with this timely advice: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Matthew 6:34)

Are we people of FEAR or of FAITH? In all of life's difficult moments, we are reminded that Christ is there to strengthen us in our weakness. We must also remember St. Paul's wonderful words of comfort: "God will not allow you to be tested above your powers, but when the test comes, He will provide you with a way out by enabling you to sustain it." (1 Cor. 10:13) May we all "seek first the Kingdom of Heaven." If we do, all of our concerns will vanish, for we will have everything that we could possibly want.

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 7. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96). Monastic Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Monastic Martyr Anastásii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker (1623). 377 Martyred Companions in Bulgaria (ca. 817).

Prayer Before Reading the Holy Scripture

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us 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 Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (*Epistle*)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:35-43 (*Gospel*)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So, they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So, Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians. Adult Classes

On January 29th, our adult classes will begin with a focus on Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians. These sessions are open for those from 18 years to 100+. We will be using the book "Memory Eternal, Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians." The first session will begin in the hall after the Divine Liturgy and this initial discussion will consist of the Forward, Introduction and Chapter 1.

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

Commemorated on January 22

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

The Holy Apostle Timothy was from the Lycaonian city of Lystra in Asia Minor. Saint Timothy was converted to Christ in the year 52 by the holy Apostle Paul (June 29). When the Apostles Paul and Barnabas first visited the cities of Lycaonia, Saint Paul healed one crippled from birth. Many of the inhabitants of Lystra then believed in Christ, and among them was the future Saint Timothy, his mother Eunice and grandmother Loida (Lois) (Acts 14:6-12; 2 Tim. 1:5).

The seed of faith, planted in Saint Timothy's soul by the Apostle Paul, brought forth abundant fruit. He became Saint Paul's disciple, and later his constant companion and co-worker in the preaching of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul loved Saint Timothy, and in his Epistles, called him his beloved son, remembering his devotion and fidelity with gratitude.

He wrote to Timothy: "You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, and patience" (2 Tim. 3:10-11). The Apostle Paul appointed Saint Timothy as Bishop of Ephesus, where the saint remained for fifteen years. Finally, when Saint Paul was in prison and awaiting martyrdom, he summoned his faithful friend, Saint Timothy, for a last farewell (2 Tim. 4:9).

Saint Timothy ended his life as a martyr. The pagans of Ephesus celebrated a festival in honor of their idols, and used to carry them through the city, accompanied by impious ceremonies and songs. Saint Timothy, zealous for the glory of God, attempted to halt the procession and reason with the spiritually blind idol-worshipping people, by preaching the true faith in Christ.

The pagans angrily fell upon the holy apostle, they beat him, dragged him along the ground, and finally, they stoned him. Saint Timothy's martyrdom occurred in the year 93.

In the fourth century the holy relics of Saint Timothy were transferred to Constantinople and placed in the church of the Holy Apostles near the tombs of Saint Andrew (November 30) and Saint Luke (October 18). The Church honors Saint Timothy as one of the Apostles of the Seventy.

In Russian practice, the back of a priest's cross is often inscribed with Saint Paul's words to Saint Timothy: "Be an example to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).