

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, January 30, 2022
Choir Director: Wash King

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 7

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, January 30 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Installation of Council Members & Auditors
followed by Parastas

In Memory of Joseph Herbert offered by the Herbert Family
In Memory of Mary Harahuess offered by husband, Gary Harahuess
In Memory of Walter Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & Family
In Memory of Wash Fedora offered by Barbara Faenza & Family
In Memory of John Bench, Jr. offered by Gloria Bench & Family
In Memory of Anna Pisko offered by Gloria Bench

Wednesday, February 2 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
Blessing of Candles

Sunday, February 6 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Zacchaeus Sunday

Prayer List:

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic,
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi
Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte,
Karen Harkins, John King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak, MaryAnn &
Paul Macenka, Mary Maholick, Mildred O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Lynn Sharpe, Althea
Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth
Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

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.

Candles (January 30)

Flowers...In memory of **Mary Harahuess** offered by daughter, Sharon Lewis
7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Aunt Kathryn Yurchak** offered by Sharon Lewis
Altar Candles... In memory 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 **Dorothy King** offered Stephanie Chmel
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **sister, Justine Yurchak** offered by Gary Harahuess
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **wife, Mary Harahuess** offered by husband, Gary Harahuess

January Birthdays: 2- Tommy Shanosky, 3- Allysa Vavra, 7- Ted Bogosh (97), 13- Dr. Ronald Berezniak, 21- Helen Sheers (95); **February Birthdays:** 1- Michael Kulick, 3- Michael Tatusko, 7- Ira James, 9- Wendy Kulick, 15- Claire Remington
January Anniversaries: 9- Wash & Helen King (65 yrs), 23- Russell & Geri King

Financials 1/23/22:

Operating Acct: Candles 47, Altar Candles 40, Offerings 1,591, Non-Envelope 150, Holy Days 20, Initial Env 108, Donations 120 = Total \$2,076.00.

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

CONFESSION

Confessions have resumed with minor modifications. Please call the rectory at 570-645-2772 and talk to Father James for a reservation. Call between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Individual schedule times will be spread out during the week. Husband and wife can be scheduled together. Anyone wanting to have a confession, but has concerns of COVID-19, should contact Father James to make the appropriate accommodations.

On January 18, 2022, we received permission to install our parish council and delegates to the Assembly and All-American Council for this year. The oath of office will be held today directly after the Gospel Reading. Please pray for each member as they fulfill their obligations.

Officers: President: Dr. Ronald Berezniak, Vice-President: Lynn Sharpe,
Treasurer: Helen King, Financial Secretary: Gloria Bench, Recording Secretary:
Matushka Lisa Weremedic

Trustees: Mary Hertzog, Michael Tatusko, Barb Teno

Auditors: Lena Marie Berezniak, Terri Bogosh, Kathryn Jupin

Lay delegate to Diocesan Assembly: John Evetushick

Lay delegate to the All American Council: Subdeacon James Weremedic

THE FORGOTTEN COMMANDMENT

Once a religious periodical conducted an interesting survey among its readers. One of the questions asked was this: "Which of the 10 Commandments do you consider the LEAST important one to follow?" The response was overwhelming: **REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.** Yes, the 4th commandment of the Lord directs that 6 days be spent in labor and in performing duties connected with one's vocation. God clearly expects us to devote the 7th day to His service, and to use it as a time for holy works and acts pleasing to Him. Sadly, many Christians choose to ignore this sacred law!

In the Old Testament, the Sabbath, which literally means "rest" in Hebrew, was celebrated on Saturday, in commemoration of God resting at the completion of the creation of the world. With the coming of the Christian era, the Church proclaimed that the first day of the week - SUNDAY -

should be observed as the Sabbath in remembrance of the Resurrection of Christ.

If we are "too busy" to dedicate one day of the week to God, then, truly we are too busy! Sunday should still be a time of prayer, both at home and at church. It should still be a day for refreshing ourselves spiritually by participating fully in the Divine Liturgy. There are other excellent ways for us to "keep holy the Sabbath." Time should be allotted for reading the Scriptures. Family discussions about the Sunday Gospel lesson and the sermon for the day are certainly appropriate conversations in which we should be engaged. Sunday is also a wonderful time to visit with our loved ones and friends.

We must remember that God never "revised" the 10 Commandments! We are still expected to obey and follow ALL of them! Remember to keep Holy the Sabbath day!

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom. Hieromartyr Hippolytus, and those with him (268-270). Ven. Zenon the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Zeno, Hermit, of Antioch, disciple of St. Basil the Great (5th c.). Martyr Theophilus the New in Cyprus (784). Rt. Blv. Petar (Peter), King of Bulgaria (967). The “TINOS” Icon of the Mother of God (1823).

Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Epistle, Hierarchs*)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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.

Matthew 5:14-19 (*Gospel, Hierarchs*)

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

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

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 15:21-28 (Gospel)

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire."

And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Troparion — Tone 1 — Let us who love their words gather together / and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. / These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. / They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom / filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. / Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!

Kontakion — Tone 2 — O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest / and to the enjoyment of Your blessings / the divinely-inspired heralds, the greatest of Your teachers, / for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, / for You alone are glorified in Your saints!

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom: During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred Saint Basil (January 1), others honored Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted Saint John Chrysostom (November 13).

Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites.

By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to Saint John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another."

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose January 30 for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

Venerable Zeno the Hermit of Antioch, disciple of Saint Basil the Great

Saint Zeno, the disciple of Saint Basil the Great, was born in the city of Pontus into a rich family. He served at the court of the emperor Valens (364-378), among the soldiers who were sent out to deliver the imperial edicts. After the death of Valens, Saint Zeno left the world and settled in a cave near the city of Antioch. For forty years he lived in this cave, and he lived an austere life in complete solitude, cleansing his soul, and meditating on God.

Saint Zeno went to church each Sunday and received the Holy Mysteries of Christ. In his cell he had neither bed, nor fireplace, nor lamp. The ascetic wore old rags, and ate only bread and water, for which he had to make a tedious journey into the city to the well.

Saint Zeno was particularly fond of holy books, which he borrowed from those who came to him for spiritual counsel. Through his deep humility the blessed ascetic, filled with the gifts of grace, considered himself poor in spirit. Saint Zeno died at the beginning of the fifth century.