

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, July 3, 2022

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3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, July 3	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, July 9	5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, July 10	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, July 16	5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, July 17	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, July 23	5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, July 24	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Parastas and Church Picnic

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.*

Prayer List:

Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, 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 (July 3)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **John King, Sr.** offered by Millie O'Shura

Altar Candles... In memory **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Eternal Lamp... For the Health of **Russell King** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Anna Harahuess** offered by son, Gary Harahuess

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Rose (Winsko) Maliniak** offered by Friends

***We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Birosik
On the passing away of his father, Alfred Birosik, on 6/25/2022 – Memory Eternal!***

July Birthdays: 2-Mary Taylor, 11- Geri Vavra, 15- Sami Vavra, 17- Althea Shellock,
20- John Evetushick, 22- Michael Ropitsky, 28- Christopher Kalavritinos

July Anniversaries: 9- David & Chris King, 16- Joseph & Dorothy Macenka (66 yrs)

Financials 6/26/22:

Operating Acct: Candles 52 - Altar Candles 10 - Offerings 464

Holy Days 38 - Donations 435 = Total \$999.00.

Building Fund 1

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

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

July 3 John Evetushick

July 10 Helen King

July 17 Helen King

July 24 Church Picnic

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

Next Event: Church Picnic – on July 24 following Divine Liturgy

Please take the time for fellowship, good food, and fun. A sign-up sheet is on the candlestand in the back of the church. A headcount is needed in order to prepare enough food. If you and your guests cannot stay, take-outs will be available.

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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.

THE SOLID ROCK AND THE CHOSEN VESSEL

They were as different as night and day. Peter was a humble fisherman; Paul was a learned scholar. Peter was robust and healthy; Paul was frail and sickly. Peter knew Christ intimately; Paul never met Him. Even after Paul's conversion brought him into the "inner circle" of the apostles, he rarely crossed paths with Peter. Still, our Church honors Saints Peter and Paul TOGETHER, for they are recognized as being the moving forces in the spreading of Christianity in the early Church.

For centuries, the virtues of these saintly apostles have been extolled jointly by prominent church fathers and writers. St. John Chrysostom wrote several famous homilies concerning Peter and Paul, calling them ". . . LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH, WHO DAILY ILLUMINE THE FAITHFUL; TREASURIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; ENLIGHTENERS OF THE UNIVERSE; PILLARS OF CHRISTIANITY; AND EXPOUNDERS OF THE DIVINE WORD OF GOD." The hymns of Vespers and Matins for this feast day draw heavily from Chrysostom's writings concerning these two spiritual titans.

While their respective ministries followed different routes, both Peter and Paul ultimately met their deaths in the same place: Rome. They suffered martyrdom during the reign of the Emperor Nero. Like countless other Christian martyrs, Peter went to his death joyfully. Crucifixion was chosen as his means of execution, but when Peter saw the cross before him, he requested to be crucified upside-down, for he felt that he was unworthy to die in the same manner as Christ. The tradition of the Church, handed down to us by St. Ambrose, is that Paul suffered martyrdom exactly one year after Peter. He was beheaded after a lengthy imprisonment in Rome.

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The Feast of Saints PETER & PAUL

We commemorate the memory of

Two unlikely men, called by God,

To do great things.

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 2. Martyr Hyacinth of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (108). Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow (1652). Rt. Blv. Princes Vasily and Constantine of Yaroslavl' (13th c.).

Troparion — Tone 4 Your holy martyr Hyacinth, O Lord, / through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. / For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through his intercessions, save our souls!

Troparion — Tone 4 - Like a fragrant hyacinth of the Church of Christ, O all-blessed Hyacinth, / you radiate grace to the ends of the world. / By the brilliance of your confession of faith, / you were illustrious in contest in emulation of God the Word / and you ever illumine those who acclaim you.

Kontakion — Tone 2 - Come, you faithful, / plait a crown of unfading hyacinths today for the Martyr Hyacinth, / and let us cry to Him: / "Rejoice, glory of martyrs."

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea, in Cappadocia, and those with him!

Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his "cubicularius" (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint's body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head.

The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint's relics were transferred to Caesarea. Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.

Right-believing Princes Basil and Constantine Vsevolodovich of Yaroslavl

In their youth, holy Princes Basil and Constantine Vsevolodovich lost their father, Vsevolod, who fell in battle with the Tatars (Mongols). Saint Basil, the elder brother, succeeded to the throne. As prince, he had to face a multitude of concerns, tasks and sorrows. The city and the villages were devastated from the invasion of the Tatars, many households remained without shelter and food, and he had to concern himself about everything and about everyone. Besides this, it was necessary to gain the good will of the Tatar Khan, and the holy prince more than once journeyed for this reason to the Horde. He suffered also a family misfortune, the loss of his only son.

All his tribulations the holy prince suffered without complaint, and he ruled the principedom like a true Christian. He did not enter into disputes with other princes, he concerned himself with the unfortunate among his subjects, and he built churches. But soon his life, filled with many sorrows, exhausted the strength of the prince, and he took sick and died in the year 1249.

After him holy Prince Constantine succeeded to the throne. He strove to imitate his brother, but to his great dismay, everywhere he saw pillage and murdering done by the Tatars. In 1257 the Tatars fell upon Yaroslavl itself. The prince came out to fight the enemy, but here in this battle he gave up his life for his country. In the year 1501 the incorrupt relics of the holy princes were uncovered and now rest in the Yaroslavl cathedral.