

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, June 19, 2022**  
Choir Director: Wash King

**ALL SAINTS**

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever!*

***Services:***

Sunday, June 19      9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour  
**Happy Father's Day** – Carnations will be distributed after Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, June 25      **5:00 PM** – Vespers and Confessions – **NOTE TIME CHANGE**  
Sunday, June 26      9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Parastas & Fellowship-Coffee Hour

In memory of Janet Jupin offered by the Jupin Family  
In memory of Gertrude Tatusko offered by Michael Tatusko  
In memory of Michael & Ann Tatusko offered by Michael Tatusko  
In memory of Mary Ann Macenka offered by Paul Macenka & Family  
In memory of Catherine Hedes offered by Friends

***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 Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birozik, 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 (June 19)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Richard York** offered by Susett Baddick & Family  
Altar Candles... In memory of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak  
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Father, Harry Wyshosky, Sr.** 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 **John King, Sr.** offered by Susan & Mike Lukac  
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Rose (Winsko) Maliniak** offered by Friends

**Our sympathy is extended to Father Paul and Michael Ropitsky on the passing away of his wife, Matushka Lovey Ropitsky on 06/12/2022  
May her Memory be Eternal!**

**June Birthdays:** 5-Dorothy Macenka, 21- Clark Andrew Bogosh, 24- Wash King, 25- Geri King, 28- Olga Kushnir, 29- Julia Harahus.

**June Anniversaries:** 9- Michael & Julia Harahus, 9- John & Peggy Lampman, 22- Dr. Ronald & Lena Marie Berezniak. **Please note:** *If you do not see your name on the birthday or anniversary list, please let Gloria Bench know, and she will gladly add your birthday and/or anniversary to the list.*

**Financials 6/12/22:**

Operating Acct: Candles 32 - Altar Candles 80 - Offerings 716 - Non-Envelope 201  
Holy Days 103 - Donations 215 = Total \$1,347.00.  
Cemetery Fund 65 – Flowers 40

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

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:**

June 19	Mike Tatusko	July 3	John Evetushick	July 17	OPEN
June 26	Helen King	July 10	OPEN	July 24	Church Picnic

There is a sign-up sheet for hosting the 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.

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.

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

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**I**n 1909, while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in Spokane, Washington, Mrs. John Bruce Dodd felt the need to give similar recognition to the fathers of our nation. Mrs. Dodd's mother had died at an early age, placing the responsibility of raising six children solely upon the broad shoulders of her father.

As she grew up, Mrs. Dodd fondly remembered the efforts and sacrifices made by her father so that she and her brothers would have a better life. In later years, she would have this to say about the person who was both father and mother to her: "Of all of the multitude of things Dad did for us, I'm most grateful for the FAITH IN GOD he instilled within us. He TAUGHT us the Golden Rule by LIVING the Golden Rule."

Mrs. Dodd's campaign for a "Father's Day" was a successful one. It did not take long for her idea to receive widespread acceptance, eventually leading to the establishment of the third Sunday of June as this day of honor.

Today we pray that everyone remembers Mrs. Dodd's touching tribute. Fathers are called upon to be examples of Christian virtue for their children. How humbling it is to note that we refer to God as "OUR FATHER!" What an awesome task it is, to live up to the lofty standards that the word "Father" carries with it! Yes, a father is a gift from God, from whom we should learn to be patient, strong, loving and filled with integrity.

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## DAD

HE HAS ARMS TO LIFT YOU UP, A HEART TO SHARE LOVE,  
SHOULDERS FOR SUPPORT, A SMILE TO REASSURE,  
A BLESSING TO SEND YOU OUT INTO THE WORLD, AND  
A WARM EMBRACE TO WELCOME YOU BACK HOME.

# Matushka Lovey Ropitsky

November 29, 1929 - June 12, 2022

Frackville, PA [OCA]

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday morning, June 12, 2022 at her residence.

Born in Olyphant, she was a daughter of the late John and Anna Truhan Horhutz. She was a graduate of Olyphant High School.

Lovey was a devout member of the Orthodox Church; she assisted her husband, Archpriest Paul Ropitsky, with services and helped prepare the church for worship. She was involved in many church activities. She sang in the choir and helped with making pierogies and other specialties for the church festivals; they supported the local organizations in the communities they served.

She loved her family, took pride in taking care of her home and enjoyed cooking, baking and decorating for the holidays, making it a warm and happy place. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers. Matushka Lovey is survived by her husband, Archpriest Paul Ropitsky, and son, Michael Ropitsky, Frackville; a niece and several nephews.

Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville, has charge of funeral arrangements. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM. Friday at Saint Mary's Orthodox Church, Coaldale, PA with the Archpriest James Weremedic as celebrant. Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday evening with Parastas at Saint Mary Orthodox Church, Coaldale.

Interment will be in All Saints Orthodox Cemetery, Peckville, PA.

All are asked to follow CDC guidelines with wearing masks and following social distancing when attending visitation and religious services.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Matushka Lovey's name can be made to Saint Mary's Orthodox Church, 217 First St., Coaldale, PA 18218.

May Matushka Lovey's memory be eternal!

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 8. Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord** (ca. 80). **All Saints.**

### **Synaxis of All Saints**

**Troparion — Tone 4** - As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Your church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. / She cries to You, O Christ God: / Send down Your bounties on Your people, / grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

**Kontakion — Tone 8** - The universe offers You the God-bearing martyrs, / as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Your Church in peace!

### **Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)**

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.

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Jude 1-10 (Epistle, Apostle)**

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise, also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

## Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 (Gospel)

Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So, Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

## John 14:21-24 (Gospel, Apostle)

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

Saint Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (*Philokalia* [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the *Octoechos*, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

Saint Nikódēmos of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to Saint Peter's five categories. The list of Saint Nikódēmos is found in his book *The Fourteen Epistles of Saint Paul* (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.