



*** A LOOK AT MARRIAGE ***

When young people consider getting married, many want a religious ceremony in a church. They feel it is something special and spiritual. It demands prayer spoken before God and Gospel, as well as before friends and relatives.

They seem to be saying that they consider marriage a holy thing or as St. Paul put it, "a great mystery." Indeed, in our faith, marriage is in the same company as Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Eucharist, Priesthood, Unction – it is a holy act that gives God's grace.

Marriage is found on the first page of the Holy Bible. There it says that after God created man in His own image, He declared: "It is not good for man to be alone." Then God created woman, and brought them together in the first marriage and the first family. What marriage does is create a new being, a unity of love, something greater, something better than

they were separately. They are now one, for God said, "And the two shall be one flesh . . ."

Church Fathers have spoken of marriage and the home as a "little Church." They meant that the Christian home has believers in it and that it is a place where there is prayer and the family is filled with love.

In the second century, Tertullian wrote this about marriage: "How beautiful, then, the marriage of two Christians, two who are one in hope, one in desire, one in the way of life they follow, one in the religion they practice. They are servants of the same Master. Nothing divides them, either in flesh or in spirit. They pray, worship and fast together; instructing one another, encouraging one another, strengthening one another. Side by side they visit God's church and partake of God's banquet; side by side they face difficulties and share their consolations." How touching is this description!

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Sunday, June 25, 2023
Choir Director: Wash King
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Services:

Sunday, June 25 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Adult Class: "Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians, pages 144-151
Wednesday, June 28 5:00 PM – Great Vespers with Litya
Thursday, June 29 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Apostles Peter and Paul)
Saturday, July 1 5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, July 2 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Saturday, July 8 5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, July 9 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Saturday, July 15 5:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, July 16 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Orthodox Family Picnic at Knobel's Amusement Park after Divine Liturgy

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

Prayer List*:

Fr. James Weremedic, Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Ashley Buchanan and her newborn child, Kasandra Anne
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh,
Elizabeth Brennan, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Kimberly Evetushick, Nadine Fegley, Julia
Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Edward Hojinicki, Nancy King, Michael
Kulick, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Mildred O'Shura, Anna
Pierson, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Jolie
Skelton, Sonny Skumorucha, Martha Stafiniak, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell
Wishousky, Russell Yallas, George Yurchak, & Marie Yurchak.

*Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days.. You may request to have your name of the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

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Candles (June 25)

7-day Vigils-Altar...In memory of **Martha (Brunda) Katchur** offered by daughter, Elaine Chichura & family
Altar Candles... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members
Vigil Crosses...In memory of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
7-day Vigils-Tetrapod... For the Health of **Geri King** offered by Millie O'Shura
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

June Birthdays 5- Dorothy Macenka, 13- Christianne Bayer, 21-Clark Andrew Bogosh, 24-Wash King, Geri King, 28- Olga Kushnir, 29- Julia Harahus; **July 2-** Mary Taylor

June Anniversaries: 1- Fr. James & Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 9- Michael & Julia Harahus,
9- John & Peggy Lampman, 22- Dr. Ronald & Lena Marie Berezniak

Financials **Operating Acct:** Weekly Envelopes \$584, Non-Envelopes \$339,
Holy Days \$35, Altar Candles \$60, Candles \$79, Donations \$200, Memory of Martha Teno \$240,
In Memory of Frank Forte \$1,000

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

June 25 Russell King
July 9 Michael Tatusko

July 2 John Evetushick

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3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 2. Saint Theólēptos, Metropolitan of Philadelphia (1325). Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis (ca. 304). Ss. Peter and Fevronia (tonsured David and Euphrosynē), Wonderworkers of Múrom (1228). St. Dionysios, the builder of Prodromou Monastery on Mt. Athos (1375). Ven. Dometius of Dionysiou (1405). Monastic Martyr Procopius of Ivéron. St. Moloug of Lismore (530).

Tone 2 - Troparion

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 2 - Kontakion

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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.

Starting on July 1st, donations for Candles and/or Flowers will be available to use the three-ring binder labeled "donations" at the candle desk in the back of the church. Each Sunday and Holy Day Services will be listed. The date and suggested donation will be listed on the pages. Please note: Using this 'donation binder' is a first come/first served. If someone wishes to have a specific date and it is filled, please contact the person who is listed on the 'offered by _____' for consideration to change their date.

For friends of the parish or parishioners who are not able or due to their distance, please mail a request and donation to St. Mary's Orthodox Church, att: Financial Secretary, 217 1st Street, Coaldale, PA 18218. Please do not mail money, use a check. In the request, please state either "For the Health of" or "In Memory of" and who is "offered by."

Requested donations already sent to the Parish Financial Secretary will be included in the three-ring binder. John Evetushick will be able to help with any questions.

Additionally, requests for Parastas can be mailed to the St. Mary's Orthodox Church, att: Financial Secretary, 217 1st Street, Coaldale, PA 18218 or handed to the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary will coordinate the scheduling of the service with the Rector. Please do not mail money, use a check.

Please circle the appropriate Health or Memory:

For the Health of _____ offered by _____.

In memory of _____ offered by _____.

Candles (DATE)

Donation: \$10.00

7-day Vigils-Altar For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Altar Candles For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Eternal Lamp For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Donation: \$30.00

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Donation: \$30.00

Vigil Crosses For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Donation: \$40.00

Flowers/Tetrapod: For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Donation: \$10.00

Bulletin Sponsor: For the Health/Memory of _____ offered by _____.

Also, we are reformulated the bulletin's "Sick List" at this time. Those who wish to have your name on the "Sick List", please contact Fr. James at (570) 645-2772.

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