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Sunday, June 28, 2020
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Welcome Back Everyone!

At this time, we are utilizing up to 50% capacity in the church, so the first 75 people who call (RSVP) Father James that they are attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday will be permitted to attend the service. There is no pressure or expectation to attend services during this period of COVID-19. Remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing of six feet except for immediate family members. These procedures and guidelines are in effect not only to protect ourselves but also to protect one another. It is essential that we know who is attending the Divine Liturgy in the event that a "notice of infection" is requested and contact tracing becomes necessary. If someone shows up for Divine Liturgy without making a reservation, they will be turned away.

Some points to remember:

You must call Father James Weremedic (570-645-2772) on Thursday or Friday, by 6:00 PM of EACH week you are attending, to confirm that you will be in church.

Please follow the directions of the usher on lighting candles.

Please expect assigned seating to ensure proper social distancing.

Icons can be venerated by making the sign of the cross and bowing without physical contact (no kissing or touching the icons)

Please follow the instructions of the Priest on how to receive Communion.

Antidoron will not be distributed at this time.

Please remember to wear a mask and bring your own Divine Liturgy Book.

Liturgical Services have started, although with 'preventative measures'! Please see May 31, 2020 bulletin for the full procedures. We are blessed to have the services with restrictions and we pray for the time that these conditions are no longer necessary!

Vespers Services

Great Vespers will be held at 4:00 PM outside in the Church yard in front of the wooden Cross. Everyone is welcomed, but must wear masks and keep physical distance of six feet. If it is raining or looking like it will rain, this service will be cancelled. We will not be able to make an announcement of the rain cancellation.

Sun...June 28... 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Call Father James on June 25-26 before 6 PM if attending.

Parastas: In memory of **Mary Hudak** offered by William and Lorene Hudak

In memory of **John Zenzel** offered by daughters, Lynn & Michele & families

In memory of **Rose Zenzel** offered by daughters, Lynn & Michele & families

In memory of **Bernard Sharpe** offered by wife, Lynn

In memory of **Michael & Jennie Harb & Alexis Gancasz** offered by John & Jeanne Cannon

Sat...July 4... 4:00 PM - Vespers outside in church yard; weather permitting

Sun...July 5... 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Call Father James on July 2-3 before 6 PM if attending.

Prayer List: HEAVENLY FATHER ... Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Michael Birosik, James Blair, Terry Blair, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Jane Bubernak, Cecil Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene David, Ilene Devine, Gloria Ferri, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Helen Macenka, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Courtney Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Helen Scheese, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Nancy Vanno, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York

Congratulations to Ashley and Samuel Buchanan on their birth of their twin daughters!

They arrived at 12:50 am on June 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers as they arrived a little early and are in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at LVHN Pocono.

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

Financials 6/15-21/20 Operating Acct: - Candles 46 – Weekly 1,041 – Non-Env 0 – Holy Days 25– Altar Candles 250 – Donations 200 = Total \$ 1,562.00 Cemetery 200 Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. **Thank you!**

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June Birthdays: 5- Dorothy Macenka, 21- Clark Andrew Bogosh, 24- Wash King, 25- Geraldine King, 28- Olga Kushnir, 29- Julia Harahus; **July Birthdays:** 10- Helen Scheese, 11- Geri Vavra, 15- Sami Vavra, 17- Althea Shellock, 20- John Evetushick, 22- Michael Ropitsky, 28- Chris Kalavritinos

July Wedding Anniversaries: 9 – David & Chris King, 16 – Joseph & Dorothy Macenka, 18 – John & Dorothy King

Candles (from April 5):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Jennie Harb** offered by Jeanne & John Cannon

Altar Candles... In memory of **Theodore & Pauline Lorchak** offered by Marie Yurchak

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Mary (Kosak) Lorchak** offered by Marie Yurchak

7-Day Vigil/Tetrapod... In memory of **David O'Shura** offered by Millie O'Shura

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... For the health of **Claire Kononchuk** offered by Marie Kuzmicz

Candles (from June 21):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Olga, Benjamin, & Reader Leonty Macalush** offered by Millie O'Shura

Altar Candles... For the health of **Julia Harahus (Birthday)** offered by the Family

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Mary Hudak** offered by William Hudak

Vigil Crosses ... For the health of **Geri King** offered by Olga Hebda

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by Marie Kuzmicz

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

If you do not feel comfortable coming to church yet, you may continue to watch On-line Services:

Go to the Diocese of Eastern PA website at the bottom of our church website.

At the top of the page – Click on Live Streaming – Scroll down to church services

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Mogadore, OH – You Tube

Services every day of the week – Mon. to Fri. at 7:00 PM

Saturday Vespers – 5:00 PM; Sunday Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 2. All Saints of Britain and Ireland.
Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Robeiksk. Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam. St. Paul, Physician of Corinth. Holy Martyr Pappias.

Prokeimenon – Tone 2– The Lord is my strength and my song, He has become my salvation.

Troparion — Tone 5

O Christ God, / You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs, Cyrus and John, / as an invincible rampart; / through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, / and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, / for You alone are good and love mankind.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Podoben: “Today the Virgin...” / Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, / you work wonders in the world unceasingly. / You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, / divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, / for you are truly divine physicians.

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.

The Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John.

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs, Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cyrus and John from the city of Konopa, near Alexandria (where they suffered in the year 311) to the nearby village of Manuphin, took place in the year 412. This Egyptian village prompted fear in everyone, since in a former time there was a pagan temple inhabited by evil spirits. Patriarch Theophilus (385-412) wanted to cleanse this place of demons, but he died. His wish was fulfilled by his successor in the See of Alexandria, the holy Patriarch Cyril (412-444). He prayed fervently in carrying out this project. An angel of the Lord appeared in a vision to the hierarch and commanded the venerable relics of Saints Cyrus and John be transferred to Manuphin. His Holiness Patriarch Cyril did the angel's bidding and built a church at Manuphin in the name of the holy martyrs.

From that time this place was purified of the Enemy's influence, and by the prayers of the holy Martyrs Cyrus and John there began to occur many miracles, healings of the sick and infirm.

Saint Cyrus was a noted physician in the city of Alexandria, where he had been born and raised. He was a Christian and he treated the sick without charge, not only curing their bodily afflictions, but also healing their spiritual infirmities. He would say, "Whoever wishes to avoid being ill should refrain from sin, for sin is often the cause of bodily illness." Preaching the Gospel, the holy physician converted many pagans to Christ. During the persecution by Diocletian (284-305), Saint Cyrus withdrew into Arabia, where he became a monk. He continued to heal people by his prayer, having received from God the gift to heal every sickness.

In the city of Edessa at this time lived the soldier John, a pious Christian. When the persecution started, he went to Jerusalem and there he heard about Saint Cyrus. He began to search for him, going first to Alexandria and then to Arabia. When Saint John finally found Saint Cyrus, he remained with him and became his faithful follower.

They learned of the arrest of the Christian woman Athanasia and her three young daughters. Theoctiste was fifteen; Theodota, was thirteen; and Eudoxia, was eleven. Saints Cyrus and John hastened to the prison to help them. They were concerned that faced with torture, the women might renounce Christ.

Saints Cyrus and John gave them courage to endure what lay before them. Learning of this, the ruler of the city arrested Saints Cyrus and John, and seeing their steadfast and fearless confession of faith in Christ, he brought Athanasia and her daughters to witness their torture. The tyrant did not refrain from any form of torture against the holy martyrs. The women were not frightened by the sufferings of Saints Cyrus and John, but courageously continued to confess Christ. They were flogged and then beheaded, receiving their crowns of martyrdom.

At the same place they executed the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John. Christians buried their bodies in the church of the holy Evangelist Mark. In the fifth century the relics of Saints Cyrus and John were transferred from Canopis to Manuphin. Later on their relics were transferred to Rome, and from there to Munchen (Munich) (another account is located under June 28).

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TWO "TRUMPETS" DECLARING THINGS DIVINE

"You may have heard that WHAT we accomplish is far more important than HOW we manage to complete any given task. In all walks of life, different styles and approaches can often achieve the same desired degree of success.

We see this to be true with two great Apostles, who are honored together on our Church Calendar: SAINT PETER and SAINT PAUL. Their missionary activities and efforts are well-documented in the Book of Acts. Their labors in spreading Christ's Gospel were unmatched. They did so, however, in completely different ways.

Saint Peter was a hard-working fisherman, with little formal education. Saint Paul was educated in the finest rabbinical schools of his time. Peter was a simple, impulsive man, while Paul may be described as crafty and philosophical. Through his own admission, Paul was not a healthy man, needing much medical attention as he embarked upon his missionary journeys. The Apostle Peter, on the other hand, is often thought of in terms of strength and physical prowess.

Indeed, these two had little in common. They shared, however, a similar zeal for preaching the Word of God, with little regard for the personal consequences that they would have to endure. Because of this, these popular Apostles are fondly referred to as 'two trumpets declaring things divine' by our Church.

According to ancient tradition, Saint Peter and Saint Paul both suffered martyrdom in Rome on the same day. Saint Peter was put to death by means of crucifixion, while Saint Paul was beheaded during the reign of the Emperor Nero."

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