



St. Mary's Orthodox Church

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Retired Attached: V. Rev Paul Ropitsky

Choir Director: Wash King

Readers: 3rd Hour: 3/1 Claire Remington-- 3/8 Sbdn James

Epistle: 3/1 Michael Ropitsky-- 3/8 John Evetushick

Sunday, March 1, 2020

37th Sunday after Pentecost

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Epistle – Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel – Matthew 6:14-21

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Sun...Mar 1... 9:30 AM

Sun...Mar 1...immediately following coffee hour – Forgiveness Vespers

Mon (3/2), Tues (3/3), Wed (3/4), Thurs (3/5) – 5:00 PM – Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Wed...Mar 4... 3:30-4:30 PM – Book Study (Being Bread by Stephen Muse) – in Church Hall

Fri...Mar 6... 5:00 PM

Sat...Mar 7...5:00 PM

Sun...Mar 8...9:30 AM

Wed...Mar 11...3:30 PM

Wed...Mar 11...5:00 PM

Fri...Mar 13...5:00 PM

Glory Be Forever!

Divine Liturgy – Followed by Coffee Hour

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Book Study – in Church Hall

Presanctified Liturgy - please fast from noon meal

Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos

Great Vespers / Confessions

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Book Study – in Church Hall

Presanctified Liturgy - please fast from noon meal

Akathist to Jesus Christ, Our Savior

WELCOME to all our visitors! So glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after services 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 sign the guest book in the Vestibule To Receive Holy Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves – Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, prayer, being in church on time, attending Divine Liturgy regularly, and fasting (no food or drink from midnight to Divine Liturgy) may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion. If you are new, just visiting, or have any questions, please introduce yourself to Father James Weremedic.

Flowers ... In

7-Day Vigils/Altar ... For the health of **Walter Rosahac** offered by Ted Bogosh

Altar Candles... For the health of **Mary Maholick** offered by Ted Bogosh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Peter Wyshosky, Jr.** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Helen Butts** offered by Olga Hebda

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the health of **Odess Remington** offered by Barbara Teno

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... For the health of **Russell & Geri King** offered by Ted Bogosh

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.
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, Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Helen Scheese, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Nancy Vanno, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, Richard York, *Michael Birosik.*

If anyone is in need of a priest please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772Visitation 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

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of
Mary (Say) Blair
Who fell asleep in the Lord 2/22/2020
Memory Eternal!

COMING EVENTS

Sun. March 22, 2020 – Fish Dinner after Divine Liturgy

Wed. April 22, 2020 – 7:00 PM Church Council Business Meeting

Sun. May 17, 2020 – Chinese Auction – Give donations to Helen King

Sat. May 30, 2020 – Yard Sale in Church Basement

Parastas Schedule: 3/29; 4/26; 5/17; 6/28

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Financials 2/23/20 Operating Acct: -Dues 480 – Candles 79 – Weekly 637 – Non-Env 32 – Holy Days 5 – Altar Candles 100 – Initial Offering 0 – Donations 1,000 = Total **\$ 2,333.00**
Building Fund 22- ...Charity Donation 0- ...Furnace Fund 0- ...Cemetery 0...Flowers 128... Thank you.

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March Birthdays: 1- Logan Leatherman, 6- Marie Kalavritinos, 16- Anthony Vavra, 21- Mildred O'Shura, 24- Neil Skripnek, Tracy Skripnek, Zachary King, Olga Sidoriak, 29-Sandra Zuber **March Wedding Anniversaries:** None

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Coffee Hour: Please join us in the Parish Hall following Divine Liturgy, every Sunday, for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Mar. 1 – Geri King, John King, Geri Vavra

Mar. 8 – Marie Skripnek, Lena Marie Berezniak

Mar. 15 – John Evetushick, Roz Harkins, Nancy King

Winner: Roz Harkins



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

March 01, 2020
The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! As we enter Great Lent, I ask your forgiveness for my sins, known and unknown. Embracing bodily fasting, let us remember that the intent of the fast is to gain control of our bodies and offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to our Lord. We are to consider the members of our bodies dead to sin, yet alive unto God. When the Lord returns in Glory with the Saints and Holy Angels, He will not simply be looking for the absence of vice, but the presence of virtue. Please read the homily of Metropolitan Anthony Bloom below and hide his words deep in your heart. Read them weekly, as a reminder of why we fast. Our salvation, our forgiveness is dependent upon our ability to forgive others.

Metropolitan Anthony Sourozh
Forgiveness Sunday
19 February 25, 1996

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

To-day two themes dominate the readings of the Holy Scriptures. St Paul speaks to us about fasting and the Lord about forgiveness, and St Paul insists on the fact that fasting does not consist simply of depriving oneself of one form of food or another, neither does it, if it is kept strictly, obediently, worshipfully, give us any ground to be proud of ourselves, satisfied and secure, because the aim of fasting is not to deprive our body of the one form of food rather than the other, the aim of fasting is to acquire mastery over our body and make it a perfect instrument of the spirit. Most of the time we are slaves of our bodies, we are attracted by all our senses to one form or another of enjoyment, but of an enjoyment which goes far beyond the purity which God expects of us.

And so, the period of fasting offers us a time during which we can say not that I will torment my body, limit myself in things material, but a time when I will re-acquire mastery of my body, make it a perfect instrument. The comparison that comes to my mind is that of tuning a musical instrument; this is what fasting is, to acquire the power not only to command our body, but also to give our body the possibility to respond to all the promptings of the spirit.

Let us therefore go into fasting with this understanding, not measuring our fasting by what we eat and how much, but of the effect it has on us, whether our fasting makes us free or whether we become slaves of fasting itself.



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

If we fast let us not be proud of it, because it proves simply that we need more perhaps than another person to conquer something in our nature. And if around us other people are not fasting let us not judge them, because God has received the ones as He receives the others, because it is into the heart of men that He looks.

And then there is the theme of forgiveness, of which I will say only one short thing. We think always of forgiveness as a way in which we would say to a person who has offended, hurt, humiliated us, that the past is past and that we do not any more hold a grudge against this person. But what forgiveness means more deeply than this is that if we can say to a person: let us no longer make the past into a destructive present, let me trust you, make an act of faith in you, if I forgive you it means in my eyes you are not lost, in my eyes there is a future of beauty and truth in you.

But this applies also to us. Perversely, we think very often of forgiving others, but we do not think sufficiently of the need in which we are, each of us personally, of being forgiven by others. We have a few hours left between the Liturgy and the Service of Forgiveness tonight, let us reflect and try to remember, not the offences which we have suffered, but the hurts which we have caused. And if we have hurt anyone in one way or another, in things small or great, let us make haste before we enter into Lent tomorrow morning, let us make haste to ask to be forgiven, to hear someone say to us: in spite of all that has happened I believe in you, I trust you, I hope for you and I will expect everything from you. And then we can go together through Lent helping one another to become what we are called to be - the Disciples of Christ, following Him step by step to Calvary, and beyond Calvary to the Resurrection. Amen.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania