



St. Mary's Orthodox Church

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Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic

Retired Attached: V. Rev Paul Ropitsky

Choir Director: Wash King

Readers: **3rd Hour:** 3/15 James Blair– 3/22 Matushka Lisa

Epistle : 3/15 Sbdn James– 3/15 John Evetushick

Sunday, March 15, 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Epistle – Hebrews 1:10-2:3; 7:26-8:2

Gospel – Mark 2:1-12; John 10:9-16

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Sun...Mar 15...9:30 AM

Sun...Mar 15...4:00 PM

Wed...Mar 18...3:30 PM

Wed...Mar 18...5:00 PM

Fri...Mar 20...5:00 PM

Sat...Mar 21...9:30 AM

Sat...Mar 21...5:00 PM

Sun...Mar 22...9:30 AM

Sun...Mar 22...4:00 PM

Glory Be Forever!

Divine Liturgy – NO Coffee Hour

~~Lenten Mission Vespers at St. Michael's - CANCELLED~~

~~Book Study – in Church Hall - CANCELLED~~

Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos

Akathist to Jesus Christ, Our Savior

Memorial Saturday – Parastas only

Great Vespers / Confessions

Divine Liturgy – NO Fish Dinner

~~Lenten Mission Vespers at Christ the Saviour - CANCELLED~~

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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.*

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

Altar Candles... *In memory of Simon Stafiniak offered by wife, Martha Stafiniak*

Eternal Lamp... *In memory of Mother, Mary Lutash offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak*

Vigil Crosses ... *For the health of Aunt Olga Hebda offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak*

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... *In memory of Andrew & Mary Bybel Family offered by Friends*

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... *In memory of Simon Stafiniak offered by Children & Grandchildren*

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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 Birozik, 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.

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

I would like to thank my church family for all the love, prayers and continued support shone during my rehabilitation. It is of great comfort to know how much each of you truly care.

With Love and Peace, Odess Remington

COMING EVENTS

Sun. March 22, 2020 – Fish Dinner – Call Helen King 570-645-9484

FISH DINNER CANCELLED

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

Financials 3/2-8/20 Operating Acct: -Dues 560 – Candles 181 – Weekly 578.25 – Non-Env 181 – Holy Days 28 – Altar Candles 220 – Initial Offering 0 – Donations 50 = **Total \$ 1,798.25**

Building Fund 15- ...Charity Donation 0- ...Furnace Fund 20- ...Cemetery 0...Flowers 50 ... Thank you.

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

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

Mar. 15 – NO COFFEE HOUR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – See directive from Diocese below



March 14, 2020

To all Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

Christ is in our midst!

In light of the recent directives from the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, effective immediately all parish activities other than the scheduled liturgical services, including but not limited to classes, parish council and other meetings, food preparation, etc. are cancelled until further notice. Those who are not ill or at higher risk may come to services and then depart. This will be re-evaluated in due time.

Recognizing the disruption this may cause in various parishes, but out of love for the wellbeing of all, especially the most vulnerable in our diocese and communities, we must take this step to limit exposure while also allowing for the consolation and necessary strength the Divine Services provide.

Starting tomorrow, March 15, 2020, no parish may be doing anything other than liturgical services and no parish may be doing anything less than the prescribed Lenten services. Mission Services in the Wilkes-Barre, Frackville, and Philadelphia deaneries in diocesan parishes have already been cancelled.

Let us attend in these unique circumstances to greater personal prayer, including in them the sick and the suffering and the vulnerable and all those in the health and public safety professions who are laboring with great dedication and at personal risk. For those who self-isolate you may make use of the following streamed services from *St Justin Martyr, Jacksonville, FL* 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy <http://st-justin-martyr.org/>. There is a large red button at the top of their website. Also, *Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City, PA* has streamed services <http://www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org/calendar>. Under the list of services it states, "All church services are streamed Live, Click here to watch". Let us find ways to support those confined at this time through calls, video chats, and cards and look out for those who have no one left or close by to look out for themselves.

In concert with the recent statement of the Holy Synod, I want to reiterate that the distribution of Holy Communion will not, nor cannot be on the initiative of any individual, other than is our usual custom. Those who are uncomfortable with receiving can refrain from doing so until they feel ready to commune.

Finally, please find attached a copy of the *Moleben in time of Pestilence* which I am directing be offered at the end of every Divine Liturgy and every Presanctified Liturgy until this pandemic has abated.

It is essential that we have full and complete compliance from our clergy and faithful in following these directives. Non-compliance will not be tolerated.

Yours in Christ,

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



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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