

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Rector: V. Rev. James Weremedic
Retired Attached: V. Rev Paul Ropitsky

Sunday, October 10, 2021
Choir Director: Wash King

**16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 7 (3rd of Luke). Commemoration of
the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.**

Prokeimenon-Tone 7 – The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall
bless His people with peace!

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, October 10	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, October 17	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, October 24	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – followed by Parastas
Sunday, October 31	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – followed by Parish Council Meeting

At our last Parish Council Meeting on September 12th, Claire Remington, president, appointed our Nominating Committee comprised of: Fr. James, Rector, Lynn Sharpe, Vice-President, and Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Recording Secretary. Parishioners wishing to serve on council as an officer or trustee can contact a member of the nominating committee. Nominations will be accepted until October 24th. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to be on Sunday, November 14, 2021 following the Divine Liturgy.

ARTICLE FIVE: THE PARISH COUNCIL

Section 9. Nominating Committee

At least one month before the annual meeting of the Parish, the Rector and Council President shall appoint a Nominating Committee comprised of the Rector, Vice-President, and Recording Secretary.

- a) **Eligibility for Nomination.** To be qualified for election to the Parish Council, a candidate must:
- i) be 21 years of age or over;
 - ii) be a voting member of the Parish for at least two years;
 - iii) have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith, as

verified by the Rector; and

- iv) be a person of the Church in conduct and speech (Standards are obviously higher for those who choose to serve in a leadership capacity)
- b) **Nominees.** The Nominating Committee shall have more than the number of vacancies to be filled.
 - i) Must indicate their willingness to serve if elected
 - ii) Must give permission for a free background check as required by the state of Pennsylvania
- c) **Nominating Committee Report** shall be provided to the Council President and read to the Parish Council prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. The approved report shall be included in the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.
- d) **No Nominations from the Floor.** No additional nominations may be made from the floor of the annual Parish Meeting in order to avoid embarrassing anyone who may not meet the requirements due to background check laws.

Prayer List:

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic,
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Raymond Danchak, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, John King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak, MaryAnn & Paul Macenka, Mary Maholick, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Olga Sidoriak, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

October Birthdays: Fr. James Weremedic, 5- Barbara Teno, 7- Michael Harahus, 10- Andrew Balliet, 18- John King, 20- Martha Stafiniak, 26- Peggy Lampman, 27- Fr. Paul Ropitsky, 30- John Lampman

October Wedding Anniversaries: 1- Odess & Claire Remington, 3- John & Mary Evetushick, 22- Chris & Marie Kalavritinos

CONFESSION

Confessions have resumed with minor modifications. Please call the rectory at 570-645-2772 and talk to Father James for a reservation. Call between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Individual schedule times will be spread out during the week. Husband and wife can be scheduled together. Anyone wanting to have a confession, but has concerns of COVID-19, should contact Father James to make the appropriate accommodations.

“MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND UNTO THE LORD”

Worship in our Church can be a unique musical experience. The haunting melodies of the ancient Byzantine Chant and the magnificent choral masterpieces of renowned composers provide a soul-stirring means for us to sing praises to the Lord!

Have you ever wondered about the origin of our beautiful hymnology? It may surprise you to know that some of the hymns of the Church were written over a thousand years ago! On the cover of today's Church Bulletin is one of the hymnographers whose musical contributions have had a lasting effect on our moving service: ST. COSMAS.

St. Cosmas lived a full life of devotion to God and His Church. Orphaned at an early age, this 7th century saint had the good fortune of being adopted by a pious family in Damascus. Ironically, his step-brother, commonly referred to as St. John of

Damascus, is perhaps the most famous melodist the Church has ever had!

After receiving an excellent education in the classic liberal arts, Cosmas and his brother John both entered the historic monastery of St. Savas in Jerusalem, where they immediately exhibited a great talent for music. After John was ordained to the holy

priesthood, he remained at the monastery while Cosmos, following his ordination, was assigned to serve the Church in Gaza. While composing was his first and greatest love, St. Cosmas distinguished himself in

other ways in his service to the Lord. He eventually accepted the demanding position of Bishop of Anthedon. It is said that Cosmas hardly slept, writing hymns for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and other holy days in the wee hours of the morning! St. Cosmas died in 750 A.D. but through his music, he lives on!



ST. COSMAS

the HYMNOGRAPHER

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 (October 10)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Richard York** offered by Russell & Geri King

Altar Candles... In memory of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

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

Vigil Crosses ... For the Health of **Martha Stafiniak** offered by Ted Bogosh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the Health of **Julia Forte** offered by Ted Bogosh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... In memory of **Mother, Harriet Scarloss & Sister, Olga Weiss**
offered by Stephanie Chmel

Financials 10/3/21: *Operating Acct:* Candles 46 - Altar Candles 10 - Offerings 330 – Non-Envelope 150 - Holy Days 43 – Donations 0 = Total \$579.00. – Building Fund 11, Charity 10. Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. – Thank you!

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Silent Prayer before reading the Holy Scripture:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things, we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fasting; by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

So, he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Fathers)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,// the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Tone 6 (for the Fathers)

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology, praising the changeless Trinity!

They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//

They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

Tone 3 (for the Fathers)

The holy Fathers are the renowned keepers of the Apostles' tradition;

They rightly taught that the Trinity was undivided, and their assembly dethroned Arius and those with him: the Macedonians who rejected the authority of the Church were convicted; Nestórius, Eutýchius, Dióscorus, Sabéllius, and Severus were judged.

O Lord, deliver us from their error, we pray,// and preserve our lives in peace!

"Dear brethren! Let us reject these anti-icons of the anti-religion of the coming Antichrist. And, in commemorating today the Holy Fathers of the 7th council, those great fighters for the true veneration of icons, let us follow their example: let us restore the veneration of icons in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes. Let us come to church, where the Lord Jesus Christ, the Mother of God, the saints – all look upon us so tenderly, where we can communicate with them directly by venerating their images. And in our homes let us, without any embarrassment, hang up in the most prominent places icons of the Saviour, the Theotokos, various saints – who protect us from evil, guard our homes, look after us; with whom we can always "converse" by means of prayer, share our joys and our sorrows, ask for help; so that even when we are alone at home, we are never lonely. Thus, through the veneration of icons, let us communicate with the heavenly dwellers, so that we, too, may some day become denizens of the heavenly realm. Amen."

Father Rostislav Sheniloff