

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, October 16, 2022

Choir Director: Wash King

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (4th of Luke)

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

- Sunday, Oct. 16- 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, Oct. 22- 4:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions – **Note time change!**
Sunday, Oct 23- 8:30 AM – **Service for the Reception of Kaitlyn Dmytrow**
Sunday, Oct. 23- 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, Oct. 29- 4:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions – **Note time change!**
Sunday, Oct 30- 8:30 AM – **Service for the Reception of Edward Pierson**
Sunday, Oct. 30- 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and **Parastas** followed by Fellowship Hour

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

In memory of wife, Gertrude Tatusko offered by Michael Tatusko

In memory of parents, Michael & Anna Tatusko offered by Michael Tatusko

In memory of MaryAnn Macenka offered by John Charnak

In memory of John & Mary Macenka offered by granddaughter, Mary Hertzog

Sunday, November 6 – Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy – First Announcement!

We WELCOME all our visitors today! We want to let you know that 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.

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

Prayer List:

Fr. Andrew Diehl, Matushka Lisa Weremedic

Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Nadine Fegley, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Dale Renninger, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, George Yurchak, & Marie Yurchak.

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 16)

Flowers...In memory of **Mother, Mary Harahuess** offered by Sharon Lewis
7-day Vigils-Altar... For the Health of **Martha Stafiniak & Family** offered by Terri Bogosh
Altar Candles... In memory of **John King, Sr.** offered by Joann & Michael Taras
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members
Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Marion Pickenheim** offered by William Yelsh
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod...In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Wife, Mary Harahuess** offered by Husband,
Gary Harahuess

October Birthdays: 3- Fr. James Weremedic, 5- Barbara Teno, 7- Michael Harahus, 10- Andrew Balliet, 20- Martha Stafiniak, 26- Peggy Lampman, 27- Fr. Paul Ropitsky, 30- John Lampman

October Anniversaries: 1- Odess & Claire Remington, 5- John & Mary Evetushick, 22- Chris & Marie Kafavritinos

Financials 10/9/22: Operating Acct: Candles 60 - Altar Candles 20 - Offerings 585
Non-Envelope 150 - Holy Days 1 - Donations 5 = Total \$821.00. Building Fund- 21
Cemetery- 20 Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

October 16 Russell King

October 23 Marie Skripnek

October 30 Weremedic

There is a sign-up sheet for **Coffee Hour** in the vestibule if you would like to host.

Please note: Starting this Sunday, October 16, the collection baskets will be passed in the pews for the regular collection and envelopes. The basket on the candle stand will be used for candles as was done before the pandemic.

**A Big Thank You for a very successful yard sale.
To all who donated, worked, and bought, Thank You!
A profit of \$1,142.50 was turned over to the church.**

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

ST. LUKE: A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

Just as the brilliance of a diamond is reflected from the many facets of its surface, so the life of St. Luke shines. His multiple talents show his dedicated service to Christ. A convert to the Christian faith in the earliest days of the Church, Luke became a close companion of St. Paul and labored with him in spreading the good news of Christ.

Luke was a **GREAT WRITER**. He was the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and of the Acts of the Apostles, which tells of the earliest years of the Christian Church. He collected materials for his writings from eyewitnesses of the life of Christ, from such people as St. James and the Virgin Mary.

Luke was the first **ICONOGRAPHER**. An ancient tradition of the Church is that he produced the first icon of the Holy Virgin, painted during her lifetime. He thus set the standard and canon, for icons of the Birthgiver of God.

Luke was a medical **DOCTOR**. St. Paul referred to him as the “beloved” or “glorious physician.” As a doctor, Luke provides details in his invaluable writings that reflect his medical training.

Luke was a **MISSIONARY**. He labored with Paul on a number of missionary journeys, and is said to have been with the great apostle of the Gentiles during his imprisonment and death.

These are merely a few of the remarkable facets in the life of St. Luke. He was certainly a complete disciple of the Word of God.

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 1. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.). Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-45). St. Domna of Tomsk (1872).

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Troparion — Tone 8 - Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them you have guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

Kontakion — Tone 6 - 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.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord

Commemorated on October 16

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the Holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believed in Christ and confessed before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27:54). According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre of the Lord. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. They also refused to remain silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

The fiery words of those who had actually participated in the great events in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread throughout the city and the surrounding villages. When they learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to send a company of soldiers to Cappadocia to kill Longinus and his comrades. When the soldiers arrived at Longinus's village, the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers revealed the purpose of their visit, not knowing that the master of the house was the very man whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his friends identified themselves and told the startled soldiers to carry out their duty.

The soldiers wanted to let the saints go and advised them to flee, but they refused to do this, showing their firm intention to suffer for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried at the place where the saints were martyred. The head of Saint Longinus, however, was sent to Pilate.

Pilate gave orders to cast the martyr's head on a trash-heap outside the city walls. After a while a certain blind widow from Cappadocia arrived in Jerusalem with her son to pray at the holy places, and to ask that her sight be restored. After becoming blind, she had sought the help of physicians to cure her, but all their efforts were in vain.

The woman's son became ill shortly after reaching Jerusalem, and he died a few days later. The widow grieved for the loss of her son, who had served as her guide.

Saint Longinus appeared to her in a dream and comforted her. He told her that she would see her son in heavenly glory, and also receive her sight. He told her to go outside the city walls and there she would find his head in a great pile of refuse. Guides led the blind woman to the rubbish heap, and she began to dig with her hands. As soon as she touched the martyr's head, the woman received her sight, and she glorified God and Saint Longinus. Taking up the head, she brought it to the place she was staying and washed it. The next night, Saint Longinus appeared to her again, this time with her son. They were surrounded by a bright light, and Saint Longinus said, "Woman, behold the son for whom you grieve. See what glory and honor are his now, and be consoled. God has numbered him with those in His heavenly Kingdom. Now take my head and your son's body, and bury them in the same casket. Do not weep for your son, for he will rejoice forever in great glory and happiness." The woman carried out the saint's instructions and returned to her home in Cappadocia. There she buried her son and the head of Saint Longinus. Once, she had been overcome by grief for her son, but her weeping was transformed into joy when she saw him with Saint Longinus. She had sought healing for her eyes, and also received healing of her soul.