

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
Choir Director: Wash King

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8 (4<sup>th</sup> of Luke).** Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Prophet Hosea (820 B.C.). Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete (767). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Leokhnovsk (Novgorod—1611). Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers, Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius

***Glory Be to Jesus Christ!***

***Glory Be Forever!***

**Services:**

Sunday, October 17      9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy  
Sunday, October 24      9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – followed by Parastas – End of Nominations  
In Memory of Michael & Jennie Harb – offered by John & Jeanne Cannon  
In Memory of Helen & Nicholas Macenka, Jr. – offered by Shelly Macenka & Elaine Andrews  
In Memory of Gertrude Tatusko – offered by Michael Tatusko  
In Memory of Parents, Michael & Anna Tatusko – offered by Michael Tatusko  
In Memory of John Bogosh – offered by Gloria Bench  
In Memory of Anna Bogosh – offered by Gloria Bench  
In Memory of Marie Weremedic – offered by Mat. Lisa Weremedic  
Sunday, October 31      9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – followed by Parish Council Meeting

Parishioners wishing to serve on council as an officer or trustee or serve as an auditor please contact a member of the nominating committee (Fr. James, Lynn Sharpe, and Mat. Lisa). Nominations will be accepted until October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to be on Sunday, November 14, 2021 following the Divine Liturgy.

**Prayer List:**

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic,  
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birozik, 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, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & 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 17)

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

Altar Candles... In memory of **Parents, John & Helen Molotzak** offered by John Molotzak

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the Health of **Martha Stafiniak and Family** offered by Terri & David Bogosh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... In memory of **Michael & Julia Rosahac** offered by Alice (Rosahac) Styer

**October Birthdays:** 3- 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

Financials 10/10/21:

*Operating Acct:* Candles 49 - Altar Candles 20 - Offerings 336 – Non-Envelope 150 - Holy Days 10 – Donations 80 = Total \$645.00. Charity 25. Yard Sale 947.95. Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

### 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.

## THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR JESUS' FRIEND

**W**e know the story of Lazarus – the man Jesus raised from his grave of 4 days. This great miracle is commemorated by our Church the Saturday before Palm Sunday. October 17th, however, holds significance, for it is on this day that we remember the bringing of the earthly remains of St. Lazarus to their final repose.

During the time of our Lord, Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany with his sisters, Martha and Mary. We can only speculate on what a strong bond that must have existed between this saintly family and Christ. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Lazarus embarked on a mission of his own, taking the message of His Master throughout the Roman Empire. Ultimately, his journeys took him to the island of Cyprus, where he became a bishop of the Church. It is said that Lazarus remained there for some thirty years, giving the community a firm foundation of Christianity. He died at the age of 58 and was buried in a modest chapel with this inscription on his casket: "The Fourth Day – Friend of Jesus Christ."

Cyprus, however, was not meant to be the final resting place of Lazarus. Some 800 years later, the tomb of Lazarus was in ruin and badly in need of repair. The Emperor Leo of Constantinople replaced the crumbling chapel with a magnificent cathedral and monastery. But this still is not the end to this story! Leo soon realized that the relics of such an important saint should rest in a place where more believers would venerate them. On October 17, 891 AD, the relics of St. Lazarus were ceremoniously brought to Constantinople and placed in a bronze casket, which was enshrined in a cathedral erected in his honor. Soon after, Leo arranged for the relics of another close acquaintance of Christ – Mary Magdalene – to be brought to Constantinople. Finally, with the dedication of the cathedral that was built in his honor, the earthly journey of St. Lazarus came to an end.

## 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 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty."

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of 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.

**A Big Thank you for a very successful yard sale.**

**To all who donated, worked, and bought – Thank you.**

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## Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers, Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius

### Troparion — Tone 4

Your holy martyrs O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through their intercessions, save our souls!

The Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia (Arabia), and the Martyrs Leontius, Anthimus and Eutropius. The holy brothers Cosmas and Damian were physicians in Arabia, who believed in Christ. They traveled through the cities and the villages, preaching Christ and healing the sick. The saints would not take any sort of payment for the help they rendered. In Cilicia, pagans seized the holy physicians and led them before the governor, Lysias. Since they refused to renounce Christianity, the governor ordered the saints to be brutally beaten, and then cast into the sea. An angel of God rescued them from the sea and brought them to shore. Then the pagans beheaded the saints and three other Christians: Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius. The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor (November 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1).

### Prophet Hosea

### Troparion — Tone 2

We celebrate the memory / of Your prophet Hosea, O Lord; / through him we entreat You, / save our souls.

### Kontakion — Tone 4

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; / for you saw things far off as if they were near. / Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Hosea.

The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor.15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14. Compare 1 Cor.15:54-55).

The prophesies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.