

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, October 23, 2022**  
Choir Director: Wash King

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (5<sup>th</sup> of Luke)**

*Glory Be to Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever!*

***Services:***

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  
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

In memory of Mary Maholick offered by Gloria Bench

Saturday, November 5     **4:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions**

Sunday, November 6     9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

**Sunday, November 6 Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy – Second 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:**

Matushka Lisa Weremedic

Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Nadine Fegley, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, John & Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, 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.

*We celebrate the Illumination of Kaitlyn Ann Dmytrow!  
May God Grant Kaitlyn and her Sponsor Barbara Bircsik,  
Many Blessed Years!*

Candles (October 23)

7-day Vigils-Altar... In memory of **Jennie & Michael Harb** offered by Jeanne & John Cannon  
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... In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh  
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

**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 Eveturshick, 22- Chris & Marie Kalavritinos

*We express our deepest sympathy to the families of  
**Mary Maholick** who fell asleep in the Lord 10/13/2022  
and*

***Priest Andrew Diehl** who fell asleep in the Lord 10/15/2022  
Memory Eternal!*

**Financials 10/16/22: Operating Acct:** Candles 63 Offerings 376 Non-Envelope 45 Holy Days 5  
Donations 250 Total \$739. Building Fund 5

Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:**

October 23 Marie Skripnek

November 13 Lena Berezniak

October 30 Weremedic Family

November 20 Michael Tatusko

November 6 John Evetushick

November 27 Open

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

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.

## MARTYRED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

**S** AINT ARETHAS was part of one of the largest “mass murders” of Christians in early Church History. In the 6th century, Arethas was the governor of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. King Dunaan, a Jew, ruled Arabia at the time. Having a fierce hatred for Christians, Dunaan issued an edict that all Christians in his kingdom be put to death. He personally brought a large army to the walls of Negran, but instead of attacking the city, the devious king resorted to trickery. He announced that his intention was not to force the inhabitants to give up their faith; he only wanted to collect a monetary tribute from them. Against the urging of Arethas, they opened the gates of the city to the army. The next day, the king built an enormous fire and executed all of the town’s clergy. Arethas and his government officials were cast into prison, while the king attempted to convince the townspeople to renounce Christ. They steadfastly refused, maintaining that “Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary to bring salvation to mankind. We will die for Him, for to do so will bring us life.”

The king ordered the death of all of Negran’s people - young and old alike. It is said that some 4,300 suffered martyrdom for their refusal to obey Dunaan’s command. When the Byzantine Emperor Justin heard of this, he wrote to his friend, Emperor Elesbaan of Ethiopia, urging him to avenge this brutal crime. Elesbaan did so, attacking Arabia and killing Dunaan and his army. Negran was rebuilt again as a Christian city, with a church dedicated to the memory of Arethas.

19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 2 Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord. Bl. Jacob of Borovichí, Wonderworker of Novgorod. St. Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople

## Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord

**Troparion — Tone 4** - As the Lord's disciple you received the Gospel, O righteous James; / as a martyr you have unflinching courage; / as God's brother, you have boldness; / as a hierarch, you have the power to intercede. / Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Kontakion — Tone 4** - When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father, / came to live among us in these last days, / He declared you, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem / and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries. / Therefore, we all honor you, O Apostle.

### 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (*Epistle*)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Luke 16:19-31 (*Gospel*)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

## **Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord**

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of Saint James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of Saint James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and Saint James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and Saint James the son of Alphaeus (October 9).

## **Saint Macarius the Roman of Mesopotamia**

One day, the cave where holy ascetic Makarios lived was found by three monks from the Monastery of Saint Asclepius in Mesopotamia. Sergius, Hyginos and Theophilos had left the monastery in order to wander through the world, seeking a sign from God which would be beneficial for their salvation. Suddenly, as they approached the cave, they noticed a marvelous fragrance issuing forth from it. Then they saw an old man walking toward them, covered only by his hair and a beard which reached his knees. He threw himself to the ground and remained there for several minutes, until he was sure the three strangers were not really demons. When he was satisfied that he was not experiencing some sort of delusion, he invited them into his cave. The oldest monk asked him to relate his story, which he did.

Saint Makarios told them that he was born in Rome and was the son of a wealthy Senator named John. When he was old enough to be married, his parents betrothed him against his will. There was a celebration following the wedding, but instead of entering the bridal chamber, he fled to the home of a pious widow, where he spent seven days secretly weeping and entreating God to help him. When he left her house, Makarios met a well-dressed old man of noble demeanor. This man ordered Makarios to accompany him. Makarios did follow him for three years, until one day they came to a cave, and then the old man vanished. He appeared to Makarios in a dream soon afterward and revealed that he was the Archangel Raphael, who had guided Tobias in his travels. Before he vanished, the Archangel entrusted him to God's mercy.

Soon after he first moved into the cave, Makarios saw a most beautiful young woman standing before him, who said that she also had fled from an unwanted marriage in Rome. In spite of his caution, Saint Makarios did not have sufficient discernment to escape the devil's snare, and so he allowed the girl to spend the night in his cave. For the first time in his life, he was assaulted by the fiery darts of carnal desire, and he sinned with the girl. Suddenly she disappeared, and the devil rejoiced because he had tempted the ascetic to sin.

At that moment Saint Makarios realized the seriousness of his fall. Weeping bitterly, he decided to leave the cave and find another place where he might do penance. Along the way, the Archangel Raphael appeared to him once again and urged him to return. He told him that God would hear his prayers if he remained in the cave. So he went back and subjected his flesh to severe fasting, vigils and absolute self-denial for many years, so that he might recover the purity of his soul in order to contemplate God.

After he had edified the three brethren with the story of his struggles, Saint Makarios sent them on their way in peace. His sin was very great, but so was his repentance; therefore, he fell asleep in the Lord in the presence of the angels and the saints.

The precise date of the saint's repose is not known, but it was probably at the end of the fourth century, or the beginning of the fifth.