

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, September 11, 2022

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13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, Sept. 11 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Tuesday, Sept. 13 5:00 PM – Great Vespers
Wednesday, Sept. 14 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Exaltation of the Precious Cross
Saturday, Sept. 17 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, Sept. 18 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, Sept. 24 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, Sept. 25 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

We WELCOME all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we 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, Karen Harkins, Peter Holoviak, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Dale Renninger, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidorik, 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 (September 11)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Walter Scheese** offered by Stephen & Sandra Matsick
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 **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Cousin, Joseph Lepley** offered by Russell & Geri King
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Theodore Scarloss** offered by Natalie & Michael Bolinski

Candles (September 14)

Flowers Around Cross – In memory of **Olga Hebda, Mary Lutash, Helen Butts**
7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the Good Health of **Matushka Lisa Weremedic** offered by Gloria Bench
Altar Candles... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
Eternal Lamp... For the Good Health of **Friend, Monica Bazewicz** offered by Julia Forte
Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod – In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

September Birthdays:

14- Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 18- Adam Balliet, 20- Joseph Macenka (99), 30- Eleanor Sidoriak

September Anniversaries:

1- John & Olga Kushnir, 17- John & Ann Yaroma, 20- Michael & Wendy Kulick

Financials 9/4/22: Operating Acct: Candles 92 - Altar Candles 60 - Offerings 466

Non-Envelope 150 - Holy Days 68 = Total \$836.00. – Cemetery Fund 110; Building Fund 1.

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

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

		October 2	Lena Berezniak
September 11	Lena Berezniak	October 9	John Evetushick
September 18	Russell King	October 16	Russell King
September 25	Michael Tatusko	October 23	Marie Skripnek

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

Upcoming Event – Yard Sale in October

Items can be dropped off or picked up, if necessary, by calling
Helen King at 570-645-9484

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

* * * A SOLDIER BELIEVES IN CHRIST * * *

The ancient Roman Empire, within which political framework the Christian Church emerged, had plenty of soldiers. Since the empire itself was pagan in religious belief, the bulk of the military was heathen. However, that was not always the case. One example was Longinus, the centurion who cried out at the crucifixion of our Lord: "Truly this was the Son of God!" In the years that followed, more soldiers came to faith in Christ and membership in His Church.

Among these was the centurion CORNELIUS, featured today. He was a "devout man who feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to people, and who prayed always." The Book of Acts further tells that Cornelius had a vision one day, an Angel appeared to him, instructing him to send people to Joppa with a message for Simon-Peter the Apostle.

Peter then came to Cornelius in the city of Caesarea. He preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the centurion and his people, and the Holy Spirit came upon them all. They were baptized into the Christian Faith. And so it came that the doors of the Christian Church were opened to the Gentiles of the world, having been restricted til then to the Jewish converts. No wonder a day has been set aside in the Christian Calendar to commemorate St. Cornelius.

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The Baptism of St. Cornelius

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation. Ven. Theodora of Alexandria (474-491). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam. Martyrs Demetrius, his wife Euanthia, and their son Demetrian, at Skepsis on the Hellespont (1st c.). Martyrs Diodorus, Didymus, and Diomedes, of Laodicea. Martyr Ia and 9,000 Martyrs with her, of Persia (362-364). St. Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria (9th c.). "Kaplunovka" Icon of the Mother of God in Kazan.

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 (Epistle)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle, Sunday Before)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

John 3:13-17 (Gospel, Sunday Before)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Matthew 21:33-42 (Gospel)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

So, they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Saint Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria

Saint Euphrosynus the Cook was from one of the Palestinian monasteries, and his obedience was to work in the kitchen as a cook. Toiling away for the brethren, Saint Euphrosynus did not absent himself from thought about God, but rather dwelt in prayer and fasting. He remembered always that obedience is the first duty of a monk, and therefore he was obedient to the elder brethren.

The patience of the saint was amazing: they often reproached him, but he made no complaint and endured every unpleasantness. Saint Euphrosynus pleased the Lord by his inner virtue which he concealed from people, and the Lord Himself revealed to the monastic brethren the spiritual heights of their unassuming fellow-monk.

One of the priests of the monastery prayed and asked the Lord to show him the blessings prepared for the righteous in the age to come. The priest saw in a dream what Paradise is like, and he contemplated its inexplicable beauty with fear and with joy.

He also saw there a monk of his monastery, the cook Euphrosynus. Amazed at this encounter, the presbyter asked Euphrosynus, how he came to be there. The saint answered that he was in Paradise through the great mercy of God. The priest again asked whether Euphrosynus would be able to give him something from the surrounding beauty. Saint Euphrosynus suggested to the priest to take whatever he wished, and so the priest pointed to three luscious apples growing in the garden of Paradise. The monk picked the three apples, wrapped them in a cloth, and gave them to his companion.

When he awoke in the early morning, the priest thought the vision a dream, but suddenly he noticed next to him the cloth with the fruit of Paradise wrapped in it, and emitting a wondrous fragrance. The priest, found Saint Euphrosynus in church and asked him under oath where he was the night before. The saint answered that he was where the priest also was. Then the monk said that the Lord, in fulfilling the prayer of the priest, had shown him Paradise and had bestowed the fruit of Paradise through him, "the lowly and unworthy servant of God, Euphrosynus."

The priest related everything to the monastery brethren, pointing out the spiritual loftiness of Euphrosynus in pleasing God, and he pointed to the fragrant paradisaical fruit. Deeply affected by what they heard, the monks went to the kitchen, in order to pay respect to Saint Euphrosynus, but they did not find him there. Fleeing human glory, the monk had left the monastery. The place where he concealed himself remained unknown, but the monks always remembered that their monastic brother Saint Euphrosynus had come upon Paradise, and that they in being saved, through the mercy of God would meet him there. They reverently kept and distributed pieces of the apples from Paradise for blessing and for healing.