

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, September 18, 2022
Choir Director: Wash King

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, Sept. 18 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, Sept. 24 1:00 PM – Baptism and Chrismations: Buchanan Family
Saturday, Sept. 24 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, Sept. 25 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour
Saturday, Oct. 1 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, Oct. 2 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

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 Birocik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh, Clarissa, Emmalyn, Evanna & Ashley 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 18)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the Good Health of **Julia Forte** offered by Russell & Geri King
Altar Candles... For the Good Health of **Nadine (Stafiniak) Fegley** offered by Russell & Geri King
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 **Walter Scarloss** offered by Natalie & Michael Bolinski

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 9/8-11/22:

Operating Acct:

Candles 84.50, Altar Candles 40, Offerings 537.50, Non-Envelope 150, Holy Days 51
Donations 200 = Total \$1,063.00. Building Fund 10.

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

Fellowship Hour Hosts

		October 2	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 Fellowship 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

"THE CROSS IS RAISED ON HIGH TODAY"

The Cross is the greatest of all Christian symbols. It is a constant reminder of God's love for us, for Christ's death upon it brought redemption and ultimately, salvation to mankind.

Each September, our Holy Church dedicates a feast day to this most-precious relic: the **ELEVATION OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS**. Perhaps our feelings for the Cross can best be expressed in the hymns found in the prescribed services for this solemn day. At Vespers, we sing the following verse, which is attributed to the Emperor Leo: *"O three-branched Cross of Christ, you are my strong protection. Sanctify me by your might, so that I may venerate you and glorify you in faith and love."* Another hymn, written by the venerable Anatolios, describes the Cross in a most eloquent manner: *"Hail, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! You are a sign of true joy. You are our help. You are the strength of kings, the power of righteous men and the majesty of priests. All who sign themselves with you are protected from danger."*

In the words of St. John Chrysostom: *"The Cross is a trophy against demons, a weapon against sin and a sword with which Christ pierced the serpent. The Cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Son, and the joy of the Holy Spirit."* May we never lose sight of the significance of the Cross.

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 5. Sunday after Elevation. St. Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.). Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia, Irene, and Castor of Egypt (3rd c.). Greatmartyr Prince Bidzini and Martyrs Princes Elizabar and Shalvi, of Georgia (1660).

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross

Troparion Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance. / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries. / And by virtue of Your Cross, / preserve Your habitation.

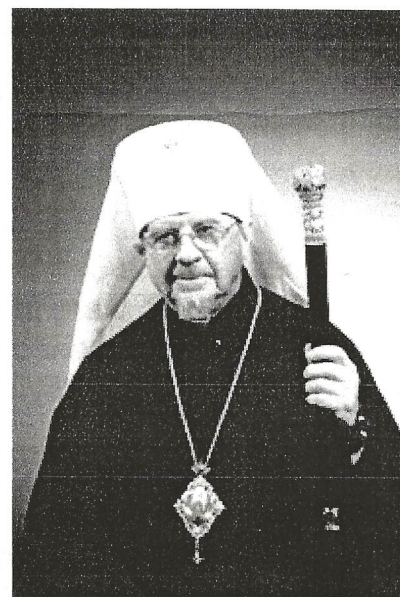
Kontakion Tone 4 As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

From September 15 until the Leavetaking, we sing “O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O son of God crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia” at weekday Liturgies following the Little Entrance.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman

On September 6, 2022, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (Swaiko), retired Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 90. He had served as Metropolitan of All America and Canada from 2002 until his retirement in 2000

On September 4, 2008, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America granted Metropolitan Herman’s request to retire as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America. The election of his successor took place two months later at the 15th All-American Council. During his retirement, Metropolitan Herman quietly resided in a house on the grounds of Saint Tikhon’s Monastery until his repose.



Metropolitan Herman is especially remembered by those who were seminarians under his mentorship. Historically, in terms of the development of the Orthodox Church in America, he will be memorialized as the second American-born Primate of the OCA. Additional information can be found at oca.org.

May Metropolitan Herman’s memory be eternal!

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle)

Now He, who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover, I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith, you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.

For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.

For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle, Sunday After)

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' "

But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

So, he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

For many are called, but few are chosen."