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St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, September 24, 2023

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**16th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Tone 7. Holy New Martyrs of Alaska,
Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut. St. Vladislav of Serbia. Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos.**

Services:

Sunday, Sept 24	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, Sept 24	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Saturday, Sept. 30	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions (Note: Time change)
Sunday, Oct 1	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, Oct. 1	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Saturday, Oct 7	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions (Note: Time change)
Sunday, Oct 8	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, Oct. 8	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship (Parish Council Meeting)
Saturday, Oct 14	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, Oct 15	8:45 AM – Church School
Sunday, Oct. 15	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship
Saturday, Oct 21	3:30 PM – Parastas-Fr. Andrew Diehl, Michael & Jeanne Harb, Theodore Bogosh
Saturday, Oct 21	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions

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 parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

Prayer List*:

Fr. James Weremedic, Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Elizabeth Brennan, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey,
Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak,
Martha Stafiniak, Elizabeth Warcholak, Marie Yurchak

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

A great big “Thank You” to everyone who prepared, served, cleaned up, bought tickets, and attended the Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner last week. We served over 100 meals with a profit of \$974 being donated to the church.

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.

Nominations for Church Council and Officers are now open. Please see Father James, Anastasia (Nancy) Babinetz or Barbara Birozik if you would like to be considered for a position on council.

Candles (September 24)

7-day Vigils-Altar...In memory of **George Senderling** offered by Millie Oshura
Altar Candles... In memory of **Nancy Lorchak** offered by Barb Teno
Eternal Lamp... In health of **Geri & Russel King** offered by Alice "Roshac" Styer
7-day Vigils-Tetrapod... In memory **Mary Ann Macenka** offered by Alice "Roshac" Styer
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory **Frank Forte** offered by Julia Forte
Vigil Crosses... In memory **Michael Bolinski** offered by Michael & Natalie Bolinski
Flowers/Tetrapod...In memory of **George & Helen Yurchak** offered by friends

September Birthdays: 14- Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 18- Adam Balliet,
20- **Joseph Macenka (100)**, 30- Eleanor Sidoriak
October: 3- Fr. James Weremedic, 5- Barbara Teno, 7- Michael Harahus,
19- Ixsaiah Bracero, 20- Martha Stafiniak, 23- Emmanuel Andrades, 27- Fr. Paul Ropitsky

September Anniversaries: 17- John & Ann Yaroma, 20- Michael & Wendy Kulick
October: 1- Odess & Claire Remington, 3- John & Mary Evetushick

Financials 8/27//2023: *Operating Acct:* Weekly Envelopes \$414, Non-Envelope \$235,
Holy Day \$168, Altar Candles \$150, Candles \$84, Donation \$350, Building Fund \$35, Local Charity \$5,
Memory of Ted Bogosh \$320, Memory of Nancy Lorchak \$600

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

September 24 Michael Tatusko
October 8 OPEN
October 1 John Evetushick
October 15 OPEN

**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.**

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 7. Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815). Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.). Venerable Níkander Wonderworker of Pskov (1581). Monastic Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612). Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven. Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230-39). Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos (1938).

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Silent Prayer before the Gospel:

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.

Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Why, after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, is the reading of the Gospel of St. Matthew suddenly interrupted and why do we start then with the reading of St. Luke? At first glance, this jump appears to be arbitrary, more especially as there is no parallel in the reading of the Epistles.

To be sure, there is nothing arbitrary, although throughout the centuries the rationale has been forgotten. First, let us keep in mind that the fact that the reading of the Gospel of St. Luke follows the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross is merely coincidental and the theological reason lies elsewhere. Actually, the change is related to the chronological proximity of the commemoration of the Conception of St. John the Baptist celebrated on September 23rd. In later Antiquity, this feast marked the beginning of the ecclesiastical New Year.

Thus, the reason for starting the reading of the Lukan Gospel toward the middle of September can be understood.

This is based on a vision of Salvation History: the Conception of the Forerunner constitutes the first step of the New Economy, as mentioned in the stikhera of the matins of this feast. As we know, the Evangelist Luke is the only one to mention this Conception (Lk. 1:5-24^L). Later on, the introduction of new feasts, especially that of the Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8th), contributed to the downgrading of the significance of the Conception of St. John.

The Orthodox in the East have always observed the "Lukan Jump." In Russia, this tradition vanished, obviously because its rationale was not known. However, some decades ago, on the advice of the great liturgical specialist, the late Professor Uspensky, the Russian Church decided to come back to the old practice of the "Lukan Jump."

Since this action implies a connection between the cycle of the "Sanctorale" (Menaia) and the cycle of the feast, the date of which is determined by the date of Pascha, there is a practical difference between the Churches following the Julian Calendar and those using the Revised Julian Calendar with regard to the timing of the "Jump." Let us finally notice that the calendars published by the "Russian Church Abroad" continue to ignore the jump re-established recently by the Moscow Patriarchate.

From *Jacob's Well*

*Newspaper of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey
Orthodox Church in America, Fall 1992*

PROLIFE EVENTS

The first Event is the National Life Chain Sunday. This will be held in Tamaqua on Sunday afternoon Oct 1st.

The Second Event is the March for Life in Harrisburg on Oct 16th. Roe v Wade was over turned in the Supreme court pushing the matter of life back to the states.

Carol Stein

The first Sunday in October is **Life Chain Sunday**. It is a time to stand in peaceful, prayerful public witness alongside other local believers. The demonstration will be as follows:

Date: October 1st

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Where: Five points in Tamaqua, PA

Broad Street, Center Street, Pine Street and Railroad Street

Event: You will be asked to hold sign and stand or sit on the sidewalks so the signs can be visible to the cars driving by on Broad or Center streets. Please stand or sit in silence pray or song. You will need to position yourself in a respectful manor so as to not block the total use of the sidewalks nor impact the traffic. If you prefer to sit you will need to bring your own chair. You are welcome to bring your own sign as long as it is respectful. Signs will be available to be **borrowed** and returned after the event. The signs will be distributed near at the Five Point park in the center of town, in the metered parking-lot.

"We believe that it is time for the Church to fight for the unborn with spiritual weapons. The battle for life will not be won in the courtroom or the voting booth until it is first won in prayer. We call for pastors to lead the Church in repentance for our nation. When God's people humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their own ways, we believe that God will hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14-15)." The Life Chain website (<https://lifechain.org>)