

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, September 5, 2021
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11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 3

Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist. Martyrdom of Ven. Athanasius, Abbot of Brestsk. Martyrdom of the Holy Passionbearer Gleb. Martyr Tathuil, and his sister, Bebaia. Martyr Sarbelus of Edessa. Martyrs Juventinus and Maximus the soldiers, at Antioch. Martyrs Urban, Theodore, Medimnus, and 77 companions, at Nicomedia. Martyr Abdias of Persia.

Glory Be to Jesus Christ

Glory Be Forever!

SERVICES

Sunday, September 5, 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, September 8, 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Nativity of the Theotokos)
Sunday, September 12, 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy, TF Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Sunday, September 19, 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 26, 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Prayer List:

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic
Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, John King, Claire Kononchuk, 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, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

September Birthdays:

14 Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 18 Adam Balliet, 20 Joseph Macenka, 30 Eleanor Sidoriak

September Anniversaries:

1 John & Olga Kushnir, 17 John & Ann Yaroma, 20 Michael & Wendy Kulick
27 Andrew & Analisha Danko

Candles (September 5)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the Health **Fr. James & Mat. Lisa Weremedic** offered by Ted Bogosh
Altar Candles... In memory of **Parents, John & Helen Molotzak** offered by John Molotzak
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh
Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Husband, Andrew Chmel** offered by Stephanie Chmel
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the Health of **Fr. Paul & Mat. Lovey Ropitsky** offered by Ted Bogosh
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... In memory of **Olga Scarloss** offered by Natalie &
Michael Bolinski

Candles (September 8)

Flowers/Arch over Icon... In memory of **Helen & George Ostrosky** offered by Anne Ostrosky &
Chris & Marie Kalavritinos
7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Paul Sheers** offered by Ted Bogosh
Altar Candles... For the Health of **Wash & Helen King** offered by Ted Bogosh
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
Vigil Crosses ... For the Health of **Russell & Geri King** offered by Ted Bogosh
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Joseph Herbert** offered by Ted Bogosh
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...

Financials:

Candles \$63 Offerings \$314 Non-envelope \$160 Holy Day \$48 Donation \$38
Building Fund \$1 Cemetery Fund \$2

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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.

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.

JESUS PERFORMS A MIRACLE IN CANA

Throughout His public ministry, Jesus Christ performed many dramatic miracles, all of which defied logical explanation. He gave sight to the blind. He enabled the crippled to walk. He cast out demons. He even raised the dead! But what was the **FIRST** miracle performed by our Lord? Ironically, the initial manifestation of His Divine powers occurred in a very human setting: **A MARRIAGE FEAST.**



St. John's Gospel describes this event for us. Jesus and His Apostles are guests at a marriage feast. A "crisis" of monumental proportions has arisen: the wedding host has run out of wine! Christ, at the urging of His Mother, intervenes, changing common water into wine. Not only did this miracle enable the celebration to continue along in a smooth fashion, but it also

caused the Apostles to believe in Jesus, realizing that no ordinary man was capable of doing such works.

If Christ chose to reveal Himself in such a glorious manner at a wedding, what does this say about the state of marriage itself? The Church places great meaning and significance upon this, pointing out that this shows us the union between husband and wife is a sacred and spiritual one.

The marriage feast in Cana of Galilee was blessed by Christ's presence there. Every time the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is administered in our Church, our Saviour is asked to bless those united by the bonds of marriage through HIS providence. He is called upon to **BLESS THEIR COMING AND GOINGS, FILLING THEIR LIVES WITH GOOD THINGS.**

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 4 Troparion (Prophet Zachariah)

Robed in the vestments of the priesthood,
according to the Law of God thou didst offer whole-burnt offerings
in a sacred manner, wise Zachariah.
Thou didst become a luminary and a seer of the mysteries,
bearing within thyself the signs of grace, all-wise one.
Slain by the sword in the temple of God, O prophet of Christ,
intercede together with the Forerunner//
that our souls may be saved!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Prophet Zachariah)

Today the prophet Zachariah, priest of the Most High and parent of the Forerunner,
has prepared a banquet to his memory to nourish the faithful, mixing the drink of righteousness. //
Therefore we praise him as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)
V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps. 117:18)

1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you.

For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink?

Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense?

Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes?

For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more?

Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’

Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’

And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”