

Special points of interest:

Epistle Reading:

John's 1st Universal Letter 1:8-2:6

Gospel Reading:

St. Mark 13:31-37; 14:1-2

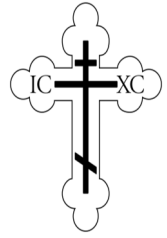
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January 27, 2019

61 Canada Road

Painted Post, NY 14870



Schedule for Week

Sunday, January 27, 2019

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

All members in Good Financial and Sacramental Standing are urged to participate in the works and business of our Church!

Saturday, February 2, 2019

4pm Vespers/Confession

Sunday, February 3, 2019

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Panachida memory of mother + Mary; brother + George and sister-in-law Katherine Demyan offered by Nancy Lewek

Coffee Social/Birthdays

WELCOME!

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While **Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Coffee Social afterward.

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SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

EPISTLE READING

*Reading from
St. John's First Universal Letter 1:8-10; 2:1-6*

Brethren,

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments, He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

GOSPEL READING

*Reading is from
St. Mark 13:31-37: 14:1-2*

Let us attend,

The Lord said to his disciples, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come, it is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore,—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to all: Watch." It was not two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priest and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth, and kill him; for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult of the people."



COFFEE with SISTER VASSA

NOT THE LETTER, BUT OF THE SPIRIT!

“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, he says: ‘Behold, the days are coming, say the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in my covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people...” (Hebrews 8: 7-10)

The first covenant, into which God entered with us, was “not faultless,” —not by any fault of God’s, but by our own. The first time around, we had tended to “miss the point” of His written Law, perceiving it as this external object in “our” exclusive possession, which we sufficed it to follow according to the external “letter.” What God intended by that covenant, however,

was to share Himself with us, and for us to respond to that Self-offering and manifestation of His grace, by continuing “in” it, willingly handing ourselves over into His possession, as His people.

But the second time around, God “went deeper” with us, by introducing us to His Son, Who offered Himself to us entirely, as one of us, And this “new,” more intimate Way of God’s entering into a “covenant” with us, is not just “engraved in letters on stone” (2 Cor 3:7), but cries out to us from the Cross, with His hands outstretched and embracing all of us, inviting us to join Him, as He has joined us. So this morning let me embrace the life-giving, Self-offering Spirit of Christ, in some heartfelt prayer, however insufficient I am before Him. Because His Spirit can and does transfigure me where I can’t, in my heart. “And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” (2 Cor 3:4-6)

2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!

TODAY!!

*Come and plan to participate and contribute to the operation
of
YOUR church!*

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



His Eminence, Metropolitan GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky; Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; Very Rev. John Baranik; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Robert Lucas; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Vasyl & Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Art Gallant; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Joyce Nissen; Chelsea Roman; Gloria Ewsuk; Andrew Chudanic; Tammy Pierson; Jeanne Zimmer; Denise Topichak; John Cowherd; Sylvia Serdula; Stephen Brancho; Carole Herrlich; Gary Herrlich; Daniel Donnelly; Jean Cox; Mae Antos; Dimitri Wallick; John Chach; Andrew Havalchak; Basil Havalchak; Diane Rodrigues; Kathy Snearly-Mahr; Bella

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Douglas Linsey serving in the United States Army, Jordan Worobey serving in the United States Navy and to all of our men and women who are serving and protecting our country both at home and abroad



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2019



“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Sunday, February 3 is the Super Bowl 53, America’s Greatest Game and fun for all. But for those who are hungry, it is just another difficult day. Let’s see how many cans of soup we can collect on this day to make a difference in our community. Please bring in canned soup or other items for the Corning Food Pantry.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January Birthday's

- 27 Jonathan Share
- 29 Michele Tostanoski
- 30 Michele Benyo
- 30 Isabell Havalchak



*O God,
Grant to Your Servants
Good health,
Happiness,
Salvation
For many blessed years!*

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Wow! Winter has arrived and I'm sure many of the area's children (and some adults too,) went outside to play, sleigh ride, and yes making a snowman but how many have thought about making a church?

This beautiful little church in Alaska is made of snow, it melts in the Spring and the process starts all over again in the snow months.