

Special points of interest:

Epistle Reading:

Hebrews 11:24-26; 11:32-12:2

Gospel Reading:

St. John 1:43-51

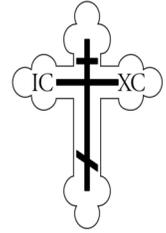
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March 17, 2019

61 Canada Road

Painted Post, NY 14870



Schedule for Week

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:30am Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil

Coffee Social

Church Council Meeting

***4:00pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Vesper @ St. John's UO Church
Johnson City***

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

*5pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Confessions*

Friday, March 22, 2019

*5pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Confessions*

Saturday, March 23, 2019

5pm Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, March 24, 2019

*9:30am Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil
Coffee Social*

*5pm Great Vespers Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation
at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation Vestal, NY
Lenten Social to follow*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31st ADULT EDUCATION –PROGRAM ON DIVINE
LITURGY WITH SISTER VASSA**

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.

Parish Contact Information

Rev. Father Daniel Mahler Presiding Priest

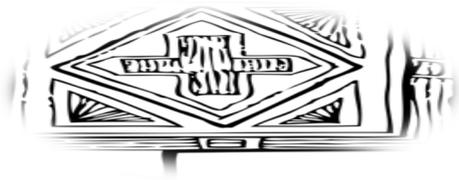
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SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH



And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

EPISTLE READING

Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40; 12:1-2

Brethren,

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Woman received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

GOSPEL READING

Reading is from St. John 1:43-51

Let us attend,

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!": Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



COFFEE with SISTER VASSA

LENT HUMBLER US!

“The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up, and it shall be brought low...”
(Is 2: 11-12)

How unusual and refreshing, to have these readings from the ancient Prophet Isaiah on the weekdays of Lent! (Just FYI, the Prophet Isaiah is read at “The Sixth Hour” or “Sext” on the weekdays of the Byzantine Lent). In the reading for this Thursday, quoted above, we learn that all our “lofty looks,” “haughtiness,” and other masks with which we might present one another, and torment one another, will be “bowed down” in the “day” of the Lord. So if we’re tormented today, either by living a comparative life and yearning after the seemingly better life of celebrities or our more “successful” peers; or if we ourselves have burdened others with presenting such a mask of “success” or “lofty looks” to our peers,—all such delusions will be unmasked in “the day of the Lord of hosts.”

But when, exactly, will that “day” be, I might ask? Whenever I want it to be, in practical terms. Whenever I decide I want God to be

the God of my life, and not other “gods” of my own creation, I can be “brought low,” into the gentle realism and peace that is humility. I can live and thrive in the presence of God, rather than wallow amidst “the haughtiness of men,” if only I let Him into my life. So let me let Him in, really, in a bit of heartfelt prayer, on this blessed Thursday of the first week of Lent. I let this Thursday be “the day of the Lord of hosts,” as far as my little life is concerned. “Lord and Master of my life, grant me not the spirit of idleness, despondency, love of power, and idle talk.”

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SOUTHERN TIER DEANERY

We will host the Deanery Lenten Mission on Sunday, March 31st @ 4pm.
Please mark your calendar and plan on attending and joining our brothers
and sisters of the deanery in prayer and fellowship
as we honor the Life-giving Cross.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

LENTEN VESPERS

4pm

Our Saint Mary's Church

Painted Post, NY

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

VESPERS

TODAY!

4:00pm

**Saint John the Baptist
Ukrainian Orthodox
Church**

1 St. John's Pkwy

Johnson City, NY 13790

You are cordially invited to
attend and participate in
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Vespers on Sunday,
March 17th beginning at
4:00pm at St. John's
Ukrainian Orthodox 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 Wheat; 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; James Hulme; Isaac Glosser; Jeff Kerrick; Rachel Corey; Kristine Garner

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Douglas Linsey serving in the United States Navy and for all our Men and Women serving and protecting our country at home and abroad!

March Birthdays

March 25

Noah Coons



O God, grant your servants who are celebrating their birthday this month good health, happiness, and salvation for many blessed Years!

Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
Special Council Meeting – February 24, 2019

Members Present: Rodney Kerrick, Nancy Gabel, Don Kakretz, Ted Kerrick, Carol Telehany, Jill Mertus, Nancy Lewek, and Tyler Colburn

Also in attendance: Father Dan, Chuck Coons

The meeting was opened at 11:15AM with a prayer. The purpose of the special meeting was to appoint Chuck Coons as clerk of the works for the building project. Chuck would like to have the following duties included in his job description.

- Implement the scope of work developed by the Steering Committee
- Obtain estimates when needed
- Hiring/Firing
- Sign contracts authorized by the Steering Committee
- Paying for work completed
- Any other normal activities required to complete the project

Carol requested a motion to appoint Chuck. Nancy Gabel made a motion. It was seconded by Nancy Lewek. All in favor.

Don is going to the Ukraine on the 6th of May as part of a humanitarian effort in that country. He has requested as a parish we take up a collection to help the people living there.

There being no further business to discuss, Nancy Gabel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ted. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM. Father Dan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Telehany, Secretary

Cc: Chuck Coons-Steering Committee

Dan Hulme-Steering Committee

Forty-eight Days to the "GREAT DAY"

First Saturday of Lent

The Triumph of Orthodoxy and Restoration of Icons

300 Million of Us!

Yes, today is your chance to be a prayer-partner in something big—300 million big! Our participation in the Sunday of Orthodoxy is a global effort today to unite in prayer all Orthodox who are communicants of the “One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church” which we profess in the Creed. We make the same declaration this weekend in the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers Service.

Today’s theme is none other than the victory of the icons over iconoclasts who removed icons from worship. We mark an end to an iconoclastic controversy that raged from 726 to 843. Today we celebrate the restoration of icons to worship on the first Sunday of Lent, March 11, 843. Under Empress Theodora, that huge victory was proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral by the Empress, her son Michael III, and Patriarch Methodios.

Aside from all this history which is important, is there something personally meaningful to you about today? Think about this...to really venerate an icon, become an icon! Yes, that means you! You can! Let the qualities of the Holy Ones painted in the icon become the qualities to which you aspire. On Sundays, in church you are surrounded by icons. What about the other six days of the week? Here is a thought for you...in the spring of 1983, the inaugural Christ the Saviour Seminary Alumni Newsletter was printed. I recently came across my copy in which I had the privilege of writing an article. And in it, I said: “When an icon is hung on a wall in your home, an ordinary room becomes a place claimed for Christ!”

Is this your home? Give it some thought today.

Forty-eight Days to the “GREAT DAY”

Book # 8

LENT 2019

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank Miloro, Chancellor



LENTEN FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN ALONG THE WAR ZONE

Our parishioner and Church Council member Don Kakretz will be in the Ukraine personally working with Olga Riznychenko of Saint Demetrius Orthodox Church in Khar-kov from May 7th through May 30th helping them obtain and deliver supplies to the children along the front line in the war zone.

We will be having a basket out every Sunday of the Great Lent and we ask your support in helping the children in this area of the Ukraine in their time of need.

Won't you please give as generously as you can and help us make a difference.

If you are issuing a check please make it payable to **SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH** and we will have Rodney process it.

For further information please see Don during the coffee social.