



# St. Mary's Orthodox Church

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## Services Schedule

### *Services:*

**Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am**  
*Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am*  
**Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm**  
*Winter Vespers: 4:00pm*

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Under the Protection of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary (PROKOV)

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## Welcome to our Church

Anyone looking for a church in the greater Corning area needs to look no further than Saint Mary's Orthodox Church (Under the Protection of the Theotokos). We welcome everyone, as did the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. For those looking for the "Early Church" we can emphatically state that we are it. From the standpoint of verifiable history, the Orthodox Church is the original Church, which from the day of Pentecost has been guided by the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of Truth."

The basic outline of our Sunday worship (the Divine Liturgy) was described by Saint Justin Martyr as far back as the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century, and the overall structure of the Liturgy as practiced today was established in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Our worship, then is based in Tradition, and yet is not in any way "dated" or old fashioned. Translated into English many decades ago our Sunday worship is traditional yet timeless, never-changing, yet ever new. Our Liturgy is so rich in depth and detail that every time one attends, something new can be discovered. If you are open to it, you will have a very profound experience in witnessing our worship. You will find a place "Where Heaven and Earth Meet!"

But don't just take our word for it. Please "Come and see". We worship together every Saturday at 5:00p.m. with a short service called Vespers ("evening prayers), and we celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:30a.m.

We welcome any person who is seeking "the fullness of the Light of Christ". Our greatest joy is to share our faith and our love of God with you.

Holy Communion is reserved only for Orthodox Christians who are properly prepared to receive.

Join us!

If you have any questions please see Father Dan after service or call him at 607-962-5285.

## Weekly Schedule

### **SPECIAL NOTICE!**

*Until further notice, we will serve all services at*

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY R.C. CHURCH**

*115 East High Street*

*Painted Post, NY 14870*

### **This Week's Services/Events Schedule**

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Divine Liturgy

40th Day Panachida memory of +Ed Bichum offered by Father and Pani; Panachida memory of +Melania Kerrick offered by sons Rodney & Ted Kerrick

Blessing of new Blue Priest Vestments

Coffee Social

**Blessing of graves at Parish Cemetery**

Monday, August 14, 2017

**Dormition Fast Begins**

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Great Vespers/Litya for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Divine Liturgy Celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration

Blessing of Fruit

Pot Luck Social

# Gospel and Epistle Readings

## Epistle Reading

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16**

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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## Gospel Reading

### **The Reading is from Matthew 17:14-23**

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

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## Stewardship



## On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 125: Have We Discovered Our Gifts (12/18/16)

*"But each has his own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another."* (1 Corinthians 7:7 RSV)

We have talked a lot about the gifts God has given us. Have we unwrapped those gifts? I recently heard a sermon where the priest made the analogy of the gifts God gives us with those that may have been received at a wedding shower or marriage or some other celebration and forgot to open them until years later when they were discovered in the basement, still in the original wrapping. We say, "OH, that is where that has been!"

Do we do the same with the gifts that God has given us? Do we forget to unwrap them and wonder why God has forsaken us? I would submit that many of us are afraid to unwrap the gifts He has given us because we would then be committed to God, to do His will. Many of us do not want to do that, do we? We want to live our secular lives with all the luxuries that it brings and profess our religious life for two hours on Sunday or a feast day.

The gifts that God has so generously given to us is not for living in luxury. The gifts are to provide for the necessities of life and to use the excess to help those less fortunate. That means making a commitment to God! Isn't that what Orthodoxy is all about? I would challenge anybody to show me in Scripture or the writings of the Holy Fathers where it says, "Use all that God gives you to live in luxury and let the less fortunate worry about themselves!"

If you haven't discovered the gifts that God has given you to help others, dig deep into the basement of your soul. There you will find those gifts and say, "OH, that is where you have been!"

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## Special Parish Announcements

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES**

The Annual Blessing of Graves at our Parish Cemetery **TODAY!**

**Panachida at the Cross will be at 12 NOON**

**Tyler Colburn** will be leaving Monday, August 14th to begin boot camp and training with the United States Army. Tyler graduated from Sayre High School this past June. Just prior to graduation he enlisted in the Army. He will be joining the Army Reserve in about a year and will be returning to the Corning area and will enter Corning Community College's Nursing Program.

We wish him all of God's blessings, a successful tour with the Army and a safe return home where we will welcome him back with open arms.

God grant him good health, happiness and salvation for many blessed years!  
Nam Mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

**THANK YOU!**

A 'BIG' Thank you to everyone who attended the services as well as those who worked so hard in cleaning, setting up, and preparing the social hall in our new building on Canada Road for Divine Services on Saturday and Sunday of last week. All the preparation and bringing of foods for the social afterwards was most appreciated.

It was a thrill to see all taking a tour of our new building and grounds to witness first hand all the progress that has been made and getting a 'feel' for our new home.

## Church Council Messages

**St Mary's Orthodox Church**

**Council Meeting - July 30, 2017**

**Members Present:** Chuck Coons, Rodney Kerrick, Ted Kerrick, Nancy Gabel, Don Kakretz, Carol Telehany, and Gloria Ewsuk

**Members Absent:** Diane Rodrigues and Mary Leonard

**Also In Attendance:** Father Dan

The council meeting was relocated to the Canada Road property. The meeting was opened at 11:45 with a prayer. Chuck requested a motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2017. A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Gloria. The minutes were approved.

**Priest Report:**

- Father Dan has visited all the shut-ins since our last meeting and they all seem to be doing okay.
- Marge Morse fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at the Corning Center. Her funeral took place from the Haughey Funeral Home with interment in our parish cemetery.

- The move from our old church is almost complete with just a few items to be moved along with a little clean up.
- Since Memorial Day weekend we have been holding vespers and Sunday liturgy at Immaculate Heart RC church. Services seem to be going well.
- We will be holding Divine Liturgy on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Canada Road property.
- The icon of the Pantocrator has been removed and is being restored by Jim and Tom Dotzel of Wilkes Barre, PA. This icon has minimal damage to restore.
- The icon of the Mother of God enshrined outside the old church hall was removed at the same time as the Pantocrator also by Jim and Tom Dotzel. This icon has severe water damage but the restorer says this icon can be restored and does not need to be replaced.

**Financial Report:**

Rodney presented the financial report.

**Variance Report:**

Income Summary: Income through June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$40,922 versus the budgeted income of \$35,732 resulting in a variance of \$5,190.

- Annual dues are on track and over budget by only \$192.
- Income for cemetery maintenance is over budget by \$216. Income to date is \$3,141.
- Candle donations are under budget by \$174.
- Envelopes are over budget by \$4,144. (We took in \$4,054 more than last year at this time).
- Fundraising events (basket raffle) took in \$2,575 whereas we budgeted \$1,800.

Expense Summary: Expenses through June 30<sup>th</sup> were \$38,239 versus budgeted expenses of \$35,773 resulting in a variance of \$2,466.

- Rectory at Chatfield utilities were above budget by \$242, Canada Road rectory was under budget by \$397.
- Church and Church hall maintenance was over budget by \$1,080. This came from signing a 3 year warranty with Terminix and payment to help with flooring costs.
- Church expenses (utilities, water and sewer) were over budget by \$1,609. Gas, electric, telephone and rent were over budget.
- Insurance costs (worker comp and liability) were over budget by \$454.
- Cemetery has \$750 budgeted with incurred expenses of \$100 (trash removal) to date.
- Canada Road mowing is over budget by \$51 due to first payment for lawn mower.
- Worship support, which includes candle and liturgical supply cost was over budget by \$295.
- Pastoral support and medical insurances were over budget by \$443.

Conclusion: Through June 30, 2017 we were budgeted to have a loss of \$41 and incurred a gain of \$2,683 resulting in a positive variance of \$2,724.

<b>Chemung Canal Trust</b>	<b>06/30/17</b>	<b>03/31/17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Operating Fund	12,001.66	5,866.25	6,135.41
Church Building Fund	38,188.10	52,874.53	-14,686.43
Cemetery Fund	25.00	25.00	0.00

Church School	2,157.38	1,981.13	176.25
Mission Fund	1,953.78	1,824.78	129.00
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>54,325.92</b>	<b>62,571.69</b>	<b>-8,245.77</b>

<b>Charles Schwab</b>	<b>06/30/17</b>	<b>03/31/17</b>	<b>Change</b>
Cemetery Account	58,980.78	57,950.04	1,030.74
Oper. Investment Acct.	56,573.10	56,844.74	-271.64
Building Fund	214,205.82	213,776.44	429.38
Altar Soc. Bldg. Fund	14,561.69	14,251.76	309.93
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>344,321.39</b>	<b>342,822.98</b>	<b>1,498.41</b>
Rectory (Cost Basis)	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00
Sunset Dr. Church Prop	0.00	62,717.00	-62,717.00
Canada Rd. Property	300,000.00	0.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>843,647.31</b>	<b>613,111.67</b>	<b>230,535.64</b>

Transfers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter from Operating Account:

To Building Fund: \$3,866.78

To Mission Fund: 70.00

To Church School: 201.10

Jan-June Birthday Bags: 70.00

Jan-June Food Pantry: 229.00

Total From Operating Fund \$4,436.88

**Altar Society Report:**

There was no Altar Society Report available.

### **Old Business:**

### **Relocation Update:**

- The chandeliers from the old church cannot be used due to the burned wiring.
- The globe lights that were in the choir loft will go in closet areas of the new church.
- It was estimated in the budget a cost of \$20,000 to do the relocation. The cost will be half that amount.
- Ted has started the wiring in the Canada Road rectory addition.

### **Items to be donated:**

The Council has been developing a list of items that could be donated for the new building. Some ideas are:

- A commercial grade carpeting for the 2 multi-purpose rooms
- A window and shelving for the Gift Shop
- A TV and furniture for the rec room
- Vestibule etched glass doors
- Rec room
- Altar linens and tetrapod linens Will need to determine how many
- Crosses on the dormers
- Patio construction
- Bell Tower
- Shrubs

### **Time Frame for selling Chatfield Place rectory:**

- We still need to do some repairs at the rectory before it can be put on the market. Volunteer help is needed to do this.

### **New Business:**

#### **Piano Move:**

- Our parish was gifted a piano. It will be moved to the new church hall on August 4<sup>th</sup> by JDog movers.

#### **Epoxy floor estimate:**

- Chuck obtained a quote to have an epoxy floor in the social hall, bathrooms and coat room at a cost of \$12,800, roughly \$6. per square foot. He will ask the contractor for a written quote and references.

#### **Potter's Hands Special Collection:**

- The parish will have a collection in the next couple of weeks in memory of Pastor Thomas Kuehner, whose wife is the Executive Director of Potter's Hands, whose mission is to serve survivors of human sex trafficking. Chuck grew up with and went to school with Tom.

#### **Outdoor Liturgy on August 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- There will be an outdoor Liturgy at our new location on Canada Road on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to set up for this service as well as tables for the coffee social.

#### **Appreciation reception:**

- Chuck stated we should be thinking about an appreciation reception for all the contractors and people who worked on

our facility once we are in the new building.

## **Committee Reports:**

### Cemetery Committee:

Carole Herrlich provided the cemetery report.

- The 2017 Cemetery Annual Appeal letter was mailed out to a distribution list along with a self-addressed envelope. Carole Herrlich and Nancy Lewek did the mailing. Father Dan also included a copy of the letter in the bulletin.
- 105 letters were mailed out to the distribution list. There were 29 responses. The parish replies were 11 members.
- Helen Molson and Helen Coons have resigned from the committee due to health reasons. Chris Gabel has expressed an interest to be on the cemetery committee.
- There are numerous headstones that are covered with algae. Some of these will need to be cleaned as the names are no longer visible. Several stones will also need to be reset as they have fallen over.
- Carole Herrlich has had shrubs under cemetery sign cut and shaped. There continues to be trash thrown under the tree near Paul Mertus grave. This has been removed.
- There are trees and bushes that need to be trimmed along the fence.
- The rules and regulations of the cemetery need to be revised and published.
- A formal cemetery trust needs to be established.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by affirmation at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Telehany, Secretary

# Altar Society News

## **Pot Luck & Pantry Next Week**

As you bring something to share with our parish during our social hour, think of those who can't afford a meal and bring a donation for the Corning Community Food Pantry.

# Birthdays/Anniversaries

## **Celebrating their Birthday**

**August 8** Barb Benyo; **August 12** Don Krakretz; **August 20** Katie Mertus; **August 25** Mary Leonard; **August 25** Steve Garner; **August 28** Kristine Garner; **August 28** Carole Herrlich; **August 31** Angelina McKane

## **Celebrating their Anniversary**

**August 10** Steve & Kristine Garner; **August 21** Diane & Paul Rodrigues; **August 28** Steve & Barb Benyo

God grant Your servant many blessed years! Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

## Coming Events

### **2017 CHURCH SCHOOL CONFERENCE NEW YORK STATE DEANERY**

#### ***Raising Our Young People As A Generation of Disciples and Leaders***

Conference Leader: Very Reverend Dr. Joseph Purpura, Chairman, Department of Youth and Parish Ministries, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Saturday, August 26 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Lunch Included)

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 140 Horseheads Blvd., Elmira Heights, NY 14903

[www.HolyTrinityOrthodoxChurch.org](http://www.HolyTrinityOrthodoxChurch.org)

### **STEWARDSHIP RETREAT**

***Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2nd annual Stewardship Retreat will be held September 22-24, 2017.***

## From the Pastor's Desk

### ***FROM THE PASTOR***

**If you would like to meet with Father**, please call him @ 607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.

- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- ***Our Mailing Address is: 7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870***
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten service or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. **Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.**
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling. **Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.**
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.

### **The Orthodox Church DOES NOT allow Cremation**

- **If you would like to schedule a Panachida** for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285

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<http://www.campnazareth.org>

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<http://facebook.comacroddiocese>

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# Hymns of the Day

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the 1st Tone**

Your tomb was sealed with a stone by the Jews,\* and the soldiers guarded Your most pure body:\* yet You arose on the third day, O savior,\* giving life to the world.\* The heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* "Glory to Your resurrection , O Christ!\* Glory to Your Kingdom!\* Glory to Your plan of salvation, for You alone love mankind."

## **Kondak in the 1st Tone**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Being God, You rose in glory from the tomb, O Lord, restoring life to the world and conquering death. All humanity exalts You as God. Adam rejoices and Eve, delivered from her bonds, glories and cries out to You: O Christ, You are the resurrection of all.

# Please Pray for the following

His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Raphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathy Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani Amy George; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Anna Sorparu; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula; John & Florence

Medvitz; Timothy Davis; Jim Cronk; Deb Kuehner & Family; Joseph (Art) Gallant

Jonathan Share serving in the United States Navy; Tyler Colburn serving in the United States Army and to all of our men and women who are serving and protectng our country both at home and abroad.

## Wisdom of the Fathers

The Savior Himself is He Whom we are asked to put on. It is one and the same thing to say, 'Put on the whole armor of God,' and 'Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.' Our belt is truth and our breastplate is righteousness. The Savior is also called both 'truth' and 'righteousness.' On this principle He is also to be understood as the 'Gospel of peace.' He is Himself the 'shield of faith' and the helmet of salvation. He is the 'sword of the Spirit,' because He is the Word of God, living and efficacious, the utterance of which is stronger than any helmet and sharp on both sides.

### **St. Jerome**

*Unknown, 5th century*

The remission of sins...is granted alike to all through baptism: but the grace of the Spirit is proportional to the faith and previous purification. Now, indeed, we receive the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit through baptism, and the second birth is for us the beginning and seal and security and illumination of another life. It behooves us, then, with all our strength to steadfastly keep ourselves pure from filthy works, that we may not, like the dog returning to his vomit (II Pet. 2:22), make ourselves again the slaves of sin. For faith apart from works is dead, and so likewise are works apart from faith (James 2:26). For the true faith is attested by works.

### **St. John of Damascus**

*An Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, Book 4: Chapter 9; Eerdmans pg.73, 8th century*

## Saints and Feasts



**July 31**

### **Eudocimus the Righteous of Cappadocia**

Saint Eudocimus was from Cappadocia, the son of pious and most illustrious parents, patricians in rank. He especially cultivated chastity and mercy, the one by never meeting the gaze of a woman, the other by cheerfully providing the needs of the poor. When he was made military commander of Cappadocia, he continued in his righteous ways, showing mercy and uprightness in all his dealings. Having so lived in piety, quietly and without ostentation, he was called from this life at the age of thirty-three, about the year 840, during the reign of the Iconoclast Theophilus. Not long after his burial, his grave became a fountain of unending miracles, as God revealed the virtue that Eudocimus had striven to hide; when his grave was later opened, his body was found incorrupt. His holy relics were translated to Constantinople.

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# Calendar

## Calendar

August 13 to August 28, 2017

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### Sunday, August 13

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

12:00PM Annual Blessing of Graves

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### Monday, August 14

Dormition Fast begins

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### Saturday, August 19

Transfiguration

5:00PM Great Vespers/ Litya to observe Transfiguration feast

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### Sunday, August 20

9:30AM Divine Liturgy - Observe Transfiguration

11:00AM Blessing Fruit

11:30AM Pantry & Potluck

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### Monday, August 21

Listings for next month's calendar due to Helen R.

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### Saturday, August 26

5:00PM Great Vespers/ Litya observing Dormition feast

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### Sunday, August 27

9:30AM Divine Liturgy - Observe Dormition of the Mother of God

11:00AM Blessing of Flowers for Dormition Feast

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### Monday, August 28

Dormition