



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

Bulletin for Sunday, August 20, 2017

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 2nd century, and the overall structure of the Liturgy as practiced today was established in the 4th 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 20, 2017

Divine Liturgy Celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration

Blessing of Fruit

Pot Luck Social

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Great Vespers/Litija Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Blessing of Flowers

Coffee Social

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Peter's Second Universal Letter 1:10-19

BRETHREN, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Gospel Reading

Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Reading is from Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led him up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

Stewardship



On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life

Part 109: How Are We Judged?

"for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (John 12: 43 RSV)

The secular world judges us in many ways. Our managers at work judge and evaluate us on performance; our families judge us on our success; and we judge ourselves by how successful we are, by our accumulated wealth, by how many things we possess or, maybe even, the number of friends who see life the way we do. We define ourselves by cars, houses, boats, and money in the bank. I am sure you have heard the mantra, "He who has the most toys, wins!" How many times have you seen somebody drive-by in a new Mercedes and think: "Wow, that person is successful!"

There is nothing wrong with material success in this world. God has never objected to us having material things which come from the fruits of our labor. Indeed, the Holy Fathers tell us that having material things is not evil. But having the material things simply for the sake of possessing them is wrong.

God gives us all that we have so that we might "use" our wealth, but never to hoard. I don't know about you, but I have never seen a U-Haul truck filled with earthly possessions awaiting burial with someone. That Mercedes is not going to your tomb so that you may drive it in heaven!

On the contrary, all of our possessions are on "loan" from God. Possessing or loving something so much that you could not part with it is a sin. Christianity, as practiced in the early church, included generosity. Those Christians that were closest to Christ shared in gratitude their time, talents and resources with the Christian Community.

The secular world drives us to believe that wealth is the barometer on which we are judged and praised. However, as Christians, generosity and gratitude are the metrics by which God will judge us. Do we spend our time in the service of God and our community? Do we use the skills that God has given us for Him and the service of His community? How much of our time do we spend in providing support to the various ministries of the church?

A mantra that one hears is, "I would rather be judged by 12 than be carried by six!" Know that you will be carried by six, only if you are blessed!

The Christian's mantra should be: "I pray to be judged by God for the generosity and gratitude I have given to His Church and community than be judged by the secular world as

to how much wealth I have accumulated.” Being judged by this secular world in which we live is **ephemeral**. Being judged by God is **eternal**!

This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you by your Diocesan

Stewardship Commission.

Special Parish Announcements

SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection on Sunday September 10, 2017 for the Potter's Hand Foundation of Corning, whose mission is to serve survivors of human sex trafficking, in memory of Pastor Thomas Kuenher who fell asleep in the Lord last month. Pastor Tom's wife Deb is the Executive Director of the Foundation.

Reminder: Please provide any events for next month's calendar to Helen Revelas by the 21st.

Church Council Messages

Altar Society News

Altar Society Meeting

There will be a Altar Society meeting after Liturgy on Sunday September 10, 2017. All members are urged to attend and ladies interested in joining in on the Society's good works are cordially invited to attend.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Celebrating their Birthday

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 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

STEWARDSHIP RETREAT

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

DIOCESE WILL HONOR BISHOP GREGORY

We are happy to inform you that the Diocese will honor His Grace, Bishop Gregory on the 5th anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate.

Please mark your calendar to join us on this special day!

Monday, November 27th in Johnstown.

Complete information will be provided at a later time.

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

Follow our Diocese on Line

Important Links for Information on our Holy Orthodox Faith!

Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org>

Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews>

You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

OrthodoxChristianNetwork:

[http://myocn.net/orthodoxchristiannews/!](http://myocn.net/orthodoxchristiannews/)

St. Mary's Orthodox Church: saintmarysorthodoxchurchcorning.org

Coffee With Sister Vassa: <http://www.coffeewithsistervassa>

Hymns of the Day

Tropar and Kondak for Transfiguration in the 7th Tone

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as much of Your glory to Your disciples as they could bear. Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God, let Your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners. O giver of Light glory be to You.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and Your disciples beheld as much as they could of Your glory, so that when they would see You crucified they would understand that You suffered willingly, and would proclaim to the world that You are truly the brightness of the Father.

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

Wherefore then did He not do this, nor forgive the debt before the account? Desiring to teach him, from how many obligations He is delivering him, that in this way at least he might become more mild towards his fellow servant He gave more than he asked, remission and forgiveness of the entire debt.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 61 on Matthew 18, 4th Century

When then you are minded to be revengeful, consider that against yourself are you revengeful, not against another; that you art binding up your own sins, not your neighbors

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 61 on Matthew 18, 4th Century

Saints and Feasts



August 20

Samuel the Prophet

This most holy man, a Prophet of God from childhood, was the last judge of the Israelite people, and anointed the first two Kings of Israel. He was born in the twelfth century before Christ, in the city of Armathaim Sipa, from the tribe of Levi, the son of Elkanah and Hannah (Anna). He was the fruit of prayer, for his mother, being barren, conceived him only after she had supplicated the Lord with many tears; wherefore she called him Samuel, that is, "heard by God." As soon as Hannah had weaned him, she brought him to the city of Silom (Shiloh), where the Ark was kept, and she consecrated him, though yet a babe, to the service of God, giving thanks to Him with the hymn found in the Third Ode of the Psalter: "My heart hath been established in the Lord . . ." Samuel remained in Silom under the protection of Eli the priest. He served in the Tabernacle of God, and through his most venerable way of life became well-pleasing to God and man (I Kings 2: 26). While yet a child, sleeping in the tabernacle near the Ark of God, he heard the voice of God calling his name, and foretelling the downfall of Eli; for although Eli's two sons, Ophni and Phineas, were most lawless, and despisers of God, Eli did not correct them. Even after Samuel had told Eli of the divine warning, Eli did not properly chastise his sons, and afterwards, through various misfortunes, his whole house was blotted out in one day.

After these things came to pass, Samuel was chosen to be the protector of the people, and he judged them with holiness and righteousness. He became for them an example of all goodness, and their compassionate intercessor before God: "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; yea, I will serve the Lord, and show you the good and the right way" (ibid. 12:23). When he asked them -- having God as witness -- if he ever wronged anyone, or took anyone's possessions, or any gift, even so much as a sandal, they answered with one voice: "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, nor afflicted us, neither hast thou taken anything from anyone's hand" (ibid. 12:4). When Samuel was old, the people asked him for a king, but he was displeased with this, knowing that God Himself was their King. But when they persisted, the Lord commanded him to anoint them a king, saying, "They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them" (ibid. 8:7); so Samuel anointed Saul. But Saul transgressed the command of God repeatedly, so Samuel anointed David. Yet, since Samuel was a man of God, full of tender mercy, when the Lord told him that He had rejected Saul, Samuel wept for him the whole night long (ibid. 15:11); and later, since he continued to grieve, the Lord said to him, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul?" (ibid. 16:1). Having lived blamelessly some ninety-eight years, and become an example to all of a God-pleasing life, he reposed in the eleventh century before Christ. Many ascribe to him the authorship of the Books of judges, and of Ruth, and of the first twenty-four chapters of the First Book of Kings (I Samuel).

August 14

The Holy Prophet Michaias (Micah)

This Prophet (whose name means "who is like God?"), was a Morasthite from the land of Judah. He prophesied more than fifty years in the days of Joatham, Ahaz, and Hezekias, Kings of Judah. These kings reigned in the eighth century before Christ. From this it is clear that this Michaias is not the one who was the son of Iembla (or Imlah-III



Kings 22:8), who censured Ahab and was murdered by Ahab's son Joram, as the Synaxaristes says; for this Joram reigned the ninth century before Christ. Yet Michaias was still prophesying, as mentioned above, in the days of Hezekias, who was a contemporary of Hosea and Esaias, and of Hoshea, the last King of the ten tribes of Israel, when that kingdom was destroyed by Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians (IV Kings 17: 1 - 16; 18: 1). This Michaias is sixth in rank among the minor Prophets. His book of prophecy is divided into seven chapters; he prophesied that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem (Michaias 5: 2). In the reign of Saint Theodosius the Great, the holy relics of the Prophets Michaias and Abbacum were found through a divine revelation to Zebennus, Bishop of Eleutheropolis (Sozomen, Eccl. Hist., Book VII, 29).



August 06

Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

Calendar

Calendar

August 20 to September 3, 2017

Sunday, August 20

9:30AM Divine Liturgy - Observe Transfiguration

11:00AM Blessing Fruit

11:30AM Pantry & Potluck

Monday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 26

5:00PM Great Vespers/ Litya observing Dormition feast

Sunday, August 27

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

11:00AM Blessing of Flowers for Dormition Feast

Monday, August 28

Dormition

Saturday, September 2

5:00PM Vespers/ Confession

Sunday, September 3

9:30AM Divine Liturgy

11:00AM Birthdays