

Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

(Protection of the Theotokos)

Temporary Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church
115 E. High Street Painted Post, New York 14870

A Parish of the

American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America, Ecumenical Patriarchate



August 27, 2017

Divine Liturgy **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**
Blessing of Flowers
Coffee Social

September 2, 2017

Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Panachida memory of +Paul Mertus offered by Mertus Family
Coffee Social/Birthdays

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Great Vespers/Litya Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Divine Liturgy **Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist**
Prayers for School Year
Coffee Social

Ladies Altar Society Meeting

Parish Information

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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TROPAR: TONE 1



O Birthgiver of God, in giving birth you retained virginity; and in your falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have passed into life, and by your prayers have delivered our souls from death.

KONDAK: TONE 2

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

The tomb and death had no power over the Birthgiver of God, who is ever watchful in her prayers and in whose intercession lies unfailing hope. For as the Mother of Life she has been transported into life by Him who dwelt within her ever-virgin womb.

SEASONAL KONDAK: TONE 4

By your holy birth O undefiled, Joachim and Anna were set free from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Delivered from the guilt of sin, Your people keep the feast as they sing to You: "The barren woman bears the Mother of God whose every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Phillipians 2:5-11

BRETHERN, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

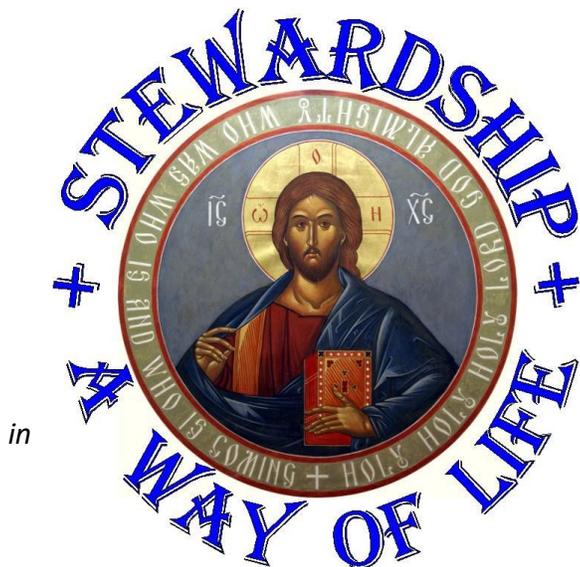
GOSPEL READING

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

The Reading is from Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-38

Let us attend!

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he, said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



ON STEWARDSHIP AND THE ORTHODOX LIFE-Part 117

Why am I Here?

Part 1

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk them.” (Ephesians 2: 10 RSV)

Have you ever asked yourself the question, “Why am I here? Have you heard others ask that same question? It is within each of us to know the purpose of our life here on earth. Each of us ought to want to know why He created us uniquely, with individual skills, experiences, and talents. We ought to ask questions. What am I supposed to do with what God has given me? What is my calling and what will give purpose to my life.

We all have occupations that provide us with a means to support our life and our family. Most people have more than is necessary to live a complete life. Beyond the “complete life” all becomes a selfish endeavor perhaps to compete with our neighbor. But we must ask the question, “What gives meaning to our life?” I will tell you now, competition with our neighbor does not give meaning to life.

*In the passage above, Saint Paul tells us that we are to do **good works** which **God prepared beforehand**. God has a plan for us, and what we are to do with the skills, experiences, talents and treasure He has given us. The question before us then is: Are we listening to what He is telling us? If we listen intently to His words, we will learn of our purpose is in this life.*

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

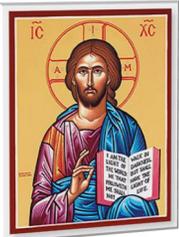
FROM FATHER'S DESK....



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

The Church does not permit cremation.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



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; Father James Worthington and Famil Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Alphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; 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 Soraparu; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula, John & Florence Medvitz; Timothy Davis; Jim Cronk; Deb Kuehner & Family; Art Gallant

To Jonathan Share who is 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 protecting our country both at home and abroad.

August Birthdays/Anniversaries



Birthdays

August 28 Kristine Garner

August 28 Carole Herrlich

August 31 Angelina McKane

Anniversaries

August 28 Steve & Barb Benyo

God grant your servants
good health, happiness
and salvation for many-
blessed years!

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 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.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

THE LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY will hold a 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.

COMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP RETREAT

*Mark Your Calendars for the **2nd annual Stewardship Retreat at Camp Nazareth on September 22-24, 2017.***

SOUTHERN TIER DDD DINNER

*The Southern Tier Deanery DDD dinner will be held in a beautiful new Banquet Hall in Endwell, NY on Sunday **OCTOBER 22, 2017. Complete information will be forthcoming soon!***

DIOCESE WILL HONOR

BISHOP GREGORY on the 5th anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate on **Monday, November 27th in Johnstown.** Complete information will be provided at a later time.

Wisdom of the Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multiplies words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

Saint Ephraim the Syrian on Admonition and Repentance

Wherefore then doth Christ thus reply to him, saying, "There is none good?" Because He came unto Him as a mere man, and one of the common sort, and a Jewish teacher; for this cause then as a man He discourses with him. And indeed in many instances He replies to the secret thoughts of them that come unto Him.

Saints and Feasts

The Dormition of our most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulcher, while the Angels from heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God.

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 with a short service called Vespers ("Evening Prayers), and we celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Sunday morning at 9:30am

After Sunday Divine Liturgy we meet in the social hall for coffee perhaps a 'bite' to eat. Please join us and please introduce yourself to Father Dan and if you have any questions please feel free to give him a call at 607-962-5285 OR better yet, just ask him.

Thank you for visiting us today and come back soon!

In Christ,

Father Dan