



# 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 6, 2017

Divine Liturgy @ **Canada Road Property**

40th Day Panachida memory of +Marge Morse offered by Millie Sosonka

Coffee Social

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Pilgrimage to Saint Nektarios Monastery Roscoe, New York

**NO VESPERS TODAY**

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**

# Gospel and Epistle Readings

## Gospel Reading

**The Reading is from Matthew 14:22-34**

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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## Stewardship



## On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 152: Bad Excuses

*Honor the Lord with your substances and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be*

*filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." (Proverbs 3: 9-10 RSV)*

We tend to shy away from a discussion involving money when it comes to stewardship. The

reason lies in the fact that the Western church has put such an emphasis on it in America that even the Orthodox Church has adopted the “westernization of stewardship.” We have tried very hard to present the true biblical connotation of stewardship through the Diocesan Stewardship Commission. Stewardship of your treasure/wealth is an important factor in the church. Without it, the church cannot pay the mortgage, priest salary, utilities and most importantly, outreach efforts.

Excuses for not giving in proportions to what God has given to you are usually based on the **misunderstanding of scriptures and misunderstanding their church.**

There are **five bad excuses** for not giving to the church. First, “**God doesn’t tell us to give!**” What? The scriptures are full of verses about generosity, look at Proverbs 3:9 or 1 Timothy 6: 17-19 and then try to use the excuse that God does not tell us to give.

I hear the next excuse all the time, “**I don’t make enough money.**” Did you ever notice that there is no “**exclusion clause**” in the scriptures! Show me where it says that if you don’t make enough money, you are excluded from giving to God. Read Luke 21: 1-4, where Christ commends the poor woman for giving in poverty and not of surplus.

Next is the excuse that “**I am in debt.**” Remember you made the choices to put yourself in that position through your self-centered desires and although you should meet the obligations you committed yourself to, do not make the mistake of not giving to God in gratitude for what He has already given you.

The fourth excuse is a dandy. This one states, “**My money won’t make a difference!**” You feel that your contribution is too small to have an impact. **NONSENSE!** It is amazing what God can do when a lot of people contribute a small amount in cheerfulness and gratitude. That small amount helps pay the priest who administers the sacraments, helps counsel and mend marriages, counsel those addicted, feeds the poor and all because you gave!

And final we get the granddaddy of all excuses, “**I know how to manage money better than the church.**” Everybody is a financial whiz, how is that working for you? Have you taken the time to talk to your priest about how the money is spent and what impact it has in the parish? Have you taken the time to get involved with the parish and help impact the lives of others without being critical of everything that is being done? Have you tried to work in the church without being sensitive to who gets credit for successes or initiatives?

If you are not giving to God (the Church) in proportion to what He has given you as the first fruits of what He has given you then you need to reread the scriptures and talk to your priest about how this may affect your salvation. **Be a servant steward for our Lord.**

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

## Special Parish Announcements

### ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES

#### RE-SCHEDULED

The Annual Blessing of Graves at our Parish Cemetery have been re-scheduled because of the weather. **Panachida at the Cross will be at 12 NOON on Sunday August 13, 2017.**

# Altar Society News

## Monastery visit

Pilgrimage to Saint Nektarios Monastery in Roscoe, New York will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Leaving around 9:00am and returning around 6:00pm. See Joyce Merletti for details.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### Celebrating their Birthday

**August 2** Tanya Mackiewicz; **August 5** Jean Cox; **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)

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

*The Church does not permit cremation.*

## Follow our Diocese on Line

### **Diocesan Website**

<http://www.acrod.org>

### **Camp Nazareth**

<http://www.campnazareth.org>

### **Facebook:**

<http://facebook.comacroddiocese>

### **Twitter:**

<http://twitter.com/acrodnews>

### **You Tube:**

<http://youtube.com/archdiocese>

## Hymns of the Day

### **Tropar Tone 8 in the 4th Tone**

You came to earth from heaven, O Gracious One. You allowed Yourself to be in the grave for three days, that we might be freed from our passions, O Lord, our life and our resurrection: Glory to You!

### **Kondak Tone 8 in the 1st Tone**

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! You raised the dead when You arose from the grave, You restored Adam, and Eve rejoices in Your Resurrection. Since You have risen from the dead, O Merciful One, there is celebration throughout all the world.

# 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

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy 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 friends of Christ love all truly but are not themselves loved by all; the friends of the world neither love all nor are loved by all. The friends of Christ persevere in love to the end; the friends of the world persevere only until they fall out with each other over some worldly thing.

### ***St. Maximos the Confessor***

*Fourth Century on Love no. 98, The Philokalia Vol. 2 edited by Palmer, Sherrard and Ware; Faber and Faber pg. 113, Fourth Century*

One should love every man from the soul, but one should place one's hope only in God and serve Him with all one's strength.

### ***St. Maximos the Confessor***

*Fourth Century on Love no. 95, The Philokalia Vol. 2 edited by Palmer, Sherrard and Ware; Faber and Faber pg. 112, 4th Century*

## Saints and Feasts



**July 24**

### **Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre**

Saint Christina was from Tyre in Syria, the daughter of a pagan named Urban. Enlightened in her heart to believe in Christ, she broke her father's idols, made of gold and silver, and distributed the pieces to the poor. When her father learned this, he punished her ruthlessly, then cast her into prison. The rulers subjected her to imprisonments, hunger, torments, the cutting off of her breasts and tongue, and finally impalement, in the year 200, during the reign of the Emperor Septimius Severus.

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# Calendar

## Calendar

August 6 to August 21, 2017

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### Sunday, August 6

9:30AM Outdoor Divine Liturgy

11:00AM Birthdays

11:30AM Last Day of school supplies drive

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### Saturday, August 12

8:30AM St. Nektarios Monastery Trip

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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.