

# Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

(Protection of the Theotokos)

242 Sunset Drive

Corning, New York [14830](http://www.us-oc.org)

( A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate)



**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

*Divine Liturgy*

*Panachida memory of Victims of  
Sandy Hook School Massacre*

*Potluck Coffee Social*

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

*Great Vespers/Litya Feast of Saint Nicholas*

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**Divine Liturgy Feast of Saint Nicholas**

*Panachida memory of +Michael Sovich  
offered by Father & Pani*

**Sunday School Program Feast of Saint Nicholas**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

*Vespers*

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

*Divine Liturgy*

*Panachida memory of Paul Mertus offered by Church Council*

## Parish Information

### Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am

Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm

**Winter Vespers: 4:00pm**

### Mailing Address:

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Painted Post, NY 14870

### Contact:

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Chuck Coons, Parish President/Cantor

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### Church Website:

[Saintmarysorthodoxchurchcorning.org](http://Saintmarysorthodoxchurchcorning.org)

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## 25th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Commemorating  
Venerable Stephen the New

**Tone 8**

**Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6**

**Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

Liturgical Color: PURPLE



# December Pot Luck & Pantry TODAY!

Due to St. Nicholas Celebration on 12/18

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.

*Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society*

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE



Month of **DECEMBER** *MARY LEONARD*

Month of *January* *Helen Revelas*

## LOTS OF LUCK CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Lots of Luck Calendars for 2017 have arrived. The calendars offer a chance to win a cash prize based on the Pennsylvania Lottery every week. Cost of a calendar is \$25 and is sponsored by the National ACRY.

See Pani Joan in the hall after Divine Liturgy to get yours!

### ***Denise Topichak Update!***

*The Topichak family has notified me that Denise is doing very well with her recovery and rehab from knee replacement surgery. She thanks everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards and looks forward to being in church and seeing everyone soon.*

### **John Cowherd Update!**

John Cowherd is now residing at the Falls Home in Montour Falls.

His address is:

**Mr. John Cowherd  
The Falls Home, Room 117  
111 Schuyler Street  
Montour Falls, New York 14865  
Tel: 607-525-7185**

## LOADS OF CHRISTMAS LOVE



This year's family in need has asked for the most basic essentials for Christmas, clean clothes. Please bring donations of detergent, fabric softener, any essentials or gift cards to local stores to purchase these items. A laundry basket will be in the hall until December 20 for your donations. If you prefer, you can give monetary donations to Diane R. and we will pick up the items.

*This week's Bulletin and Eternal Light is sponsored by*

**MILLIE SOSONKA**

*In memory of her father*

**JACOB KURYLLO**

*May his memory be Eternal!*

*Vichnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

### **THANK YOU!**



*A total of **39 pairs** of shoes were given to The Rainbow of Hope Animal Shelter in their Fall campaign to raise funds to help man's best friend maintain good health.*

Dec 11	Anna McKane
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Dec 13	Mary Benyo
Dec 14	Nancy Coons
Dec 14	Stanley Lewek
Dec 14	Diane Rodrigues
Dec 14	Chase Mackiewicz
Dec 23	Natasha Haiova/McKane
Dec 29	Myra Svydenko

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES

God grant Your servants

Good health, Happiness and Salvation

For many blessed years!

Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



## **HUNGER AND Thirst for Righteousness....**

*“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Mt 5:6)*

*Strictly speaking, this beatitude of the Lord blesses, not the righteous, but the seekers of righteousness. It is those who are hungry and thirsty for what is just and good who receive the blessings of God, who also says:*

*Do not be anxious, saying “What shall we eat? Or What shall we wear?” For the heathen seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and its righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well (Mt 6:31-33).*

*Man’s life consists in seeking, in hungering, and in thirsting for righteousness. This is the spiritual teaching of the scriptures and the saints. The satisfaction and rest comes from God, but is a satisfaction and rest which itself always and for eternity becomes the basis of a new hunger and thirst. This is not in contradiction to Christ’s teaching that **“he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst”** (John 6:35). It is rather the affirmation that the “inquiet” of man’s heart, as St. Augustine (5th c.) has said, is created “toward God,” and the “rest” which is found in Him is itself, as St. Maximus \*7th c.) has said, and “ever-dynamic rest,” always growing and developing in ever greater union with the uncontainable and inexhaustible richness and fullness of divine being and life.*

*St. Gregory of Nyssa (4th c.) said it this way:*

*... the human mind...constantly flowing and dispersing to whatever pleases the senses...will never have any notable force in its progress towards the True Good (i.e. God). For it is impossible for our human nature ever to stop moving; it has been made of its Creator ever to keep changing. Hence, when we prevent it from using its energy on trifles, and keep it on all sides from doing what it should not, it must necessarily move in a straight path towards truth (on Virginity). Thus, in a certain sense, it (our humanity) is constantly being created, ever changing for the better in its growth in perfection; along these lines no limit can be envisaged, nor can its progressive growth in perfection be limited by any term. In this way, in its state of perfection, no matter how great and perfect it may be, it is merely the beginning of a greater and superior stage (Commentary on the Song of Songs).*

*This spiritual teaching means that the truly spiritual person will not merely move from unrighteousness to righteousness, but will move for all eternity in God to ever-greater righteousness and perfection. The hunger and thirst in this way is an essential characteristic of the living soul of the righteous person; it is the essential dynamic of spiritual life. The Apostle Paul has given this very doctrine:*



## **HUNGER AND Thirst for Righteousness....**

*...But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Let those of us who are mature be thus minded...(Phil 3:13-16).*

*And we all, with unveiled faces, reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the spirit (2 Cor 3:18).*

*There is no satisfaction for man's spirit but God. It is the satisfaction of perpetual growth in union with God. To hunger and thirst for God, "for the living God" (ps 42:2) is spiritual life. To be filled and contented with anything else is death for the soul.*

*Very Rev. Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko THE ORTHODOX FAITH Vol #4 Spirituality*

### **Mary Benyo update:**

*Mary has now returned to her home in Big Flats from her visit in Ohio. I saw Mary on Thursday and she told me to thank all of you for your many prayers, cards, and good wishes and that she misses all of you.*

*Mary, Steve and Barb wish all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!*

*Father Dan*

### **THANK YOU.....**

*Irene Revelas (Helen's Mom) for offering the Prosphora (Lamb) used in this morning's Divine Liturgy.*

*May God bless her for thoughtfulness and grant her many blessed years of good health, happiness and salvation!*

*In Christ,*

*Father Dan*

**Today's Panachida** commemorates the 4th Anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012. Six Faculty and twenty students, all under the age of 9 years old lost their lives in this horrible tragedy, occurring only days from the Christmas Holiday.

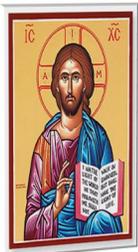
O Lord give your servants of Sandy Hook Elementary School rest in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob where there is no pain, no suffering but life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom! May their memory be Eternal! Vichnaja Pamjat!

## 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 Saturdays or Sundays. Consult Father for scheduling. Two Godparents 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; Protopresbyter Ronald Hazuda; Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; 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; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu; Marge Morse; Mary Benyo; Karen Fuller; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Kathleen Petrochko; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Gary Herrlich; Art Gallant; Roland Doucette, Olga Breyan  
Jonathan Share and all members of our Armed Forces  
serving our country at home and abroad!