

SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

(PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS)
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2015



2nd Sunday before Nativity

*Commemorating the Holy Forefathers,
the Patriarchs*

Epistle: Colossians 3:4:11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Tone: 5

Liturgical Color: PURPLE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 27

9:30am Divine Liturgy
Panachida in memory of +Paul Mertus offered by
the Officers and Church Council

Friday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
9:00am Annual Parastas +Charles &
+Anna Havalchak; +Andrew Minchie offered by
the Havalchak Family

Wednesday, January 6

9:00a Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

7:00pm Nativity Vigil of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Thursday, January 7

9:00am Divine Liturgy
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Friday, January 8

9:00am Divine Liturgy
Synaxis of the Theotokos

Saturday, January 9

9:00am Divine Liturgy
Feast of Protomartyr Stephen
4:00pm Great Vespers/ Confessions

St. Mary's Orthodox Church Council Meeting - December 6, 2015

Members Present: Chuck Coons, Rodney Kerrick, Ted Kerrick, Helen Revelas, Diane Rodiigues, Nancy Gabel, Gloria Ewsuk, Mary Leonaid, Carol Telehany Also Present: Father Dan The meeting was opened with a prayer at 11:47 AM. Chuck requested a motion to accept the minutes of October 4, 2015. A motion was made by Diane and seconded by Gloria. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Priest Report: Father Dan has visited all the shut-ins since our last meeting and all are doing well. There have been no additions to our shut-in list since the last council meeting. There have been no deaths since the last meeting.

Financial Report: Rodney presented the financial report for the third quarter.

Income Summary: Income was budgeted to be \$48,396.00 and was actually \$56,302.72 resulting in a variance of \$7,906.72.

- Annual dues through the 3rd quarter continued to be over the budgeted amount by \$1,985.00 (\$870.00 of which was from prior year).
- • Altar gift donations were \$ 160.00 more than budgeted.
- • Income for cemetery maintenance is over budget by \$700.00.
- • Envelope donations continue to be over budget by \$2,444.73.
- • Flower donations were \$144.96 over the budgeted amount. • Fundraising events brought in \$2,678.15 more than budgeted.
- Expense Summary: Expenses through the 3rd quarter continue to be less than the budgeted amount by \$3,405.46 with \$53,497.26 actual expenses versus \$56,903.72.
- • Rectory utilities are remaining below budget by \$722.43. • Church utilities are below budget by \$ 1,651.25.
- • Rectory and Church-Hall maintenance was under budget by \$2,223.12. • Mowing and snow removal was under budget by \$591.00 (may have outstanding invoices).
- • Insurance' including workers compensation' was over budget by \$192.10 (7%).
- • Anniversary Commemoration Journal, which was not budgeted in 2015, had a cost of \$2,521.00. (This expense was probably budgeted in 2014). Conclusion: Through September 30th, the financials concerning the operation of the church was budgeted to be negative

by \$8,506.72 and was actually positive by \$2,805.46 resulting in a variance of \$11,312.18.

Burns-Matteson Meeting: Chuck reported on the Burns-Matteson meeting. There is \$225,000 in cash that was set aside for the property purchase and construction startup. Since this has not yet happened. Bill Burns suggested opening an on-line savings account that would pay a guaranteed higher yield than it is currently getting, and be federally insured.

Altar Society:

Mary presented the Altar Society report.

- The baking is completed.
- • The pill bottle collection continues.
- • Shoe drive also continues, box is in the hall.
- • Members attended Silent Movie at the Clemens Center. • Christmas card sale has started
- • A Christmas family has been chosen.
- • Christmas cards are being collected to send to Jonathan Share. • Food Pantry box collection continues.
- • The account balance in the Altar Society account is approximately \$3,168.00. Old Business
- • The audit for 2014 has been completed by Joyce Merletti, Katerina and Dan Hulme. The auditors suggested a better documentation process as some receipts were missing and some transfers were not properly identified. Overall a good audit. The Council discussed the reinstatement of the expense form to better document the purpose of the expense as well as attaching a receipt to the form.
- Copier: • Father Dan reported on the copier. For the last month our copier has been down more the running because of paper jamming. Copy Source in Towanda, PA services our machine. A new copier would be around \$4,000, but the company has a machine that was returned by a company that went out of business that is only a year old. The cost would be less than \$2000. The maintenance agreement on the current copier was just extended for a year. It was decided that since we have a budget surplus this year it would be a good time to purchase the machine. Motion by Helen to authorize up to \$2000 for the purchase, with the provision that the company transfer the maintenance agreement to the new machine. Second by Mary.

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New Business Audit: • Chuck requested a vote to approve the audit. The motion would include reinstating the expense form for reimbursement for all expenses. A receipt would be required. All transfer of funds should also be documented effective January 1". Helen made a motion and it was seconded by Gloria. All in favor.

Annual Meeting: • Chuck requested a motion to set the date for the Annual Meeting. Ted made a motion to set the date for January 31, 2016. It was seconded by Mary. All approved.

2016 Diocesan Sobor: • Father Dan reported that the 2016 Diocesan Sobor will be held in Johnstown, PA beginning Sunday, October 9, 2016 through Wednesday, October 12, 2016 with His Grace, Bishop Gregory presiding. Full details along with SOBOR materials will be issued to each parish after January 2, 2016. We will need to add a line item for the 2016 Budget for this purpose.

Parish Dyptics-Death Records: • Father Dan has started to update our paper records of all deaths into a database. It is a huge task but will make it much easier to search for names of those who were buried throughout the years by our former and current pastors in our cemetery or elsewhere. Approximately 267 names have been recorded thus far.

On-line Savings Account: • Chuck asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of Bill Bums to create an on-line checking account for the building project. Helen made a motion and it was seconded by Diane. All in favor. Chuck asked Rodney to contact Bill for details.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee: • Chuck is planning a meeting for the new cemetery committee member before the Annual Meeting.

Open Discussion • Helen suggested to start running the water in the kitchen sink once the weather gets cold to avoid frozen pipes this winter.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1:50 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Telehany Secretary



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 Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; V. Rev. John Udics; Deacon Robert Kuchta; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soroparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Orestes Mihaly; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Mertus Family; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Denise Topichak; William Palslowsky; Rebecca Cooper; George Officer; Anamarie Kingsbury; Linda Benza; Carol Pierson; Baby Madeline; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich; Karen Kluchonic

All members of our Armed Forces serving our country at home and abroad

Through faith, O Christ, You justified the Patriarchs, for through them You made a commitment to a Church with Gentiles. These Saints are glorified because from them descends the Virgin who gave You birth.

Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us..

Tropar of the Holy Fathers

You did not worship a man-made image, O Thrice-Blessed Youths but were glorified in the test of fire, protected by a power beyond description. From searing flames you cried out to God, saying "Hasten to help us, O Merciful Lord, for in Your greatness You can do whatever You will.

Kondak Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs

*Among His priest were Aaron and Moses;
Among those who invoked His name was Samuel*

2016 SUMMER CAMP

Week #1 July 17 ~ July 23, 2016 Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington Deaneries

Week #2 July 24 ~ July 30, 2016 New England, NY, NJ, Florida, and Canada Deaneries

Week #3 July 31 ~ Aug 6, 2016 Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A WEEK OF FUN!



Sunday of the Forefathers

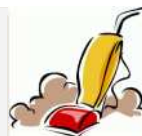
Commemorated on December 13/27

The Sunday that falls between December 11 -17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

ARE YOUR 2015 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS CURRENT?????

Please check your records to see if you are current on your Financial Obligations!

It is the end of the year! Why not start the NEW YEAR with a clean slate!



Church Cleaning

Thank you to the many volunteers who help throughout the year to maintain a beautiful church. We are in need of new volunteers. If you are willing to help, please see Mary Leonard or Carol Telehany. A few hours, one month of

Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our Fathers

And glorious forever is Your Name!



Office of the Bishop

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Protocol No. 21/2015

CHRISTMAS ARCHPASTORAL LETTER

December 25, 2015 /January 7, 2016

CHRIST IS BORN!

GLORIFY HIM!

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you with great joy and love in the Name of our Incarnate Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I give thanks to Almighty God by whose grace we have been given the opportunity to celebrate the Birth of His Son. Looking around, we still see hatred, mistrust, violence, suffering, and the absence of peace in our world. This reality of life in this world makes us cry out for God's help, assistance and intervention.

The holy gift of God's Son at Christmas reveals to us His love and care for all humanity. As human beings, we are awed by the miracle of God becoming man: the divine glory revealed in a child born in poor circumstances, the omnipotent Creator a little baby in His Mother's arms. Indeed on this night the Redeemer becomes one of us, as St. John Chrysostom says, He took on our flesh to make us holy, and gave us His Spirit so that we can be reconciled with our Creator and enter into eternal life with Him.

Therefore as we celebrate the miracle of His Birth, let kindness come with every gift, and compassion, forgiveness and love with every greeting. Let us beautify our hearts with prayer and charity, so that all people may enter into the joy of the Feast of the Nativity with us. Let us give our families and friends the lasting gift of forgiveness and reconciliation. Let us pray for one another, that we may forget about our own concerns and truly love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us worship the One who came from the highest heaven to dwell with us on earth, raising us from this world into the Kingdom of God.

Today may all of us, Priests, Panis, Deacons, Subdeacons, Readers, Parish Officers, Parishioners, Friends, and Supporters of our God-protected American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese experience the joy and wonders of the Shepherds and the awe and respect of the Three Wise Men at the arrival of the Messiah, our new born King. Christ is Born!

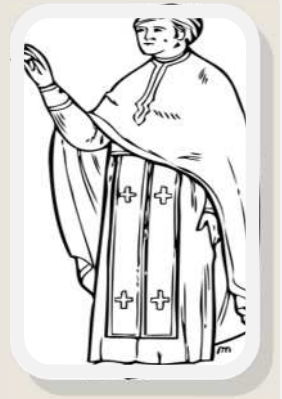
Greetings from Johnstown with much love,

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A.
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

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 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.

OUR SHUT-INS

Here is a list of our Shut-ins along with their mailing address. Please send them a card or note for the holiday season letting them know you are thinking of them. I am sure they will appreciate it:

Mrs. Mary Benyo

c/o Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Benyo
10 Kahler Road South
Elmira, New York 14903-7910

Mrs. Victoria Kozey

Corning Center for Health & Rehabilitation
205 East First Street, Rm #326
Corning, New York 14830

Ms. Helen Molson

229 Sunset Drive
Corning, New York 14830

Mrs. Margaret Morse

8844 Curtis Road
Campbell, New York 14821

Mrs. Joyce Nissen

479 South Hamilton Street
Painted Post, New York 14870

Mrs. Kathleen Petrochko

10 Burnside Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Mr. Stanley Lewek

3095 Hickock Road
Corning, New York 14830

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia!