

July 1, 2018



July 4, 2018  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
AMERICA!**

# Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

## Newsletter

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE



*Sunday, July 1, 2018*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy  
Panachida memory of +Michael Mahler offered by  
Father & Pani*



*Wednesday, July 4, 2018*

***INDEPENDENCE DAY ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!***

*Friday, July 6, 2018*

*5:00pm Vesperal Liturgy Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

*Saturday, July 7, 2018*

*5:00pm Vespers/Confession*

*Sunday, July 8, 2018*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy*

*40th Day Panachida memory of +Paul Rodrigues offered by Helen Molson  
Coffee Social*

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## Epistle Reading

### The Reading is from Romans 10:1-10

Brethren,

My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

### *Gospel Reading*

The Reading is from  
St. Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

Let us attend,

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd

of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



On Wednesday we celebrate the birthday of our country, The United States of America, 242 years ago, Our country was founded on the principles of freedom for all, the right to pursue our dreams and ambitions and the right to worship God without the fear of persecution or arrest with justice and fairness for all.

The principles that our country has been built have stood strong for 240+ years and continue to do so over the many challenges they faced and the new challenges they continue to face now and in the future. America in the face of all of its challenges, weaknesses IS and WILL be for generations to come the greatest land in the world.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to watch over us, to grant us, the United States of America His peace, harmony and love for many more years!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!**

Father Dan



## **LIVING HOPE**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see him, yet believing you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end/outcome of your faith—the salvation of souls. (1Pet 1:3-9)*

*God has “begotten us again,” as St. Peter reminds us, into a new birth and new life.,—not the merely-biological one, but the one full of “living hope,” sustained by the power of God and through faith. Whose faith? God’s and ours. That is to say, through His undying, death-trampling faith in us, and our faithful response to His, as we entrust ourselves to His grace, even as we undergo “various trials.” These “trials” help us, ever-so-gradually, to “give up” or “surrender”*

*our faith in this-and-that to a faith in God, and to “return to wholeness” (i.e., “be saved”) in Oneness with Him. Because receiving “salvation” means turning away from a fragmented and fragmenting faith in the multifarious voices (in our head, and around us), and embracing harmony with the one voice with one voice and will of God.*

*Let me let God “beget” me “again” today, to a “living hope,” more real and reliable than the merely-human and merely-biological realities of my here and now. Let me open my heart this morning, to the “abundant mercy” God is able and willing to share with me., as I follow His Son on the light-bringing, death-trampling, cross-carrying journey, in my more-precious-than-gold– faith in Him. Help us to believe in You today, Lord, as You believe in us, that we may be “whole” in You.*



# The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers

By Stanley S. Harakas

## INCENSE

**Q:** *What is the meaning and purpose of incensing?*

**A:** *Incense is produced by burning gums or resins on charcoal. Most often, these natural substances which are obtained by cutting the trunks of certain trees (such as pine), are mixed with perfumed oils, so that the smoke which they produce is aromatic. In the Old Testament, we read of the preparation and use of incense (Exodus 30:34-38), In the 141st Psalm we read, "Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice." In the New Testament, the priest was offering incense in the temple (Luke 1:49). We also note that one of the gifts given to the baby Jesus was incense (Matthew 2:11). During the first years of Christianity, incense was not used in worship because the pagans made widespread use of it in their worship. The "offering of incense" to Caesar as god was, in fact, the occasion for many early Christian martyrdoms. This rejection of the use of incense in worship because of pagan connections is found in the writings of such early Christians as Clement of Alexandria and Arnobius. However, it seems that idolatrous persecutions, the biblical tradition of the use of incense returned to the life of the worship in the Church. Thus, in a very real way the prophetic words of Malachi, in the Old Testament, and Revelation in the New Testament were fulfilled in the Church's worship: "From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among nations, and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among nations,*

*says the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 1:11); "Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints from the hand of the angel before God" (Revelation 8:5). This use of incense precedes very dramatic and important events. So it is in the Church's worship, that incensing usually precedes important liturgical events: incensing for instance, takes place just before the Great Entrance in the Divine Liturgy; it*

### Why Incense?

*often is used as part of processions; as part of funeral processions; just before the blessing at the "Artoklasia," or "Bread Blessing Service," etc. Incense stands were used in the early Church. A very early one (first Christian centuries) is found in the Museum of Mannheim in West Germany. The most ancient portable censer of the type of which we are familiar in the Orthodox Church is dated to the 4th or 5th century and is located in the Trier in West Germany, a site of ancient Roman ruins. In the pagan world, the censuring of important persons such as the emperor, was a way by which honor was attributed to them. So one of the means of the use of incense was to indicate that the person or object censed is honored. The priest or deacon censures the Bishop (or his throne), the icons of Christ and the Saints, the altar, and the people. But the most important significance of incense use in worship is that it symbolizes our prayers rising heavenward to God, both representing and provoking them. The Bible itself, gives us this understanding, speaking of "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8).*

# July Birthdays/Anniversaries



## BIRTHDAYS

July 5 *Nadia Powers*

July 8 *Josh Powers*

July 8 *Michael Herrlich*

July 16 *Alexia H.*

July 16 *Elaine Kerrick*

July 28 *Jerry Leonard*

July 30 *Paul Topichak*

## ANNIVERSARIES

July 12 *Stan & Nancy Lewek*

July 15 *Vlad & Myra Svyrydenko*

*O God, grant your servants celebrating their special day good health, happiness for many blessed*



## 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; Very Rev. John Baranik; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Father James Worthington and Family Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ral-phaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Ro-manchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Vasyl & Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula; Art Gallant; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Joyce Nissen; Chelsea Roman; Gloria Ewsuk; Andrew Chudanic; Tammy Pierson; Jeanne Zimmer; Denise Topichak; Linda Sambursky; John Cowherd; Raymond Corbett

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Tyler Colburn serving in the United States Army; Douglas Linsey 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.

# Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue Shoe Drive



*We are still collecting your “OLD” shoes to benefit the Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue in Big Flats.*

*It’s easy to help by giving your ‘old’ shoes a new life and helping man’s ‘best’ friend a better life.*

*Bring your ‘old’ shoes to Church and give them to Pani Joan!*



This week’s bulletin and Eternal Light is sponsored by

***Gary & Carole Herrlich***

*In honor of sons*

***Bryan and Michael Herrlich***

*On their birthdays*

***Father Dan & Pani Joan***

*In memory of son*

***+Michael Mahler***

*God grant your servant good health, happiness and salvation for many blessed years!*

# SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
9:30am Divine Liturgy Pan. Mem +Michael M Coffee Social/Birthdays			<b>Independence Day</b>		5pm Vesperal Lit Nativity of St John the Baptist	5pm Vespers/Confessions	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
9:30am Divine Liturgy 40 <sup>th</sup> Day Panachida mem of +Paul R Coffee Social			5:pm Vesperal Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul	Ss Peter & Paul Feast <b>NO LITURGY</b>		5:pm Vespers/Confessions	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
9:30am Divine Liturgy Potluck Coffee Social/Pantry						5pm Vespers/Confessions	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
9:30am Divine Liturgy Panachida mem +Paul R Church Council Meeting <b>CAMPERS LEAVE FOR CAMP NAZARETH</b>						5pm Vespers/Confessions Campers return from Camp Nazareth	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
9:30am Divine Liturgy Coffee Social							
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