

Special points of interest:

- Epistle Reading
Hebrews 13:7-16
- Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13
- Tone: 8
- Liturgical Color: Green

July 29, 2018

61 Canada Road
Painted Post, NY 14870

**Schedule for Week***Sunday, July 29, 2018*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Coffee Social*

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

5:00pm Vespers Liturgy Prophet Elijah

Saturday, August 4, 2018

5:00pm Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, August 5, 2018

*9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social*

Sunday, August 12, 2018

*9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social*

*Tuesday, August 14, 2018****DORMITION FAST BEGINS*****WELCOME!**

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While **Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Coffee Social afterward.

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Epistle Reading: Hebrews 7:7-17

Brethren,

It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with the tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."



Gospel Reading The St. John 17:1-13

Let us attend,

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify you Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have give him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers

By Stanley S. Harakas

Q: What was the first religion established and when was this done?

A: Your question can be answered two ways. In response to the literal meaning of your question, the answer is the first religion was established by God in Eden with Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel as the first church members. The first parents were in a relationship of blessing and obedience; the first children made sacrificial offerings. But I think your question is in fact, “which is the first Christian church established in Christ?” The way we Orthodox answer that question is as follows: If you were to look at all churches in existence today, there is only one which has retained full historical, doctrinal, canonical, liturgical and spiritual continuity with the church established by Jesus Christ. That church is the Orthodox Church. You may find the following passage from a writing of St. Irenaeus, who lived from about 130 to 200 A.D. Illustrative of this perspective: “The true gnosis is the doctrine of the Apostles, and the ancient organization of the church, throughout the world,

and the manifestation of the body of Christ according to the successions of bishops, by which successions the bishops have handed down to the Church which is found everywhere; and the very complete tradition of the Scriptures,

which have come down to us by being guarded against falsification, and which are received without addition or deletion, and reading without falsification, and legitimate and diligent exposition according to the Scriptures, without danger and without blasphemy, and the pre-eminent gift of love,

which is more precious than knowledge, more glorious than prophecy, and more honorable than all the other charismatic gifts” (Against Heresies, 4,33,18).

**When was
Religion
First
Established?**

*CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!*

COFFEE with SISTER VASSA



SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

“The word of God came to Elijah the Tishbite in the third year of the reign of Ahab, saying “Go, and show yourself to Ahab; and I will bring rain upon the face of the earth.’ And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah, that he said to him, ‘Are you he that troubles Israel?’ And Elijah said ‘I do not trouble Israel, but it is you and your father’s house, in that you forsook the Lord God, and you followed after Baal...’” (1 (3) Kings 18:17-18.

The great Prophet Elijah, celebrated August 2 (OC), speaks truth to power,—to power both political and religious. Because at that time, the king determined not only the politics, but also the religion of his people. I’m not the trouble-maker, Elijah says to Ahab,—you are! So direct is Elijah, while being a “nobody” within the power-structures of his time; while having no “official” power himself. He “only” had “the Word of God,” Who “came to Elijah” and spoke to the prophet alone.

I’m wondering who the “prophetic” voices are today, who speak truth to trouble-makers in power. They could be any “nobody” within the power-structures of our time. They could even be non-Christian, as was Caiaphas, in John 11:50, when he said of the chief priests and other religious authorities gathered around him, “You do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for

the people, and that the whole nation should not perish.” As St. John the Evangelist notes here, “He (Caiaphas) did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation..” (John 11:51).

Let me be attentive today, also to the voices of “nobodies” within our power-structures, if/when they speak truth from untraditional places. Because at times, “the words of the prophets” can even be “written on the subway walls,” as the prophetic voice of Paul Simon reminds us,—at times when our power-structures offer us only “the sound of silence,” with regard to the truth of a matter. Holy glorious Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!





***Rainbow of Hope
Animal Shelter
SHOE DRIVE!
KEEP UP THE GOOD
WORK!***

*We have collected 44 pairs of shoes
for the drive to date!*

*Keep your closet 's clean without
your 'OLD" shoes that you know
longer need and help man's **BEST**
friend at the same time!*

*It's EASY, just bring them to the
Church Vestibule and leave them!*

Any questions see Pani!

**WEEKLY
BULLETIN/ETERNAL LIGHT
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If you would like to sponsor the Weekly Bulletin and/or Eternal Light in honor of memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please give your information to Father via note or email to **carpathianpriest@gmail.com** .

You may call Father at 962-5285

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PARASTAS SERVICE

A Parastas service (memorial service) will be offered (as scheduled) before Vespers on Saturday afternoons beginning at 4:30pm.

If you would like to have a Parastas served in memory of a loved one, please let Father know so it can be scheduled. You may call him at 962-5285 or email him at carpathianpriest@gmail.com .



St. Mary's Orthodox Church

Un-Official Council Meeting – July 22, 2018

Members Present: Chuck Coons, Rodney Kerrick, Nancy Gabel, Don Kakretz, Ted Kerrick, Mary Leonard, Carol Telehany and Diane Rodrigues

Members Absent: Jill Mertus

Also In Attendance: Father Dan, Carole Herrlich, Joyce Merletti

The meeting was opened at 11:25 with a prayer. Chuck requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by Nancy and was seconded by Mary. The minutes were unanimously approved with Diane abstaining as she was not present at this meeting.

Priest Report:

Father Dan has visited the shut-ins and all seem to be doing okay.

The only change in status was John Cowherd was recently relocated from a facility in Montour Falls to the Corning Center on East First Street.

There are no deaths to report at this time.

Financial Report:

Rodney presented the financial report.

Chemung Canal Trust	06/30/18	03/31/18	Change
Operating Fund	11,931.43	6,797.16	5,134.27
Church Building Fund	35,810.59	38,559.53	-2,748.94
Cemetery Fund	25.00	25.00	0.00
Church School	2,808.70	2,639.70	169.00
Mission Fund	2,148.78	2,108.78	40.00
Total Value	52,724.50	50,130.17	2,594.33

Charles Schwab	06/30/18	03/31/18	Change
Operating Invest Acct	53,768.97	51,085.16	2,683.81
Building Fund	53,021.14	53,422.50	-401.36
Restricted Bldg. Fund	25,000.25	25,000.00	0.25
Altar Society Bldg. Fund	15,710.73	14,868.73	842.00
Cemetery Account	63,928.67	63,030.11	898.56
Total Value	211,429.76	207,406.50	4,023.26

Rectory (Cost Basis)	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00
Canada Rd. Church & Rectory	600,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
Grand Total	1,009,154.26	702,536.67	306,617.59

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Transfers for 2nd Qtr. from Operating Account:

*Transfers made after above balances.

To Building Fund:	\$4,765.00
To Mission Fund:	75.00
To Church School:	170.00
January – June Birthday Bags	\$245.00
January – June Food Pantry	<u>\$254.00</u>
Total from Operating Fund	<u>\$5,509.00</u>

Variance Report:

Income Summary: Income through July 15th was 41,278 vs. the budgeted income of 39,853 resulting in a positive variance of 1,425.

Annual dues have been great and over budget by 1,487.

Candle donations were 3,390 with a budgeted amount of 2,867; over by 523 dollars.

Income for cemetery maintenance is over budget by 1,080 dollars.

Envelopes were 24,289 and are under the budgeted amount of 22,910 by 1,777.

Coffee Hour brought in 400, under budget amount by 80 dollars.

The tag sale to date has brought in 225 dollars.

Expense Summary: Expenses through July 15th were 45,820 vs. budgeted expenses of 48,924 resulting in a variance of 3,104.

Rectory at Chatfield expenses were 6,701 vs. budgeted 6,017 – over by 684.

Canada Road rectory expenses were over budget by 708.

Canada Road church and hall are over budget by 567.

Chatfield rectory has 1,000 budgeted which we have not yet incurred.

Insurance cost (worker comp and liability) were under budget by 380.

All mowing is under budget by 2,505.

Worship support, which includes candle and liturgical supply cost was over budget by 611 - mainly due to candle purchasing.

Pastoral support and medical insurances were under budget by 270.

Conclusion: Through July 15, 2018 we were budgeted to have a loss of 9,071 whereas we had an actual loss of 4,541 resulting in a positive variance of 4,530.

Altar Society Report:

Mary stated there is no report. No Altar Society activity at this time.

Old Business

Construction Update: Chuck reported on the construction update.

The company contacted to do the dome repair will be doing the repair in the next several weeks.

Repairs are being done on the Chatfield Place rectory.

Nancy will have Father Dan place a notice in the bulletin regarding items available for donation.

Chuck discussed a copy of a plan for construction going forward that was prepared by Dan Hulme. It was well received by the council members. This plan lists everything that needs to be done to complete the work on the entire site. In regard to the plan list, it was also suggested to start a “Buy an Hour Campaign” to help with the costs of the construction. If parishioners can't do the work they could buy an hour of a contractor's charges.

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New Business

Joyce Merletti discussed her research for the iconostasis which included if Amish people could do this or if we would have to go out of the area for someone to build it.

Father Dan reported that our neighbors, Michael and Robin Clarke have donated a new wheel chair to our parish which will make it a lot easier for our parishioners with mobility issues to come to church and also will be of great value to our parishioners in an emergency while waiting for first responders to arrive.

A Parastas (memorial service) is now being offered on Saturdays at 4:30 PM prior to Vespers and will be served as they are requested. Anyone wishing to have this memorial service should contact Father Dan.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Report:

Carole Herrlich reported for the cemetery committee. The annual cemetery appeal letter was included in the May 13th bulletin to parishioners and others who are on the distribution list.

85 letters along with a self-addressed envelope and a donation form were mailed via postal service.

13 donations received from church members.

34 donations received from the 85 letters mailed.

\$1,435 was received from church members.

\$2,795 was received from the 85 letters mailed.

\$50 contribution to Burns and Matteson Cemetery Investment Fund.

The total contributions were \$4,280.

Support is lacking from families who have immediate family buried in the cemetery. How do we encourage more support?

Grave Stone Cleaning:

5 families have contracted to have gravestone cleaning by Haughey Memorial (16 stones)

The main cemetery monument and cemetery sign will be cleaned. This will be paid for from cemetery maintenance fund.

Complaints about weed killer or vegetation killer have been received. This was sprayed around the stones and also between the stones.

Large shrub under the sign has been trimmed by a donor.

The committee needs to finish the work that was started in 2003. We will need to set up a legal trust. The cemetery rules and regulations booklet needs to be reviewed and distributed.

There are improvements needed at the cemetery. There are trees that need to be trimmed at the St. Peter and Paul section of the cemetery. However, after discussion, it needs to be determined who owns this part of the cemetery and who is responsible for the trimming. Chuck noted that according to assessor records an individual is receiving a tax bill for this property. That person will need to be contacted by the cemetery committee.

The vines along the fence are also on property owned by persons living on Brown Road. If the vines are not being trimmed by the new owner of this property, they will need to be contacted. The previous owner did keep the vines trimmed.

The storage building needs maintenance. There is rotted wood that needs replacement and the building needs to be painted or sided.

A clarification needs to be made between cemetery maintenance donation and annual appeal donation.

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Church Cleaning:

Nancy stated that with our new facility there is difficulty in one person doing the cleaning. She volunteered to research hiring someone or a cleaning company to do the cleaning on a monthly basis.

There being no further business to discuss, Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mary. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05PM. Father Dan closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Telehany, Secretary

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Joyce, Carole, and Nancy had the opportunity to meet with the director of the Pregnancy Resource Center, which recently opened an office here in Corning. It is a wonderful program which provides women with an alternative to abortion. This is a very worthwhile community service that our church could support. We are making plans to have a speaker come so that everyone can learn more about the program. We would like to initially support the program by participating in their annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, September 27th at Watson Homestead. We will be reserving a table which seats 8 and are inviting anyone who would be interested in attending. The dinner is complimentary and an opportunity to give a financial gift will be offered. If you would like to attend see Nancy Coons by Sunday August 26th.

Tropar: The Council Fathers

O Christ our God, You are above all praise, for You established our Fathers as light to all the earth. You led us to the true faith through them; O Most Merciful Lord, glory to You.

Kondak of The Council Fathers

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.
The preaching of the Apostles and the decisions of the Fathers have established the true faith of the Church, which she wears as the garment of truth fashioned from the theology on high. She justly governs and glorifies the great mystery of worship.

Tropar of the Holy Prophet Elias

The glorious Elias, incarnate messenger of God, pillar of Prophets, and second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, sent grace from on high to Eliseus that he might cleanse lepers and heal sickness for all those who honor him.

Kondak of the Holy Prophet Elias

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever forever. Amen.
O Prophet who foresaw the mighty deeds of our God, O great Elias, who through your prayers stopped rain, intercede for us with the only One Who loves mankind.

July Birthdays/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

July 28 Jerry Leonard

July 30 Paul Topichak

ANNIVERSARIES

July 29 Mary & Jerry Leonard

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



Church Picnic
Save the Date!
Sunday, August, 12, 2018
12 NOON
(after Sunday Liturgy)

Rain or Shine!

Starts at noon at Gary and Carole Herrlich's Pavilion, 2105 Ellison Road, Corning, for a day of relaxation, fun, great food and great people.

Bring a dish to pass! Don't forget lawn chairs as they are more comfortable than a picnic table bench.

Sign up during Coffee Hour or contact Mary Leonard

All are welcome.
Bring family and friends.

Kids bring fishing pole to fish in the pond. Swimming is also available in pond.

Rain or Shine!



SALVATION ARMY BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

**This SUNDAY
ONLY!**

The Salvation Army Back to School Backpack Program is only a 1 Day drive this year.

Help us **CONTRIBUTE** and help make a difference for the **CHILDREN** of our community.

Items needed include:

- Wide-ruled filler paper
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons
- High lighters
- 3x5 Lined Index Cards
- Blue and Black Pens
- 2" Pink erasers
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks (9x7) with black marbled cover
- Plastic two-pocket folders (not paper)

Walmart and Big Lots have many of these items on sale this week.