

Sunday June 17, 2018

A graphic for Father's Day featuring the words "Happy Father's Day" in large, bold letters. The word "Happy" is in blue, "Father's" is in red, and "Day" is in blue. Three cartoon faces of a smiling man with black hair are integrated into the text: one behind the 'H', one behind the 'F', and one behind the 'D'. The background is a bright yellow circle with a white glow.

Happy Father's Day

As we celebrate Father's Day, let us take a moment to reflect on how our lives were and perhaps still are being influenced by everything they have taught us, everything they have given us throughout the years. They worked hard to keep a roof over our heads, food on the table, and clothes on our backs. They taught us to appreciate a strong work ethic, to maintain a high moral standard and yes, they worked hard to give us a good education. Through all of this, they showed us how to love our family, friends, and neighbors.

To all of our fathers, we say 'thank you!' To our fathers we say 'I love you!'

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant our fathers good health, happiness and salvation! Mnohaja L'ita!

We ask our Lord and God to grant a restful sleep where there is no sickness, pain, or suffering where the saints and righteous repose. May their memory be eternal! Vichnaja Pamjat!

Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

Newsletter



WEEKLY SCHEDULE



Sunday, June 17, 2018

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Panachida memory of Anna Soroparu by Helen Molson

Panachida mem of +Barbara Challenger (*Kuchta*)

Panachida memory of our Fathers on this Fathers' Day

Pantry/Potluck Social

Saturday, June 23, 2018

5:00pm Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, June 24, 2018

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

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Epistle Reading

The Reading is from

Romans 5:1-10

Brethren,

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—through perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows, his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we are saved by his life

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from

St. Matthew 6:22-33

Let us attend,

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light.; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

OUR GRADUATES!

**CORNING/PAINTED POST
HIGH SCHOOL**

KATHERINE (KATIE) MERTUS
*w/ High Honors and enrolled in the
Fall Semester at SUNY-Oneonta*

**INAMORI SCHOOL OF
ENGINEERING
ALFRED UNIVERSITY**

NICHOLAS TOSTANOSKI
*Graduating in the top four
of his class*

SUNY-BROCKPORT

BENJAMIN MERTUS
*and will be attending Ohio State
graduate work in the Fall.*

*The Pastor, Officers, Council
Members and Parishioners of
Saint Mary's Parish are proud of
our graduates and pray that our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ guide
them through life's challenges.*

*Grant your servants good health,
happiness and salvation for many
blessed years! Mnohaja L'ita!*



FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

“When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Mt 10:23-31)

Fear is a God-given gift, the purpose of which is to steer us away from the bad, and toward the good. The “bad” is everything outside the will of our Father, Who knows absolutely everything about our lives (in the past, present, and future), and about us, including the number of hairs on your heads. But we tend to misplace our God-given gift of fear, by fearing “the unknown” (e.g., our financial, professional, and personal state of affairs in

the future), and the “not entirely known” or “confusing” other things beyond our control (like human opinion of, and behavior towards, us).

But our Lord reminds us that there is no such thing as “the unknown,” because all these things are indeed “known” to Him, Who is keeping track of them, even unto every last hair on our little heads, precious to Him. “Fear not, therefore,” I hear my Lord say to me today, even while I “do not know” or sufficiently “understand” everything and everyone in my life. Let me move forward, doing the next right thing according to my God-given responsibilities or vocation, and letting the fear of God liberate me from the crippling, merely-human “fear of the unknown.” Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, O Lord, with all of us today, in Your all-knowing Presence.



The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers

By Stanley S. Harakas

CREED

Q: What is the meaning of the Creed?

A: Creeds are brief statements of the belief of the Church. They exist in Church from New Testament times. The first Christian Creed was "Jesus Christ is Lord." Thus, we read for example in the letter to the Philippians: "Therefore God has highly exalted Him (Jesus) and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Subsequently, other Creeds were formed. The formation of Creeds served the following purposes in the Church's life. The earliest Creeds were used in the baptismal services. They were repeated by the persons about to be baptized as a personal confession of faith. When false teachings began to abound, especially following the recognition of the Church in the 4th century, Ecumenical Councils devised Creeds in order to protect the faithful from false and distorted teachings. Thus, the repetition of the now standard Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, is a verification of one's adherence to the Orthodox faith. This is the Creed, for example, which is repeated at baptisms and at the Divine Liturgy, and at many of the other services of the Orthodox Church. Since the addition to it in the Western Church of the phrase "filioque" (...and the Son) in the clause regarding the procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father, there has been a formal and doctrinal division between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Creed is also used devotionally by Orthodox Christians who repeat it as a personal prayer, as well as a statement of their faith.

Q: The Athanasian Creed reads: "So the Father is God; the Son is God; and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet there are not three Gods, but one God...Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance." Just who was the author of this Creed and is it Western or Eastern in origin?

A: The so-called Athanasian Creed was originally written Latin between 381 and 428 somewhere in the western part of Christendom, and certainly not by St. Athanasius. Several suggestions have been made about the possible author. Some believe it was St. Ambrose, the famous Bishop of Milan (died 397).

As you question indicates, part of the

"So the Father is
God; the Son is
God; The Holy
Spirit is God....

Athanasian Creed deals with the Holy Trinity; the other treats the doctrine of the Incarnation. It differs from the Nicene-

Constantinopolitan Creed used in our Church both in form and style. It includes

condemnations of false teachings and teachers (anathemas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians use it occasionally. It is never used in public worship in the Orthodox Church, though it has appeared as a preface in some liturgical books from the 17th century.

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.

Rainbow of Hope is a not-for-profit animal welfare organization that mostly assists those in the Southern Tier of New York who are either looking to re-home their dogs or looking for assistance with behavior issues or otherwise unaffordable veterinary care.

Rainbow of Hope also run a foster program and adoption service for unwanted dogs and offer referrals for cats whose owners are similarly struggling.

Last years drive resulted in almost 5,000 pairs of shoes being collected and almost 20,000 pairs of shoes being collected in the last two years.

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!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

June 24 Jack Tostanoski

June 30 Bryan Herrlich

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

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 Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; 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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR

JOHN COWHERD

*Corning Center for Rehab &
Health*

205 East 1st Street, Room 325

Corning, NY 14830



Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

June 2018 Liturgica/Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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03		04	05	06	07	08	09
Sunday of All Saints 9:30am Divine Lit Birthdays/Coffee Social						NO VES-PERS TO-DAY!	
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10		11	12	13	14	15	16
Synaxis of Carpatho-Rusyn Saints 9:30am Divine Lit Coffee Social Ladies Altar Soc. Mtg						5:00pm Vespers/Conf	
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17		18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am Divine Lit Potluck Social Pantry			Next Month's Listings Due		5:00pm Vespers/Conf		
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24		25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am Divine Lit Coffee Social						5:00pm Vespers/Conf	
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