

# SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

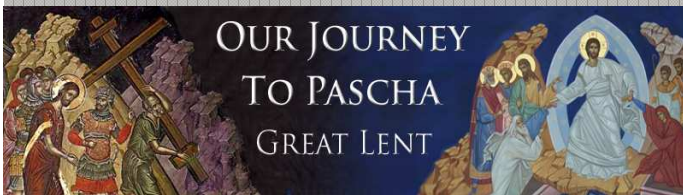
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## SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2015



OUR JOURNEY  
TO PASCHA  
GREAT LENT



*2nd Sunday of the Great Lent*

*Saint Gregory Palamas  
Hieromartyr Polycarp of Smyrna*

*Epistle: HEBREWS 1:10-2:3*

*Gospel Reading : MARK 2:1-12*

*Liturgical Color: PURPLE*

*Resurrection Tone ~ 6*

SATURDAY VESPERS 4:00 PM  
SUNDAY LITURGY 9:30 AM  
HOLY DAY/WEEKDAY LIT 9:00 AM

*Sunday, March 8, 2015*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy*

*Panachida memory of Nancy Wagner offered by  
sister-in-law Mary Jane Vangor  
Coffee Social*

*Monday, March 9, 2015*

*11:00am Church Opened for Prayer,  
meditation, and Confession*

*Wednesday, March 11, 2015*

*5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts*

*Thursday, March 12, 2015*

*11:00am-1:00pm Church Open for Prayer,  
Meditation and Confession*

*Friday, March 13, 2015*

*5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts*

*Saturday, March 14, 2015*

*9:00am All Souls Memorial Service*

*5:00pm Great Vespers/Confession*

*Sunday, March 15, 2015*

*9:30am Divine Liturgy*

*Potluck Coffee Social*

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Ⲭ Lord and Master of my life! Take from me  
the spirit of laziness, despair,  
lust for power and idle talk!**



## LENTEN DAY 14

Today you're in Heaven!

At Liturgy this morning we hear a reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews, chapter 1, verses 10-14 and chapter 2, verses 1-3. Since we read this lesson every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, let us look at some background about this Epistle.

Around 70 AD, Saint Paul wrote this letter to the Greek-speaking Christian converts who were under great pressure to return to their former Jewish faith. Some of these converts began to buckle under huge pressure from fellow Jews who had not become Christians. Naturally, they wanted the converts back in the synagogue, not in the house-churches where they were worshipping, and so they pointed out the splendid worship of Judaism in contrast with the simpler worship of Christians. They also used what they felt was another big selling point: Judaism's status as a legal religion, with economic and political connections. Because of this, many Jewish Christians started to look back at what they had been.

Saint Paul realized he had a huge problem on his hands, but undaunted he set out to stop the hemorrhaging. He boldly reminded those Jewish Christians that their new faith was superior to the prophets, angels, Moses and Aaron. He pointed out that Jesus Christ offers a *better* priesthood, a *better* sanctuary, a *better* sacrifice. Why? Because when we worship Christ, we enter Heaven!

Dear Friends: I hope this is a Lenten eye-opener. Here is how this applies to you. Remind yourself today on this second Sunday of Lent that your worship enters you into Heaven itself! But caution; you can't do it from home. You have to be in church. You have to be physically there in the Heavenly Liturgy and Sanctuary with Jesus Christ, the *perfect* Priest. You have to physically participate in His once-for-all *perfect* Sacrifice, that is, tasting the Heavenly Gift of His Body and Blood.

Result: At every Liturgy, you are entering Heaven!

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank Miloro , Chancellor

His Book: 48 Days to the GREAT Day #4

## **A Special Day in the life of STACY GABEL...MARCH 22, 2015**

On Sunday March 22, 2015 at 9:00am Stacy will be Baptized as a Orthodox Christian and received into the Church becoming a member of our beloved Saint Mary's family. For the past 6 months she has been eagerly attending weekly classes to learn about Orthodox Christianity .

All are welcome to join us at 9:00am for the Baptism after which we will go directly into Divine Liturgy at which time Stacy will receive the Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Body and Blood, for the very first time.

Stacy is the wife of Christopher Gabel and daughter-in-law of Nancy Gabel

### ***The Father's speak... LIKE THE SEA***

*"If the Word is our pilot, we enter into rest. But if pleasure takes hold of us, we face the danger of storms and are shipwrecked."*

*As with the faith of the disciples, we should speak frequently with our Master. For the world is like the sea to us, beloved. We sail on this sea, with our own free will acting like the wind. For we all navigate according to our will. If the Word is our pilot, we enter into rest. But if pleasure takes hold of us, we face the danger of storms and are shipwrecked. For just as the ocean has storms and waves, there are many afflictions and trials in the world. "When affliction or persecution ariseth, the unbeliever is offended," the Lord said. Because unbelievers aren't strengthened by the faith and because they favor temporal things, they can't stand up against difficulties. Like the foolish man's house built on sand, those without understanding fall under storms of temptation. The saints, however, have exercised their senses to be self-controlled. Because they are strong in faith and understand the Word, they don't faint under trials. From time to time, ever more powerful trials work against them, yet they continue to be faithful. They wake up the Lord who is with them and are delivered. Because they find relief as they ass through water and fire, they celebrate by offering up thankful prayers to God who has rescued them.*

*Saint Athanasius*



*Office of the Bishop  
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Johnstown, PA 15906*

February 26, 2015 Protocol N. 7/2015

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Diocesan Parents and Children,

Our Diocese is pleased to offer our third annual **Family Camp** at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

Last year we had 10 Families and a total of 36 participants at Family Camp. We had a wonderful time together and we are looking forward to being together again this year. We know our families need support and help, especially in this day and age. Here is an event to support and sustain our families as we continue to develop our own Diocesan Family Ministry.

**Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7, 2015.**

The Registration Form, Flyer and Schedule are all available on the Camp website: [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org).

We have planned a variety of activities and events that will allow your family the opportunity to learn together, have fun together, pray together and simply be together in the peaceful environment of the Camp.

Families will be staying together, and have to themselves a Camp cabin; plenty of space to rest and relax and simply be together during and after the weekend’s festivities. Please see the section entitled “Packing for Camp” in the “Camper/Parent Information Guide” on the Camp website to help you plan what to pack.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Come and help us to make this an ongoing and rewarding event for our Diocesan families.

Space is limited to the first 10 families, so please send in your registration forms soon. They are due by Friday, May 22, 2015.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa



## ~PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS



His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Metropolitan Boulos (Yazigi); Archbishop Yohanna (Ibrahia) Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Archpriest Thomas Hopko; Deacon Robert Kuchta; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Betty Baranik; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Sandra Pleban; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Jeannine Zimmer; Jean Cox; Helen Coons; Katherine Macura; Anna Soraparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Orestes Mihaly; Tom Cox; Mae Antos; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Rochelle Corby; Tim Burroughs; Sonya Perich; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Paul Mertus

All our Brothers & Sisters in the Ukraine who are suffering persecution and denial of Human Rights;  
All members of our Armed Forces serving our country

## HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR CHRISTIAN RELIEF Christians Throughout The World, & Especially In The Middle East, Are Undergoing A Vicious Wave Of Persecution



When ISIS attacked and captured the historic city of Mosul, Iraq, ISIS militants tagged Christian family homes with the letter 'N' in Arabic. The letter 'N' came with a negative connotation. It stands for **'Nazarani'** or Nazarene, a derogatory term that Muslim extremists use to say that you're from the Nazarene – **that you are a follower of Jesus!**

**ISIS militants go to the tagged homes and ask for a tax, demand the family convert to Islam, or face public execution.**

Let Us Stand United With the Victims & Refugees  
By Proudly Wearing These Pins.  
We, Too, Are Followers of Jesus of Nazareth!

All Pin Proceeds Will Be Directed To the IOCC\*

To Provide Aid To All Those Persecuted & Impoverished In The Middle East.

**PLEASE SEE DIANE RODRIGUES OR MARY LEONARD**

*Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society*

## 2015 Deanery Lenten Services

*Deanery Lenten Missions  
have been announced!*

*March 15, 2015 4:00pm*

*Saint Mary's Corning*

*March 17, 2015 6:00pm*

*Saint Mary's Cheektowaga*

*April 1, 2015 6:00pm*

*Saint Michael's Binghamton*

*Please mark your calendar and try to attend ALL of these  
beautiful services!*



**POT LUCK SOCIAL  
NEXT WEEK!**



This week's Bulletin and Eternal Light is sponsored by

**FATHER DAN & PANI JOAN**

For the Health of

**PAUL MERTUS AND HIS FAMILY**

May God keep the servants Paul, Jill, Ben, Sam, Kate,,  
and Luke in the palm of his hand, giving them strength through these difficult  
times.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHURCH COUNCIL TODAY!**

A most sincere THANK YOU to all of our Officers and Council members for a truly wonderful year. To those who are stepping down we are grateful for your hard work throughout the years having served faithfully and well. To All who are serving this year we are looking forward to another busy year as we prepare to build and move into our new home.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

March 12 Vasyl Hayovy

March 16 Tom Cox

March 19 Paul Rodrigues

March 25 Noah Coons

March 25 Jason Cox

# God

grant your servants on their special day good health, happiness and salvation for many blessed years!

# SAINT MARY'S ICON ACADEMY

Saint Mary's Icon Academy will be writing an Icon of Christ which will focus on advanced techniques of highlighting the face.

The group will meet on Saturdays starting March 14th at 9:30am following the All Souls Memorial Service beginning at 9:00am.

Anyone interested in participating, call or email Kristine Garner at 936-9384 or kmg@stny.rr.com

**"For I was ill and you cared for me"**

**Sunday, March 8**

After Coffee Social

At the Home of Helen & Andy Revelas-Courtney

**8 Michaels Way,  
Painted Post**



The hospital can be a cold, unpleasant place when you are sick. Even the smallest thing can make it feel a little more like home. Sew a one-of-a-kind, bright, pillowcase and bring cheer to someone at Corning Hospital. Do you knit or crochet? Help make baby caps and booties for the newborns. Not a crafty bone in you? We need all skills. Can you iron? How about cut out rectangles? We could get a lot more done if we had people to help with each task.

*Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society*

## CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH!



We are in need of someone to clean the Church for this month. Please see Pani Joan if you are able to help!

**KEEPING GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

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# \$1 EXTRA a Week!

Just think! **IF** we added just a \$1 to our normal weekly donation for the next 42 week **we could generate nearly \$1900 to the general fund** (based on 45 parishioners.

**WOW!**

**LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

# CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2015

*The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!*

***REGISTER NOW!!!***

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## Dates for the Summer Camping Program

### **Week 1 -- July 19-25, 2015**

New England, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Canada Deaneries

### **Week 2 -- July 26-August 1, 2015**

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

### **Week 3 – August 2-August 8, 2015**

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

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Registration Forms are available on the Camp Website – [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org)

Go to the Registration Forms Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer look for Clergy and Volunteer Registration.

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**\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!!**

(one-time only, not per week)

**Register & pay by May 15, 2015!!!!**

**All forms listed below AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.**

Completed and signed Registration Application Form

Completed, signed and dated Health History and Examination Form (signed by BOTH the parent/guardian and the appropriate licensed medical professional)

Completed and signed Media Consent Form signed by the parent/guardian

Completed and signed Dress Code Policy signed by the parent/guardian and the camper

**Payment In-Full by check, money order, or credit card.** Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.*