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SUNDAY MAY 17, 2015



6th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus



Epistle: ACTS 1:1-12

Gospel Reading: LUKE 24:36-53

Liturgical Color: WHITE

SATURDAY VESPERS 5:00 PM
SUNDAY LITURGY 9:30 AM
HOLY DAY/WEEKDAY LIT 9:00 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 17

9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

5:00pm Great Vespers/Litija
Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, May 21

9:00am Divine Liturgy
Feast of Ascension

Saturday, May 23

3:30pm 1st Holy Confession Class
5:00pm Vespers/Confession

Sunday, May 24

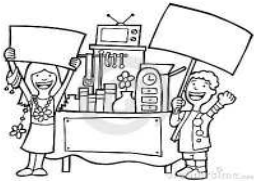
9:30am Divine Liturgy
Panachida memory of our Veterans
Coffee Social in honor of our 1st Holy
Confession Class
Annual Panachida at our Cemetery &
Blessing of Graves



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. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; 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; 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; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Paul Mertus; Paulina Cherneva; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Mary O'Donnell; Rita Hulme; Dorothy Dymek

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



YARD SALE IN THE PARK IS BACK! SATURDAY JUNE 27TH

Start collecting clean gently used items to be donated for our sale!

Mark your calendar—Helping hands will be needed on Friday June 26th to set up and on the day of the sale on Saturday June 27th. More information to follow!

See Nancy Coons with questions

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2015

1st HOLY CONFESSION

Our 1st Holy Confession Class will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Confession on Saturday May 23, 2015 at 3:30pm and will receive Holy Eucharist together on Sunday May 24 during Divine Liturgy.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Memorial Day Panachida in memory of our loved ones with blessing of graves will take place at Saint Mary's Cemetery on

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2015

AFTER COFFEE SOCIAL honoring our 1st Holy Confession Class

Birthdays/Anniversaries May, 2015

BIRTHDAYS

May 18 Diana B.

May 18 Daniel H.

May 20 Haley M.

May 21 Blake B.

May 25 Helen R.

May 26 David B.

May 28 Kyson B.

ANNIVERSARIES

May 27 Dan & Katerina H.

God grant
your servants
good health,
happiness
and salvation
for many
blessed
years!
Christ is
Risen!

Master, lift up our minds towards heaven, as we worship Your might, and draw up our understanding from earthly cares to Yourself. For You have lifted our lowly nature in Yourself and enthroned it in the highest with the Father. Make us worthy here in this world as in heaven to be citizens who seek that which is on high, where You are seated on the right hand of God. We await Your glorious and fearful coming, which You revealed through the angels to the blessed Apostles, the spectators of Your Ascension into heaven. Number us with those who will be taken up into the clouds to meet You coming to judge the world in righteousness, that with them we may be full of joy forever, by the good will and love for men of Your eternal Father, with whom You are blessed and glorified, together with Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

First Holy Confession Class

On Sunday, May 24, 2015 during Divine Liturgy we will have the honor of witnessing our First Holy Confession class receive Holy Communion for the first time as a group, having made their first Holy Confession on Saturday May 23rd prior to Vespers.

The class consist of the following young people:

**Luke M; Angelina M; Christina H;
and Alina S**

Congratulations to our 1st Holy Confession class of 2015.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

CORNING FOOD PANTRY

This being the 3rd Sunday of the month, in addition to Pot Luck

Sunday, we ask that everyone bring something to be placed in the Food Pantry box located in the church hall. Please bring in a can of vegetables, fruits, etc. Plastic bags, toiletries and personal care items are always needed.

Let's help those who are less fortunate than we in our community and once again we thank you for your generous support.

Basket Raffle Winners

Basket 2015	Donor	Winner
1. Lottery Luck	Pani Joan Mahler	Leigh Park
2. Lotta Luck	Carol Telehany	Michele Tostanoski
3. Chocolate Basket	Parish	Debbie Hall
4. Ukrainian Egg	Kris Garner	James Hulme
5. Beer Basket	Steve, Barb & Mary Benyo	Ashley Quick
6. Christmas Basket	Helen Reveles	Katie Schultz
7. Snack Attack Basket	Mary Benyo	Cindy Hamilton
8. Candle Basket	Rodney & Elaine Kerrick	Roberta Glosser
9. Woodland Basket	Kris Garner	Kathy Matrakas
10. Welcoming Baby	Diane Rodrigues	Sally Ketchum
11. Money Tree	Mary Leonard	Nancy Gabel
12. Salad Basket	Diane Rodrigues	Helen Coons
13. Wegman's Delight	Denise Topichak	Rodney Kerrick
14. Laundry Basket	Parish	Carol Telehany
15. Road Trip	Nancy Coons	Angie McKane
16. Tiffany Cache Pot	Pani Joan Mahler	Joanne Coons
17. International Basket	Kathy Matrakas	Pat Williams
18. Bow Wow Basket	Stacy Gabel	Kathy Matrakas

A Message from our President..... The calendar vote will take place in June, not May as previously announced. The Council did not take into consideration the busy Lenten and Paschal season, Mother's Day and other organizational meetings. A presentation and comment meeting is being planned for May 31st during coffee social. Please plan on attending and hearing first-hand what your fellow parishioners are saying about this issue. Ballots will be distributed for all eligible parishioners to vote.

*Chuck Coons
Parish President*

We the faithful proclaim and worship the Word, eternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born of the Virgin for our salvation. He willingly ascended the Cross in the flesh and suffered death. He raised the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

With eyes that are spiritually blind I come to You, O Christ; and like the man who was blind since birth I cry out to You with repentance: "You are a shining Light to those who are in darkness."

Pot Luck Social THIS Week

As you bring something to share with our parish during social hour, think of those who can't afford a meal and bring a donation for the Corning Community Food Pantry. *Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society*



Fathers' Day will be coming soon and we would like to honor any special men in your life. By May 24th we would like to have pictures of the "men in your life" that you would like to honor, along with a message or caption. We will make copies (returning originals) and place all the photos and messages in a large attractive collage for all to enjoy. This is a no work fundraiser. The cost per picture is \$10. You can get information sheets from Helen Revelas, Mary Leonard or Diane Rodrigues. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Orthodox Church. *Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society*

THE FATHERS' SPEAK..... Be an Example

"If we were all like Paul, how many worlds could we have following us?"

Live in a way that won't blaspheme the name of God. On the one hand, don't care about human reputation. On the other hand, don't give reason for others to speak poorly of you. But be moderate on both issues. As Scripture says, "Among whom you shine as lights in the world." For Christ left us here to be lights. We are here to teach others and be like leaven in dough. We should go about as angels among people, as adults among children, as spiritual people among those who are natural. In this way they can profit as we become sees bearing copious fruit. There is no need to speak if we shine through our lives. There is no need for teachers if we only demonstrate through our works. There would be no unbelievers if we were the Christians we should be. Everyone would convert to godliness if we generally kept the commandments of Christ, suffered through insults, allowed others to take advantage of us, blessed when we were cursed and did good when treated poorly. For example, Paul was only one man, yet how many followed him? If we were all like him, how many worlds could we have following us?

Saint John Chrysostom

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ



The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus

Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

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