



# St. Mary's Orthodox Church

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## Services Schedule

**Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am**

*Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am*

**Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm**

*Winter Vespers: 4:00pm*

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Bulletin for Sunday, November 19, 2017

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## Scheduled Services

Sunday November 19, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Panachida in memory of +George Demyan offered by his daughter Nancy Lewek

Panachida in memory of +Mary Fox offered by her sister Mildred Sosonka

Coffee Social

**Church Council Meeting CANCELED! TO BE RESCHEDULED!**

Monday November 20, 2017

4:00pm Great Vespers/Litya Holy Archangel Michael and the Holy Bodiless Powers of Heaven

Tuesday November 21, 2017

9:00am Divine Liturgy Holy Archangel Michael and the Holy Bodiless Powers of Heaven

Thursday November 23, 2017

THANKSGIVING DAY

Saturday November 25, 2017

## **No Vespers Today**

1:00pm Pilgrimage to Saint George Orthodox Church (OCA) in Buffalo

4:00pm Vespers in Saint George and venerate the Miraculous Oil-Streaming icon of the Annunciation of the Theotokos located on their Iconostas

Sunday November 26, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

# Gospel and Epistle Readings

## Epistle Reading

### **The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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## Gospel Reading

### **The Reading is from Luke 8:41-56**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at

once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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## Hymns of the Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the 7th Tone

You have destroyed death by Your Cross,\* You opened Paradise to the thief,\* You changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers to joy.\* You commanded Your Apostles to proclaim:\* "Christ our God has risen,\* granting great mercy to the world."

## Saints and Feasts



**November 06**

### Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople

Saint Paul was from Thessalonica. He became the secretary of Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Aug. 30), a deacon, and then the successor of Saint Alexander in about 337. Because of his virtue, his eloquence in teaching, and his zeal for Orthodoxy, the Arians hated and feared him. When the Arian Emperor Constantius, who was in Antioch, learned of Paul's election, he exiled Paul and proclaimed the Arian Eusebius Patriarch. Saint Paul went to Rome, where he found Saint Athanasius the Great also in exile. Provided with letters by Pope Julius, Paul returned to Constantinople, and after the death of Eusebius in 342, ascended again his rightful throne; the Arians meanwhile elected Macedonius, because he rejected the Son's con-substantiality with the Father (and the divinity of the Holy Spirit besides). When Constantius, yet at Antioch, learned of Paul's return, he sent troops to Constantinople to drive Paul out. The Saint returned to Rome, where Saint Athanasius also was again in exile. Constans, Emperor of the West, Constantius' brother, but Orthodox, wrote to Constantius that if Athanasius and Paul were not allowed to return to their sees, he would come with troops to restore them him-self. So Paul again returned to his throne. After the death of Constans, however, Constantius had Paul deposed. Because of the love of the people for Saint Paul, Philip the Prefect, who was sent for him, was compelled to arrest him secretly to avoid a sedition. Paul was banished to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia; a town through which his most illustrious successor, Saint John Chrysostom would also pass on his way to Comana in his last exile. In Cucusus, about the year 350, as Saint Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the little house where he was a prisoner, the Arians strangled him with his own omophorion, so much did they fear him even in exile. His holy relics were brought back to Constantinople with honour by the Emperor Theodosius the Great.

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## Wisdom of the Fathers

I cannot be silent about the story of Hesychius the Horebite. He passed his life in complete negligence, without paying the least attention to his soul. Then he became extremely ill, and for an hour he left his body.

## **St. John Climacus**

*Ladder of Divine Ascent. Step 6: On Remembrance of Death, 6th Century*

And when he came to himself, he begged us all to leave him immediately. And he built up the door of his cell, and he stayed in it for twelve years without ever uttering a word to anyone, and without eating anything but bread and water.

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# Parish and Ladies Altar Society Announcements

## **2018 Lots of Luck Calendars**

*The ACRY 2018 Lots of Luck Calendars are now available. Get yours from Pani Joan during coffee social after Liturgy or call 962-5285 and let her know you want to purchase one or more at \$25.00 each. Each week, played straight on the Pick 3 Pennsylvania Lottery you have a chance to win. Hurry, get yours now as they go fast!*

## **Christmas Family**

Every year we assist a local family during the Christmas season. This year we will purchase Aldi gift cards with your monetary donations. The cards will be given to a Social Service agency to be distributed to families in need. A donation basket will be in the hall until December 10th, in order to deliver them to the agency by Friday, December 15. Please be generous and contribute to this worthy cause. If you have questions, please see Carole Herrlich.

## **Christmas Cards!**

Don't get caught up in the commercial holiday sales. Avoid those secular symbols and corporate vendors. Beautiful, Orthodox style Christmas cards will be available again for purchase. Witness your faith to friends and family while benefiting our community. Sales begin soon at only \$1.50 each. *See Helen R.*

## **Cemetery Committee Announcement**

*We'd like to remind everyone that it is time to remove all Summer decorations (fresh and artificial) including flowerpots from the cemetery grounds by NOVEMBER 22nd as the final trash removal barrel will be picked up by disposal company for the year.*

*Thank you for your cooperation! Carole Herrlich*

## **Old Shoe Drive to Benefit Rainbow of Hope Animal Shelter**

*The drive to collect Old Shoes to benefit the Rainbow of Hope Animal Shelter will continue through the end of the year hoping to collect 20,000 pairs of shoes as their goal to raise funds in their quest to help dogs in need of medical attention.*

## **Myrrhstreaming Icon in Buffalo Trip**

Travel to St. George Orthodox Church (OCA), 2 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo, NY to witness, venerate and pray before the Miraculous, Oil-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God (Icon of the Annunciation) on the Iconostasis on Saturday, November 25. Leave here at 1:00 pm for Vespers at 4:00pm. *Interested, please see Fr. Dan or Helen R.*

## **Coffee Social**

*Over the years Saint Mary's has enjoyed a great coffee social after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. There is always great food and desserts to enjoy while socializing with our friends, family and visitors. Families have always volunteered to sponsor, set-up and clean-up every quarter during the year to make the Coffee Social for all to enjoy.*

*Unfortunately, this task has been left to one or two individuals this past year and it's time to "stand up" and help out. In the coming weeks, a 2018 calendar will be available for you to sign up at least once each quarter during the year and help out.*

*Remember, this is a form of STEWARDSHIP and a way to use the talents our Lord has given you.*

## **A Special Thank you!**

A Special Thank You to all those who brought in cake mix, frosting, candy treats, and money donations for our Birthday Bag Project for Corning Community Food Pantry.

Bless all your hearts for thinking of the unfortunate children and allowing them to have a birthday party.

Millie Sosonka, Ladies Altar Society

# Upcoming Events

## **Celebrating 5th Anniversary of Bishop Gregory's Episcopate**

Pani Joan and I will be traveling Johnstown, PA on Monday, November 27 to join our Diocesan family in honoring His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa on the 5th Anniversary of Consecration and Enthronement as Ruling Hierarch of our beloved Diocese.

We will be returning late Tuesday, November 28, 2017.

# Stewardship



## **On Stewardship and the Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 132: Do You Have Enough Chips?**

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is a gift from God-not because of works, lest any man should boast."(Ephesians 2:8-9 RSV)*

There are some people in the Orthodox Church, as well as other Christian denominations, that believe you can buy your way to salvation, by saving up “chips.” In other words, by making considerable contributions to the church or charities, working fundraisers, teaching classes, taking classes, going on pilgrimages, etc., so that we are “members in good standing” in the parish. It is as if people believe that they are storing up “**religious chips**” that they can cash in at the end of life. The truth is as Paul states above; there is nothing we can do.

We cannot buy our way into the Kingdom of God. There is no ticket that we can purchase by human effort. We need to understand what salvation is and what is expected of us. The Lord asks us not to be **pretty good** or even **very good** but to be, “**perfect as God the Father is perfect.**” We do those things stated above not to build chips to cash in but to show gratitude for what God has done for us. We don’t just offer a little, what is left over after we take what we want, but to offer Him everything! We don’t do this because we feel we are obligated to pay Him back, we can never repay Him for what He has done for us. We do it because once we experience God. He becomes our whole life and we want to do anything and everything for Him. We give back to Him our time, talents and treasure saying, “thank you for the wonderful gift of salvation.”

At the same time, as Fr. Andrew Damick states in his blog Roads from Emmaus, “When we come to pray; when we fall on our faces before God; when we sacrifice our time, our abilities, and our resources...when we change our whole lives, bit by bit, so that it is defined by the rhythms of Church life and not secular pursuits, than what we are doing is cooperating with divine grace.” When we don’t do those things stated above and for the right reason, we are not cooperating with divine grace. Divine grace is what heals us and is critical for our salvation.

Give your time, talents and treasure and for the right reasons; to show gratitude to God for all that we have and to cooperate with His divine grace. Being a member in good standing in a parish does not necessarily mean you are a member in good standing in the Kingdom of Heaven. There is a price to pay. As Fr. Damick points out, “Being here and being engaged costs something. It will cost time. It will cost you your money. It will cost you your talents. It will cost you your prestige. It will cost you your comfort. It will cost you your convenience. It will cost you your life. **But it will gain you not only life in eternity but an earthly life marked by eternity.**”

***This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.***

## From Father's Desk

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- *If you would like to meet with Father, please call him at 962-5285.*
- ***Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him at 962-5285 or 377-0587,*
- ***Our Mailing Address is:***
- *7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870*
- ***Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any Weekday or Lenten Service or by calling Father for an appointment.*
- ***Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.*

- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish, otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- **If you** would like to schedule a Panachida (Memorial Service) for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285.

***The Church does not permit Cremation!***

## Please Keep 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; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason, V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Raphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Connie Miloro; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula; Art Gallant; Karen Kluchonic; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Timothy Wenck; Joyce Nisson, Chelsea Roman*

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### **BIRTHDAYS**

November 25 John McKane

## ACROD News



## Archpastoral Letter For The Nativity Fast 2017

11/15/2017

<http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/archpastoral-nativity-fast-2017>

My beloved Faithful Clergy and Laity of our God-Protected Diocese:

It is hard to believe that this month marks the fifth anniversary of my Consecration and Enthronement as your Bishop. During my visits to the parishes you have heard me preaching on the state of affairs, locally and globally. Conflicts, wars and senseless violence continue to inflict pain and suffering and spill blood everywhere. I am deeply saddened that peace continues to elude us. Recent events continue to reveal that demonic forces are fighting us, that evil continues to exist in the world. So many innocent people killed and wounded at a concert in Las Vegas. So many innocent killed and wounded in a small church in Texas. Everyday people are dying needlessly in our towns and cities. For what? Can someone please explain it to me? This lack of peace is the direct result of increased selfishness and hatred throughout the world. Whatever we as inhabitants of this planet are doing it is not working, somehow it is not enough. Obviously we as humans cannot achieve peace on our own. We need the help of someone and that someone is the Lord.

## Bulletin/Eternal Light Sponsorship

*Bulletin and Eternal Light for this week was sponsored by*

**Millie Sosonka**

*in memory of Sister*

**Mary Fox**

*May her memory be eternal! Vichnaja jema pamjat!*

*Bulletin and Eternal Light for this week was sponsored by*

**Nancy Lewek**

*in memory of Father*

**George Demyan**

*May his memory be eternal! Vichnaja jemu pamjat!*

## Calendar

November 19 to December 17, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Pantry & Potluck 11:30AM Council	Listings for next month's calendar due to Helen R. 4:00PM Great Vespers/Litya Archangels	Synaxis of Archangels Ss. Michael & Gabriel 9:00AM Divine Liturgy				1:00PM Trip to Myrrh-streaming Icon in Buffalo
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>DEC 1</b>	<b>2</b>
9:30AM Divine Liturgy	5:00PM Bishop's anniversary dinner	Nativity Fast Begins				4:00PM Vespers / Confession
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Birthdays	Theotokos Entry into the Temple					4:00PM Vespers / Confession
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:30AM Ladies Altar Society mtg.						4:00PM Vespers / Confession