



St. Mary's Orthodox Church

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Services Schedule

Services:
Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am
Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm
Winter Vespers: 4:00pm

Under the Protection of the Theotokos (Birth-Giver) of God

Scheduled Services

SCHEDULE

Sunday October 1

Divine Liturgy Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross

Coffee Social/October Birthdays

Saturday October 7

Vespers/Confession

Sunday October 8

Divine Liturgy

Panachida memory of +Edward Verno offered by wife Helen Verno

SPECIAL COLLECTION OCF COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY

Coffee Social

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Parish and Ladies Altar Society Announcements

Corning Community Food Pantry is Moving:

*The Corning Community Food Pantry is moving from its current location on West William Street to **11715 East Corning Road, Corning** (next to Crystal Bowling Lanes) on **Tuesday, October 11, 2017**. The new location will also offer much-needed office space and a fully equipped kitchen. The CEATS bus route 2 does stop at this location. Bus tokens will be available at the pantry for those who need them.*

Thank You!

This past week I presented a parish gift of \$400.00 to Deb Kuehner, Executive Director of Potter's Hand Foundation in memory of her husband, Pastor Tom Kuehner, who fell asleep in the Lord in July. Deb was most appreciative of our generous contribution in helping with their good work with victims of human trafficking.

Rainbow of Hope Shoe Drive:

*The Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue Shoe Drive continues through **Mid-October 2017**. If you are holding old shoes to donate please give them to Pani Joan during our coffee social after Divine Liturgy or make arrangements with her to drop off at the Rectory.*

IOCC HEALTH KITS-EMERGENCY DRIVE ENDS TODAY!

PILL BOTTLE CHANGES - Please Note Changes

Please only donate bottles with labels completely removed. Bottles with labels can no longer be sent. Any spare change included helps defray the cost of shipping. Thanks for your ongoing support. Questions, please see Carol T.

2017 Pokrov Dinner October 15

This year will be a "crockpot" dinner, i.e. all parishioners are asked to sign-up with Mary Leonard by October 1 with a dish to pass. Since our new kitchen will not be ready in time, prepared dishes are necessary. To ensure we have a good mix of main dishes and sides, please sign up in advance. **See Mary L. by October 1 for more details.**

Up Coming Events

SOUTHERN TIER DDD DINNER

In recognition and appreciation of your generosity, a cordial invitation is extended to you by His Grace, Bishop Gregory, to attend the 44th Annual Distinguished Diocesan Donors' Appreciation Dinner.

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Dinner 5:00pm

Riverdale Banquet Hall

2901 Watson Blvd

Endwell, New York 13760

UPDATE: DIOCESE WILL HONOR BISHOP GREGORY

Monday, November 27, 2017

5:00pm Prayers of Thanksgiving for His Grace at the Holiday Inn

5:15pm Cash Bar & Hors D'oeuvres

6:00pm Dinner

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn, 250 Market Street, Johnstown, PA

Phone: 814-535-7777

\$94.99 + Tax Book Under 'ACROD'

No Later than November 6, 2017

Meals: Salmon or Filet Mignon- \$50

Child Appropriate Meal- 12 Years and Younger-\$20

(If more than one member in a family is attending, please list each name separately. Banquet reservations may be made with the Chancery either by individuals or through your parish.)

NAME	PARISH CITY	SALMON \$50	FILET MIGNON \$50	CHILDS MEAL \$20

Saints and Feasts



October 01
Romanos the Melodist

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasius (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, On this day the Virgin In composing many of his kontakia. Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the 8th Tone

You came to earth from heaven O Gracious One.* You allowed Yourself to be in the grave for three days,* that we might be freed from our passions.* O Lord, our life and our resurrection glory to You!

Resurrectional Kondak in the 8th Tone

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! You raised the dead when You arose from

the grave, You restored Adam, and Eve rejoices in Your Resurrection. Since You have risen from the dead, O Merciful One, there is celebration through-out all the world.

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Life Giving Cross in the 1st Tone

O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance, grant victory to all Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and protect Your people by Your Cross!

Sunday after the Elevation of the Life-Giving Cross in the 4th Tone

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and ever and forever. Amen. Lifted up of Your own free Will upon the Cross, You bestow Your mercy upon the new people that bear Your Name. Make the Orthodox people glad in Your Strength, giving them victory over their enemies. My Your Cross assist them in spiritual struggles, weapon of peace and unconquerable standard of victory.

Wisdom of the Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wroth. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

St. Ephraim the Syrian

ON ADMONITION AND REPENTANCE.

Let us then, bearing in mind all the things which have been said, show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us ease away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way, waiting for those that meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 18 on Matthew 5, 4th Century

Stewardship



Stewardship - A Way of Life

It was Sunday and the parish council members were counting the Sunday offering in the church office as the trays were being brought in from Divine Liturgy. One faithful parishioner found his way back to the church office and politely inquired, "How much do I owe?"

This parishioner was asking if he was up-to-date on his pledge, but his question reveals something about our thought process in offering our gifts to the Church.

No matter how generously we support the Church, can we ever feel that we have given in proportion to the blessings we have received?

Many of our Diocesan parishes have embraced the process of stewardship, by which we offer our gifts to the church according to our blessings. Many continue to operate in a dues system. And some operate under a hybrid Stewardship with a minimum system.

For many years parishes have set an amount expected from each member (the "dues" system) that seemed fair for all the faithful. Such a payment of each member's "dues" made them members in good standing with rights and privileges. There are several problems with this "dues" system.

Is it fair to think that the elderly widow living on Social Security, the successful real estate developer, the banker, the young tradesman with a growing family, the teacher and the lawyer each have received the same material blessings and have the same ability to give?

To set a specific required dues amount places an undue burden on some, but most often it underestimates the individual's ability to support the church. The dues system also diminishes the joy of giving and turns it into just another bill to be paid. It's important to give with joy from our heart. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "So let each one give as he intends in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Gregory the Theologian writes, "You will never overcome God's generosity, even if you give away all that you have.... And however much you bring to him, always more remains. Nor will you give anything that is your own; for all things flow from God."

We often hear economists talk about the balance of payments. This concept also applies to our offering to the Church. We can never give enough to God for the blessings He has given us. We are always in a deficit position. But when we set a dues amount, whatever it may be, it implies that if we pay this amount, then we have fulfilled our obligation to the Church. "I paid my dues, now I get to vote, receive sacraments, and express my opinion on how the parish should be run."

Some parishes attempt a sort of hybrid system of Stewardship with a minimum. This sends the contradictory message to parishioners that we trust you to give as you have been

blessed, but are not willing to take that leap of faith. When we deal with minimums, we also have to realize that there is always a number of faithful who will be excluded when we have minimums and dues.

We need to be reminded that God never gives to us in minimums and our giving should never be guided by a minimum. Orthodox Christianity is not about minimums, it is about maximums.

Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ gave the maximum for us. We now carry on His ministry with maximum giving. And from a practical point of view, minimums have a way of becoming maximums.

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

From Father's Desk

- **If you** would like to meet with Father, please call him at 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone 607-377-0587.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him at 607-962-5285 or on his cell at 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**
- 7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870
- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten Services 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 Godparents 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 607-962-5285.

The Church does not permit Cremation!

Real Break 2018 Registration Opens Sept 15 - Diocese To Offer Scholarships!



JOHSTOWN, PA --The Diocesan Chancery has been informed that registration for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship 2018 Real Break trips opens on Friday, September 15, 2017. Diocesan College students are urged to make plans now to take part in this exciting service learning opportunity. [Click Here To Learn More and Register](#). Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Diocese will be offering twelve scholarships to Diocesan College Students: four \$1,500 scholarships for the Real Break Jerusalem trip, four \$1,250 scholarships for the Mount Athos trip and an additional 4 \$1,250 scholarships for any of the remaining 2018 Real Break trips.

Spaces are limited on the Real Break Trips so those interested are urged to register immediately. **For more information on the scholarships please contact Donna Levas at the North American OCF office at donna@ocf.net or (617)850-1227.**

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college students—and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith—to Christ and His Church. OCF realizes this mission by supporting fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith; providing a variety of thoughtful and innovative programming including College Conference and Real Break domestic and international service projects; and training lay and clergy volunteers as well as our students for leadership roles on campus and beyond.

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 Ralphaela; Pani Joan; 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, John & Florence Medvitz; Art Gallant; Karen Kluchonic; Alexia H.; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Tammy Pierson; Timothy Wenck

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.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

October 3 Pani Joan

October 4 Chuck Coons

October 5 Alexander Tostanoski

October 5 Samuel Mertus

October 7 Ted Kerrick

October 13 Katerina H.

October 24 Reader Charles Havalchak

October 28 "T" Quaenortey

Anniversaries:

October 10 Gary & Carole Herrlich

October 22 Father Dan 11th Anniversary to Holy Priesthood

October 39 Rodney & Elaine Kerrick

Calendar

October 1 to October 15, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OCT 1 9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Birthdays	2	3	4	5	6	7 5:00PM Vespers / Confession
8 9:30AM Divine Liturgy	9	10	11	12	13	14 Holy Protection "Pokrov" 5:00PM Great Vespers / Litya observe Pokrov