

SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

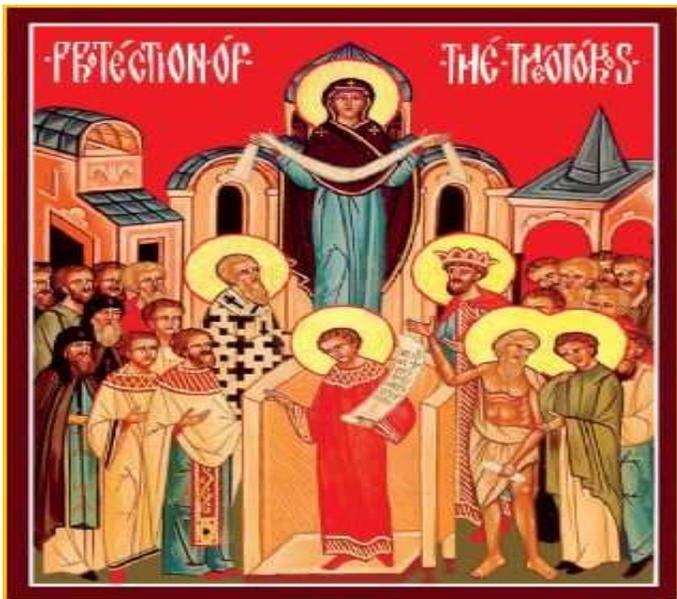
(PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS)
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2015



*Icon of the
Protection of the Theotokos*

***19th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST***

Saint Chariton the Confessor

Epistle: II Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Tone: 2

Liturgical Color: GOLD

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

5:00pm Great Vespers/Litya Feast of the
Protection of the Theotokos

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

9:00am Divine Liturgy Feast of the Protection
of the Theotokos

Saturday, October 17, 2015

5:00pm Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, October 18

9:30am Divine Liturgy

40th Day Panachida memory of
Paul Mertus offered by Mildred Sosonka

POKROV Dinner in honor of the Theotokos

DDD Deanery Dinner at
Saint Michael's Binghamton

TROPAR FOR THE FEAST OF THE POKROV

Protected by your coming, O Birth-Giver of God,
the faithful people solemnly celebrate today; and
gazing upon your most pure image, they humbly
say: "watch over us with your noble protection, and
deliver us from all evil by asking your Son, Christ
our God, to save our souls."

FROM FATHER'S DESK

If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place that is convenient to you.

Emergency Sick Calls: Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 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 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 Saturdays or Sundays. 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 for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285

The Church does not permit cremation.



VESPERS TIME CHANGE

It's that time of year again!

During the Fall and Winter months

*Great Vespers/ Confessions and
Holy Day Vespers will be served at:*

4:00pm

Beginning

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2015



Our weekly coffee social is a wonderful time for fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. But it doesn't happen miraculously. Everyone's help is needed. Please sign up with a friend to host one week. Often there are plenty of snacks but no one to help clean up. It only takes a few minutes and helps make our parish the great place it is. Sign up is hanging outside the kitchen or see Pani Joan or Diane Rodrigues.

Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society

*"My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my
Savior!"*

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 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; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Rochelle Corby; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Mertus Family; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Dorothy Dy-mek, Denise Topichak; William Paslawsky; Rebecca Cooper, George Officer; Anamarie Kingsbury; Linda Benza; Exie Mouck
All members of our Armed Forces serving our country

October Birthdays/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY'S

October 7 Ted Kerrick

October 13 Katarina

October 24 Reader Charles Havalchak

October 28 Tetteh Quaenortey

October 30 Charles Kozey, Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES

October 10 Gary & Carole Herrlich

October 30 Rodney & Elaine Kerrick

*O God, grant your servants good health,
happiness, and salvation for many
blessed years!*

DDD DEANERY DINNER

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18th

Saint Michael's Recreation Center

280 Clinton Street

Binghamton, NY

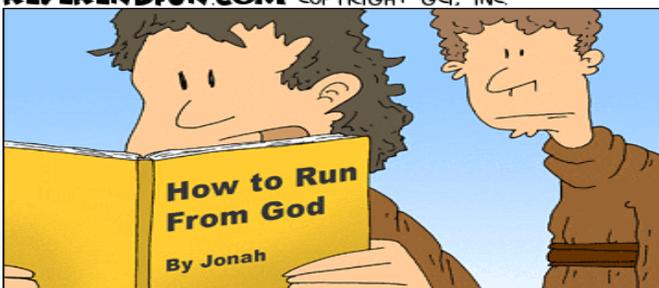
4:30pm Social Hour 5:00pm Dinner



POKROV Dinner – Sunday, October 18 following Divine Liturgy

Please Join Us to celebrate the feast of our church! Roast Pork, cheddar mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, rolls, wine, carrot cake and more. \$10 for adults; Church School students free.

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FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS (POKROV)

The intercession of the Theotokos or the Protection of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, known in Church Slavonic as Pokrov is a feast of the Mother of God celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches. The feast celebrates the protection afforded the faithful through the intercessions of the Theotokos. In the Russian Orthodox Church it is celebrated as the most important solemnity after the Twelve Great Feasts. The feast is commemorated in Eastern Orthodoxy as a whole, but by not means as fervently as it is in Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine.

The Slavic word Pokrov, like the Greek Skepe has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the Veil of Our Lady, the Protecting, Veil of the Theotokos, the Protection of the Theotokos, or the Intercession of the Theotokos. It is often translated as the Feast of the Intercession.

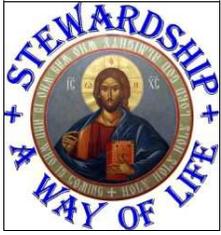
With great reserve the Pokrov icon may be related to the Western Virgin of Mercy image, in which the Virgin spreads wide her cloak to cover and protect a group of kneeling supplicants (first known from Italy at about 1280).

According to Eastern Orthodox Sacred Tradition, the apparition of Mary occurred during the 10th century at the Blachernae Church in Constantinople (modern day Istanbul) where several of her relics (her robe, veil, and part of her belt) were kept. On Sunday, October 1/14 at four in the morning, St. Andrew the Blessed Fool-for-Christ, who was a Slav by birth, saw the dome of the church open and the Virgin Mary enter, moving in the air above him, glowing and surrounded by angels and saints. She knelt and prayed with tears for all faithful Christians in the world. The Virgin Mary asked Her Son, Jesus Christ, to accept the prayers of all the people entreating Him and looking for Her protection. Once Her prayer was completed, She walked to the altar and continued to pray. Afterwards, She spread Her veil over all the people in the church as protection.

St. Andrew turned to his disciple, St. Epiphanius, who was standing near him, and asked, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world? Epiphanius answered, "Yes, Holy Father, I see it and am amazed!"

According to the Primary Chronicle of St. Nestor the Chronioclcr, the inhabitants of Constantinople called upon the intercession of the Mother of God to protect them from an attack by large Rus' army (Rus' was still pagan at the time. According to Nestor, the feast celebrates the destruction of the fleet sometime in the ninth century.

On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 5: St. Paul on Selfishness



“I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:8-9 RSV)

One quality of life that St. Paul worked hard to uproot was that of selfishness. After all, one cannot be complete in becoming Christ-like (theosis) when self-love and covetousness are held onto. The love of Christ in the hearts of Paul’s rather hard-hearted brethren would go a long way in accomplishing what was needed for the church in Jerusalem. Sections of the Jerusalem church in the first century experienced great poverty. The saints in Jerusalem had so many poor among them, whom they themselves could not help, that St. Paul was eager to help them

By pointing them to the sacrifice of Christ, made on their behalf, St. Paul sought to raise the level of the Corinthians’ love. “I say this not as a command,” said the Saint, “but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

Here is the crux of St. Paul’s argument against selfishness. And it is not the commandment of Paul, but of the Lord Jesus Christ. How great was the gift of God to humanity, and how like our God to make it! With a liberality that can never be exceeded God gave, that He might save the rebellious sons of men and bring them to see His purpose and His love. This is the spirit of stewardship. The first great Steward was God Himself. He gave His only-begotten Son to die for those rebellious sons of men. He gave His all. He continues to give His all every time the bloodless Sacrifice is re-enacted on the altar of the Divine Liturgy.

Will we, by our own stewardship of gifts and offerings, show that we think nothing too good for Him who “gave His only-begotten Son”?

Un-Official Council Meeting – October 4, 2015

Members Present: Chuck Coons, Rodney Kerrick, Ted Kerrick, Helen Revelas Diane Rodrigues, Nancy Gabel, Gloria Ewsuk, Mary Leonard, Carol Telehany

Also Present: Father Dan

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 11:40 AM. Chuck requested a motion to accept the minutes of August 2, 2015. A motion was made by Helen and seconded by Nancy. The minutes were approved. Gloria and Mary abstained.

Chuck then requested a motion to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2015 meeting. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Gloria. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chuck then requested a motion to accept the minutes of the August 30, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Helen and seconded by Diane. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Priest Report:

On September 2, 2015, Paul Mertus fell asleep in the Lord. Funeral services were held in our Church on September 8, 2015 and burial was held in our Parish cemetery.

Both Vicky Kozey at Corning Health and Rehab and Marge Morse at home have been seen and ministered to on a regular basis.

Financial Report:

Rodney reported Dan and Katerina Hulme and Joyce Merletti will be the new auditors.

There are still 3 or 4 people who still owe annual dues.

Altar Society:

Mary reported on the Altar Society meeting from September 30, 2015.

The menu for the Pokrov dinner has been finalized.

The Church cleaning schedule has been revamped.

The Altar Society will begin baking for the Fall Bake Sale.

Over \$100.00 was donated to Care First.

The balance in the treasury was approximately \$2300.

The Altar Society will be doing a cookie box for each of the college students after the first of the year.

The Altar Society has an on-going pill bottle program.

Promoting a shoe drive collection program as well as birthday bag supplies for the Food Pantry.

Old Business

Copier:

Father Dan continues to work on purchase bids to be available for the 2016 Budget.

Un-Official Council Meeting – October 4, 2015

Sale of Existing Church Property:

There will be a meeting on October 5, 2015 between the buyer, Father Dan, Chuck and the lawyers.

Relocation Update:

The seller is having a problem locating the abstract to the Canada Road property.

The engineer is still working on the construction drawings. Construction will start in the Spring to give time for competitive bids and to avoid cold weather construction which adds to the cost.

The Chatfield Place rectory will need minor necessary repairs prior to putting the property on the market.

New Business

Parish Directory:

Helen is working on updating the Parish Directory.

Returned Mail:

Father Dan reported that mail that is sent to the church address on Sunset Drive is being returned to the sender and not forwarded to the rectory. Father will check with the post office to have the mail forwarded.

Cemetery Committee:

No report

Open Discussion:

Nancy stated that the Council should sponsor a memorial service for Paul Mertus. Helen made a motion and it was seconded by Diane. It was unanimously approved.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12:15PM with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Telehany

Secretary



Pill Bottle Collection Status

This new philanthropic project is off to a great start. Over 175 bottles have been collected for the safe distribution of medicines in developing countries. Thank you for all your efforts.

To improve the success of the program, please keep these things in mind:

Bottles must be empty, clean and **unlabeled**. It is your responsibility to protect your private information, so if you cannot remove the label, please black out any personal information. Include a quarter for each bottle to help with the shipping costs. There will be a canister next to the collection basket for your spare change. Every little bit helps.

Glass bottles will no longer be accepted, due to the high cost of shipping them. Please recycle glass bottles locally.

If you have questions, please see Carol Telehany.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you all for creating such a terrific Summer Toy Basket for our Spring Raffle.

“SQUEAKY CLEAN” is our next basket. Each parish family is asked to donate a bar of luxury soap. Craft fairs offer numerous kinds of homemade soaps as well as different area shops. We’ll be collecting for this basket until Thanksgiving.

Thank you for giving us a “jump” on this project!

Diane Rodrigues

Pantry Next Week



Food Pantry Needs

As we celebrate the Feast of the Pokrov next week, think of those who can’t afford a meal and bring a donation for the Corning Community Food Pantry.

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