

Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

(Protection of the Theotokos)

242 Sunset Drive

Corning, New York [14830](http://www.14830.com)

(A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate)



Sunday September 11

STRICT FAST

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist Blessing of Students returning to School and the beginning of Church School Class

Panachida memory of September 11 Terrorist Attack Victims

Wednesday September 14

Ecclesiastical New Year begins

Saturday September 17

Great Vespers

Sunday September 18

Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 20

Vespers/Litya Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday, September 21

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Parish Information

Services:

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

Mailing Address:

7 Chatfield Place East
Painted Post, NY 14870

Contact:

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Rectory: 607-962-5285
Father's Cell: 607-377-0587
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Home: 607-962-0904

Church Website:

Saintmarysorthodoxchurchcorning.org

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12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Feast Beheading of St. John

Tone: 3

Epistle: Acts 13:25-32

Gospel:

Mark 6:14-30

Liturgical Color: RED

Welcome to our Church!

Anyone looking for a church in the greater Corning area needs to look no further than Saint Mary's Orthodox Church (Under the Protection of the Theotokos). We welcome everyone, as did the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. For those looking for the "Early Church" we can emphatically state that we are it. From the standpoint of verifiable history, the Orthodox Church is the original Church, which from the day of Pentecost has been guided by the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of Truth."

The basic outline of our Sunday worship (the Divine Liturgy) was described by Saint Justin Martyr as far back as the early 2nd century, and the overall structure of the Liturgy as practiced today was established in the 4th century. Our worship, then is based in Tradition, and yet is not in any way "dated" or old fashioned. Translated into English many decades ago our Sunday worship is traditional yet timeless, never-changing, yet ever new. Our Liturgy is so rich in depth and detail that every time one attends, something new can be discovered. If you are open to it, you will have a very profound experience in witnessing our worship. You will find a place "Where Heaven and Earth Meet!"

But don't just take our word for it. Please "Come and see". We worship together every Saturday at 5:00p.m. with a short service called Vespers ("evening prayers), and we celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:30a.m.

We welcome any person who is seeking "the fullness of the Light of Christ". Our greatest joy is to share our faith and our love of God with you. Join us! If you have any questions please see Father Dan after service or call him at 607-962-5285.



CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Month of September OPEN

Month of October Natasha McKane

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

**All Council members need to attend
this very important meeting!**

BRING US YOUR OLD SHOES!

*Our Fall drive to support
the Rainbow of Hope Animal
Drive in Big Flats is in
FULL swing. Please help us
raise funds for this
worthy cause by bringing
us your OLD shoes and
placing them in the box in
the Church Hall!*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

September 10 Jill Mertus

September 18 Marge Morse

Anniversaries:

September 30 Father Dan and Pani Joan



St. John the Baptist Orthodox Christian Church presents



The Church in the Bible *The Body of Christ in the Holy Scriptures*

Please join us for a lively two-part lecture by our guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick. Fr. Andrew is pastor of St. Paul Orthodox Church of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, author of *Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy* (2011, second edition in 2016) and *An Introduction to God* (2014), as well as the forthcoming *Bearing God* (2017). He is also host of the "Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy" and "Roads from Emmaus" podcasts on Ancient Faith Radio, and he is a frequent speaker at lectures and retreats both in parishes and in other settings. He lives in Emmaus with his wife Kh. Nicole and their children.

**September 23, 2016 6:30PM
855 S. Goodman St. Rochester, NY 14620**

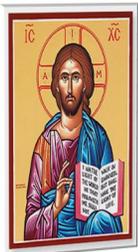
A group from St. Mary's will be carpooling, leaving at 4:30 pm. If you are interested, please RSVP to Helen R. by 9/18.

FROM FATHER'S DESK....



- If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for 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 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 for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285

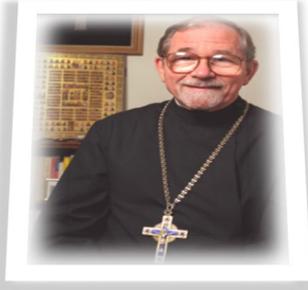
The Church does not permit cremation.



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 Kenneth Bachofsky; Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soroparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Mary Benyo; Karen Fuller; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; William Paslawsky; Kathleen Petrochko; Mae Mary Shonak; Vickie Parker; Helen Molson; Dennis Fagan; Gary Herrlich; Gustie Gallant; Roland Doucette
Jonathan Share and all members of our Armed Forces
serving our country at home and abroad!

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS



The Orthodox Church abounds with the use of symbols. These symbols are those realities which have the power and competence of manifesting God to men, signs which carry us beyond ourselves and themselves into the genuine union and knowledge of things eternal and divine.

*Among the Christian symbols we have already mentioned are the icons, the sign of the cross, and the vestments of liturgical celebration. In addition, we can mention the use of various colors which have their particular significance, as well as the use of **light**, normally the natural light of candles, which leads us to Christ, the Light of the world and of the Kingdom of God. Generally speaking, light is a universal symbol for the mystical presence of God as the True, the Beautiful and the Good. This is witnessed in almost all religious, philosophies and artistic expressions.*

*The Orthodox Church follows the Bible in its use of **incense** Ex 30.8, Ps 141.2, Lk 1.9, Rev 8.3). Incense is the symbol of the rising of prayers, of spiritual sacrifice and of the sweet-smelling fragrance of the Kingdom of God.*

*The Church also uses **bread, wine, wheat, oil, water, flowers and fruits**, as signs of God's love, mercy, goodness, life and the very presence given to man in creation and salvation. Indeed all elements of creation find the "truth" of their very being and existence as expressions and manifestations of God, as "symbols" of his presence and action in the world for man. This is the reason for their use in this way in the Church.*

*Among the more graphic Christian symbols in the Church are the **initials and letters of Christ's name**; the **triangle** of the Trinity; the **circle** of eternity; the **fish** which stands for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour, the **eye** of God's omnipresence; the **anchor** of hope; the **rock** of faith; the **flame** of God's consuming presence, the **vine** which Jesus named himself—"I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn13.5); the **alpha** and the **omega** (Rev 1.8); the **crown** and **staff** of Christ's kingship; and many others—all of which indicate some aspect of the saving presence and action of God in the world.*

The use of symbols is a mode of revelation and communion which passes beyond that of mere verbal or intellectual communication. The death of symbols comes when they are artificially invented, rationally explained, or reduced to mere "illustrations" whose meaning is not immediately grasped by man on the level of the living spiritual vision and experience.

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko THE ORTHODOX FAITH (Worship, Vol. 2)



Please Note – Date Change

Altar Society meeting has been changed to

Sunday, September 25.

Thank you for your understanding.

A NOTE FROM

THE CORNING COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

September is Hunger Awareness Month. The hunger awareness color is orange. You can participate during this hunger awareness month quite simply. When you do your routine shopping, add a couple cans or boxes of food to your cart and donate them to a local food pantry. Shop - purchase - donate make a difference!

Please save your gently used plastic bags and donate them to the Pantry. We use many bags for packing food items.

Please donate new or gently used clothing to our Pantry's "clothes closet". Children or infant's clothing are most welcome.

Food items that can be used this month are canned pork and beans, chicken noodle soup and boxes of Jello.

It should be remembered that there is great happiness in not wanting. When you take away a food insecure person's wanting (hunger), they can experience some form of happiness. To all the individuals who support the mission of the Corning Community Food Pantry, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We could not do our work without your help.

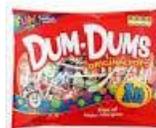
Food Pantry “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” BAGS

The following items are needed to complete the “Happy Birthday” Bags that are prepared by Millie Sosonka for the children of the Corning Community Food Pantry.



**Cake
Frosting**

Lollipops



**Tootsie
Rolls**