



# 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*

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Bulletin for Sunday, September 03, 2017

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## Scheduled Services

### WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 3, 2017

*Divine Liturgy*

*Panachida memory of Paul Mertus offered by Mertus Family*

*Coffee Social/Birthdays*

Saturday, September 9, 2017

*Great Vespers/Litya Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist*

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Prayers for the New School Year

Coffee Social

# Gospel and Epistle Readings

## Epistle Reading

**The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24**

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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## Gospel Reading

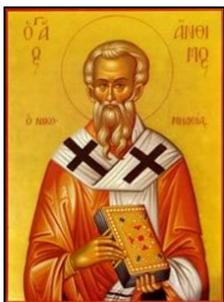
**13th Sunday of Matthew**

**The Reading is from Matthew 21:33-42**

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

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# Saints and Feasts



**September 03**

**Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia**

After the death of the 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, their Bishop Anthimus fled to a certain village to care for his remaining flock. The Emperor Maximian sent men in search of him. When they found him, he promised to show Anthimus to them, but first took them in as guests, fed them, and only then made himself known to them.

Amazed at his kindness, the soldiers promised him to tell Maximian that they had not found him. But Anthimus went willingly with them, and converting them by his admonitions, baptized them on the way. He boldly confessed his Faith before Maximian, and after frightful tortures was beheaded in the year 303 or 304.

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## Hymns of the Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the 4th Tone

The joyful message of the resurrection\* was heard by the faithful women from the angel:\* having been freed from the ancestral curse,\* they boasted to the Apostles:\* "triumphantly death has been overcome!\* Christ our God has risen,\* granting great mercy to the world."

## Wisdom of the Fathers

Many things does He intimate by this parable, God's providence, which had been exercised towards them from the first; their murderous disposition from the beginning; that nothing had been omitted of whatever pertained to a heedful care of them;...

***St. John Chrysostom***

*Homily 68 on Matthew 21, 4th Century*

And observe also both His great care, and the excessive idleness of these men for what pertained to the husbandmen, He Himself did ... and He left little for them to do; to take care of what was there, and to preserve what was given to them.

***St. John Chrysostom***

*Homily 68 on Matthew 21, 4th Century*

## Stewardship

On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life  
- Part 118: Why Am I Here? Part II  
(10/23/16)



*"I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4: 1-3 RSV)*

Bill Marianes, GOA Stewardship Evangelist, tells us if we want to know the purpose to our life we must use the GPS available to us. No, it is not the Global Positioning System we all know and use but the **GOD Positioning System** which we too often forget to turn on.

If we accept the reality that *God is in control* and listen for the messages that He is continuously sending us, we should prayerfully consider them. Then we will be able to effectively use the GOD Positioning System.

The next steps are to ask, what am I **G**ood at, what am I **P**assionate about and finally, what makes me **S**mile? Another, GPS - good, passionate, and smile.

When was the last time you prayed about what God was calling you to do? Have you ever thought about it?

Each of us must take the time to pray on what God is calling us to do and then go do it.

Marianes often reminds us of the story Alice in Wonderland. In it, Alice comes to a fork in the road and asked the Cheshire Cat that is sitting there, "Which way should I go?" The Cheshire Cat asks, "Where are you going?" Alice says, "I don't know." The Cat replies, "Then it doesn't matter!" We do not want to be Alice!

*You have been called, you have a stewardship calling, discover what it is!*

*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 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 607-962-5285.**

***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; Father James Worthington and Famil Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; 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; Timothy Davis; Jim Cronk; Deb Kuehner & Family; Art Gallant; Tammy Pierson

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.

## Parish and Ladies Altar Society Announcements

***Schools are NOW back in session:*** Our students are returning to the classrooms this coming week. Please drive carefully and keep our children safe. We will have prayers and a special blessing for the beginning of a new school year next Sunday, September 10th.

***Special Collection:*** There will be a special collection on Sunday September 10, 2017 for the Potter's Hand Foundation of Corning, whose mission is to serve survivors of human trafficking in memory of Pastor Tom Kuehner who fell asleep in the Lord last month.

***The Ladies Altar Society*** will hold a meeting after Liturgy on Sunday September 10, 2017. All members are urged to attend and ladies interested in joining in on the Society's good works are cordially invited to attend.

## Up Coming Events

***2nd ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RETREAT*** will be held at Camp Nazareth on September

22-24, 2017.

**SOUTHERN TIER DDD DINNER** will be held in a beautiful new Banquet Hall in Endwell, NY on Sunday **October 22, 2017**. Complete information will be forthcoming soon!

**DIOCESE WILL HONOR BISHOP GREGORY** on the 5th Anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate on **Monday, November 27, 2017** in Johnstown. Complete information will be provided at a later time.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### **Birthdays:**

September 1 Vlad Svyrydenko

September 2 Emily Quanortey

September 7 Joyce Merletti

September 9 James Mackiewicz

September 10 Jill Mertus

September 18 Ana Powers

September 27 Sam Powers

### **Anniversaries:**

September 30 Father Dan & Pani Joan

## ACROD News

08/10/2017



### Second Annual Stewardship Retreat

<http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/stewardship-retreat-2017>

JOHNSTOWN, PA - [Diocesan Chancery] -- The 2nd Annual Stewardship Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth from September 22-24, 2017. This Year's Theme is Igniting the Flame of True Stewardship.

On Friday evening, Mother Christophora, Abbess of The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, will be the presenter. On Saturday, Bill Marianes, Ancient Faith Radio contributor and Stewardship Evangelist from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, will be the day-long presenter. The Retreat is open to Coordinators, Clergy and members of Church Boards.

There is no charge and lodging will be provided by the Camp.

# Calendar

September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	SEP 1	2
3 9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Birthdays	4	5	6	7	8	9 5:00PM Great Vespers/Litya to observe Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist
10 9:30AM Divine Liturgy- Observe Feast of Beheading of St. John the Baptist and Forerunner 11:00AM Prayers for	11 Beheading of St. John the Baptist & Forerunner - Strict Fast	12	13	14 New Liturgical Year Begins	15	16 5:00PM Great Vespers/Litya for Feast of Theotokos Nativity
17 9:30AM Divine Liturgy- Observe Feast of Theotokos Nativity 11:00AM Pantry & Potluck	18	19	20 Listings for next month's calendar due to Helen R.	21 Nativity of Theotokos	22 Stewardship Retreat	23 Stewardship Retreat 5:00PM Great Vespers/Litya for Feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross
24 Stewardship Retreat 9:30AM Divine Liturgy- Observe Feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross	25	26	27	28 Elevation of the Holy Cross- Strict Fast	29	30 5:00PM Vespers/ Confession