

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
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Sunday, December 28, 2025

Reader Hours: Gloria Bench
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



Holy Righteous Ones:

Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. **Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

SERVICES:

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Христос рождається! Славимо Його!

Sunday, Dec. 28: 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Fellowship
Saturday, January 3 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 4 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship
Sunday, January 5 4:00 PM: Great Compline **(Theophany) Blessing of Water**
Monday, January 6 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, **Baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ**
Tuesday, January 7 Start of Home Blessings
Saturday, January 10 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 11 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, January 17 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 18 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship
Saturday, January 24 4:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, January 25 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship

Prayer List*: Fr. James Weremedic, Deacon James Carpenter
Robert Boguski, Bob Brunda, Jeanne Cannon, Todd Cleary, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus,
Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Paul Macenka, Olga
Martsyniv, Dave Mazaika, Tom McCarthy, Ron Pierce, Millie O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt,
Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Amanda Skripnek, SD James Weremedic, Jr.

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

The Church School Teachers are providing parents and all parishioners to come to the Church School sessions in the hall basement after the Divine Liturgies. It will help with some of the "CHURCH TRADITIONS" and also "PARISH TRADITIONS". I ask that if you are going to the sessions, please contact Gloria Bench and Barbara Birosik in advance. Yours in Christ,
Fr. James

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In memory of **Joseph & Olga Kash** offered by Barbara Groggier
 In memory of **King, Vavra, Pohlod, Kostin families** offered by Russell & Geri King
 In memory of **Anna Rosinola** offered by Russell & Gerri King
 In health of **All St. Mary's families** offered by The Good Samaritans

Candles (December 28)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Helen Butts** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
 Altar Candles: In health of **Todd Cleary** offered by John Evetushick
 Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
 7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Odess Remington** offered by Claire Remington
 Decorated Candles: In memory **Eva Dempsher** offered by Anastasia & John Zarsky
 December Birthdays: 3- Izrael Bracero, 16- James Weremedic, Jr., 18- Kathryn Jupin, 19- Ixsaviar Bracero, 26- Theodore Gauronsky, Jagger Gradwell, 28- Sophie James
 January Birthdays: 2- Tommy Shanosky, Kimberly Gauronsky, 7- Jhanyiah Bracero, 13- Dr. Ronald Berezniak, 28- Edward Pierson, 31- Michael Birosik
 January Anniversaries: 9- Wash & Helen King, 23- Russell & Geri King

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

Financials 12/21/2025: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$994, Non-Envelopes \$31, Holy Day \$75, Candles \$66, Donations \$1,470, Thanksgiving \$20, Fuel \$30, Building \$12.

How much is my tithe?!

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$38	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

We are not required to bring a tenth of our income to the Church; we can bring twenty, thirty, or even one-hundred percent, as did the poor widow (*Mark 12:42-43*). But we can start with a small step. We can at least bring as much as the Old Testament Hebrews, at least the ten percent that rightly belongs to God and not us. But if we don't have as much zeal for the temple of God as the Old Testament people had, then the Lord will accept and bless even seven or five percent or any other amount offered with a pure heart. **We must begin somewhere!**

On Tithing, A Russian Orthodox Church Website (pravmir.com)

Date	Hours	Epistle	Fellowship Hour
December 25	Mat. Lisa	Edward Pierson	
December 28	Gloria Bench	Michael Ropitsky	Berezniak
January 4, 2026	Chad Snyder	Edward Pierson	OPEN
January 11, 2026	Curtis Wetzel	Chad Snyder	OPEN

If anyone is in need of a priest: Please call Fr. James Weremedic at **(570) 427-3686**.
 For non-urgent calls, please call the rectory at (570) 645-2772

December 28, 2025

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John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 Troparion (Feast)

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on high. // O Lord, glory to You!

Tone 2 Troparion (Righteous Ones)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; you have seen a Virgin great with child; and you gave glory with the shepherds; you worshipped with the Magi, and received the news from the Angel. // Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Righteous Ones)

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, // and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!"

Tone 3 Kontakion (Feast)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him! The Wise Men journey with the star, // since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Righteous Ones)

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. *(Ps. 67:35a)*

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. *Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps. 44:3b)*

V. *For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)*

Tone 4

V. *Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness! (Ps. 131:1)*

Matthew 2:13-23 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."