

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Reader Hours: Gloria Bench  
Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 2.**

**The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**  
**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross**

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:**

Sunday, September 8 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (**Our Patron Namesake**) Fellowship Hour  
**YEA!!! Church School Begins**

Friday, September 13 5:00 PM: Vespers with Litya

Saturday, September 14 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, (**Precious & Life-Giving Cross**)

Saturday, September 14 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, September 15 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, **Church Picnic, Church School Activity**

Saturday, September 21 4:30 PM: Parastas (Mary Lou Simone, Nancy Lorchak, Randy Winney)

Saturday, September 21 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, September 22 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour, Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, September 28 5:00 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, September 29 9:30 AM: Divine Liturgy, Church School, Fellowship Hour

**Prayer List\*:**

V. Rev. John Onofrey, Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo  
Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Kaitlyn & Shannon Dmytrow, Anna Eltgroth,  
Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna  
Marie Mantey, Dorothy Macenka, Cynthia Mann, Olga Martsyniv, Tom McCarthy,  
Beverly Morgan, Vasil Pavuk, Ron Pierce, Odess Remington, Millie O'Shura,  
Melissa Schmitt, Olga Sidoriak, Jolie Skelton, Marie Yurchak

\* 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.

**If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Fr. James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.**

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

**Candles (September 8)**

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Nancy Lorchak** offered by Lorchak family  
 Altar Candles: For health of **Helen Stefanchick** offered by Julia Forte  
 Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Ilene Devine** offered by SD. James Weremedic, Jr.  
 7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Mary Babinetz** offered by Russel & Geri King  
 Decorated Candles: In memory of **Harry Wyshosky, Jr.** offered by Julia Forte  
 Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Nancy Lorchak** offered by Lorchak family  
 Flowers/Tetrapod: For health of **St. Mary's Parishioners, Families & Friends**

**Candles (September 14)**

Precious & Life-Giving Cross: In memory of **Olga Hebda, Mary Lutash & Helen Butts** offered by a friend

**September Birthdays:** 14- Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 18- Adam Balliet, 30- Eleanor Sidoriak

**September Anniversaries:** 17- John & Ann Yaroma, 20- Michael & Wendy Kulick

**Financials 9/1/2024: Operating Acct:** Envelopes \$1,280, Non-envelope \$100, Holy Day \$121, Candles \$30, Donation \$50, Altar Candles \$30, Building \$75, Cemetery \$25

**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.**

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

9/8 Russell King 9/15 **Church Picnic** 9/22 Helen King 9/29 Mike Tatusko 10/6 John Evetushick

**If anyone is interested in an overnight trip to the New Skete monasteries in Cambridge, NY at a date TBD this fall, please contact Ed Pierson 570-413-4158.**

**Please visit their website at <https://newskete.org>.**

<b>St. Mary's Orthodox Church Income/Expenses for 2024 Fiscal Year</b>				
2024	Sept- December	January-March	April- June	TOTAL
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$23,364.35	\$33,635.69	\$27,347.62	\$84,347.66
EXPENSE	\$47,014.66	\$46,347.24	\$37,966.26	\$131,328.16
		.55	-\$10,618.64	-\$46,980.50

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](http://pravmir.com))

**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

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**Luke 1:39-49, 56 (Matins Gospel)**

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

**Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Tone 4 Troparion (Feast)**

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. // By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, // and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

**Tone 2 Kontakion (Feast)**

By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: // "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance  
V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon**

V. My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)**

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

#### Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

V. Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord!

#### *Silent Prayer before the Gospel:*

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

#### **Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)**

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. **So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."**

#### **Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Gospel, Theotokos)**

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" **But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"**