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Services Schedule

Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am

Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm

Winter Vespers: 4:00pm

Under the Protection of the Birth-Giver of God (Theotokos)

Scheduled Services

Sunday December 3, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

12:00 NOON Great Vespers/Litya Feast of the Entrance Mother of God

Monday December 4, 2017

9:00am Divine Liturgy Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

Saturday December 9, 2017

Vespers/Confession

Sunday December 10, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

Ladies Altar Society Meeting

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Hymns of the Day

Tropar and Kondak in the 1st Tone

Your tomb was sealed with a stone by the Jews, and the soldiers guarded Your most pure Body; yet You arose on the third day, O Savior, giving life to the world. The heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your plan of salvation, for You alone have mankind.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Being God, You rose in glory from the tomb, O Lord, restoring life to the world and conquering death. All humanity exalts You as God. Adam rejoices and Eve, delivered from her bonds, glories and cries out to You: "O Christ, You are the resurrection of all.

Now and ever and forever. Amen!

O Virgin, when Gabriel hailed you, at the sound of his voice the Lord of all was conceived in you. You became a holy temple, as was fore-told by David, the Just. Bearing Your Creator, you became more spacious than the heavens. Glory to Him Who came forth from you! Glory to Him Who set us free by being born of you!

Saints and Feasts

November 20

Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople

Saint Proclus lived during the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger. A disciple and scribe of Saint

John Chrysostom, he was ordained Bishop of Cyzicus about the year 426, but because the people there unlawfully elected another bishop before his arrival, he remained in Constantinople. In 429, Nestorius, who had been Archbishop of Constantinople for about a year, and had already begun his blasphemous teaching that it is wrong to call the holy Virgin "Theotokos," invited Bishop Proclus to give a sermon on one of the feasts of our Lady, which he did, openly defending in Nestorius' presence the name "Theotokos," that is, "Mother of God." Saint Proclus was elevated to the throne of Archbishop of Constantinople in 434. It was he who persuaded Emperor Theodosius the Younger and his holy sister Pulcheria to have the most sacred relics of his godly teacher Saint John Chrysostom brought back from Comana, and triumphantly received them upon their return to the imperial city (see Jan. 27 and Nov. 13). He reposed in peace in 447.



Wisdom of the Fathers

We may learn from this that when we ask with faith, God does not give something other than what we ask for, but the very same thing. However, when we ask for one thing and receive something else, it is clear that either we did not make a good request or we did not ask with faith.

Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Ochrid and Bulgaria

The Explanation of the Gospel of St. Luke, 11th Century

Parish and Ladies Altar Society Announcements

2018 Lots of Luck Calendars

The ACRY 2018 Lots of Luck Calendars are now available. Get yours from Pani Joan during coffee social after Liturgy or call 962-5285 and let her know you want to purchase one or more at \$25.00 each. Each week, played straight on the Pick 3 Pennsylvania Lottery you have a chance to win. Hurry, get yours now as they go fast!

Christmas Family

Every year we assist a local family during the Christmas season. This year we will purchase Aldi gift cards with your monetary donations. The cards will be given to a Social Service agency to be distributed to families in need. A donation basket will be in the hall until December 10th, in order to deliver them to the agency by Friday, December 15. Please be generous and contribute to this worthy cause. If you have questions, please see Carole Herrlich.

Christmas Cards!

Don't get caught up in the commercial holiday sales. Avoid those secular symbols and corporate vendors. Beautiful, Orthodox style Christmas cards will be available again for purchase. Witness your faith to friends and family while benefiting our community. Sales

begin soon at only \$1.50 each. See Helen R.

Old Shoe Drive to Benefit Rainbow of Hope Animal Shelter

The drive to collect Old Shoes to benefit the Rainbow of Hope Animal Shelter will continue through the end of the year hoping to collect 20,000 pairs of shoes as their goal to raise funds in their quest to help dogs in need of medical attention.

Coffee Social

Over the years Saint Mary's has enjoyed a great coffee social after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. There is always great food and desserts to enjoy while socializing with our friends, family and visitors. Families have always volunteered to sponsor, set-up and clean-up every quarter during the year to make the Coffee Social for all to enjoy.

Unfortunately, this task has been left to one or two individuals this past year and it's time to "stand up" and help out. In the coming weeks, a 2018 calendar will be available for you to sign up at least once each quarter during the year and help out.

Remember, this is a form of STEWARDSHIP and a way to use the talents our Lord has given you.

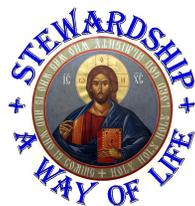
Bees Wax Tapers:

*Bees Wax Tapers to be lit in memory or honor of a loved one will once again be available beginning today for purchase. They can be purchased for a cost of **\$1.00** per candle. Please see Carole or Rodney.*

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting Date: The Annual Meeting: **January 28, 2018.** Please mark your calendar today. Please remember in order to participate you must be in good standing with your Financial and Spiritual obligations.

Stewardship



On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 56: "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29 RSV)

In the familiar story found in the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, a story called "The Good Samaritan," a

lawyer tests Jesus by asking, "And who is my neighbor?"

Rather than trying to define who the neighbor is for the lawyer, Jesus instead tells the story of what a neighbor did on behalf of a man who fell into the hands of robbers who left him on the roadside to die.

Good neighbors, as good stewards, are those who go beyond requirements and do what is needed for the neighbor. St. Matthew wrote these words of Jesus in his Gospel: "...if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you" (Matthew 5:40-41 RSV). Shortly after Jesus spoke these words in the Sermon on the Mount, He added: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:43-44 RSV)

In both the story of the Good Samaritan and in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus links our earthly neighbors to the same love God has shown us in Jesus Christ who gave Himself completely for us, His neighbors.

Stewards are those who are generous with the things God has loaned them to build up the Kingdom of God. In the Good Samaritan story, the most likely persons to assist the man dying in the ditch were the priest and the Levite. But they "passed by on the other side." It was the hated Samaritan who came to the aid of the Jewish traveler. As we know, that Samaritan was not only generous with his time, but also with the extravagance of his support, financially, of the injured man to see to his full recovery.

Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan actually began when that lawyer had asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" When asked that same question on another occasion, Jesus' answer to the rich young man who asked the question? "Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:22 RSV).

This time in answer to the same question, Jesus points out that eternal life is available to the one who in his abundance shows mercy to his neighbor - whether he likes the neighbor or not!

This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.

From Father's Desk

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- ***If you would like to meet with Father, please call him at 962-5285.***
- ***Emergency Sick Calls:*** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him at 962-5285 or 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 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 962-5285.*

The Church does not permit Cremation!

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Un-Official Minutes of Council Meeting - November 26, 2017

Members Present: Chuck Coons, Rodney Kerrick, Nancy Gabel, Don Kakretz, and Carol Telehany

Members Absent: Ted Kerrick, Mary Leonard, Diane Rodrigues, and Gloria Ewsuk

Also in Attendance: Father Dan

The meeting was opened at 11:32 with a prayer. Chuck requested a motion to accept the minutes of July 30, 2017. A motion was made by Rodney and seconded by Nancy. The minutes were approved.

Priest Report:

- Father Dan has visited all the shut-ins since the last meeting and all seem to be doing OK. Joyce Nissen recently fell and broke her hip. Presently, she is considered a shut-in.
- We have been holding our Church services in our new home on Canada Road in the social hall side of the building since October 29th. This weekend marks our 1st month of services and everything seems to be going well.
- The Nativity fast begins on November 28th. A schedule of services will be published in the bulletin the second week of December.
- Saint Nicholas Day will be celebrated on Sunday, December 17th and we should consider having a more elaborate coffee social rather than a dinner as our kitchen is not complete.
- We should consider having a Christmas tree again this year since it is our 1st year in our new home. It should be placed prior to the 25th to include parishioners who celebrate the feast of the Nativity on the 25th.
- We need to start working on a list of "Needs" for the Church side of the building and also look at items that need refurbishing.

Financial Report:

Rodney presented the financial report and members also discussed the Preliminary 2018 Budget.

Variance Report:

Income Summary: Income through November 19th was \$60,883 versus the budgeted income of \$57,699 resulting in a variance of \$3,184.

- Annual dues are on tract, under budget by only \$103.
- Income for cemetery maintenance is over budget by \$676
- Candle donations are under budget by \$1,920.
- Envelopes are over budget by \$3,414.
- Coffee hour has brought in 718, under budget by \$107.

Expense Summary: Expenses through November 19th were \$63,289 versus budgeted expenses of \$64,549 resulting in a variance of \$1,260.

- Rectory at Chatfield utilities were over budget by \$3,322.
- Church and hall maintenance (Sunset Drive) were over budget by \$2,084. This came from signing a three year warranty with Terminix and payment to help with flooring costs. Also had utility bills for being there longer than anticipated.
- Insurance cost (worker comp and liability) were over budget by \$335.
- Cemetery under budget by \$2,900 with incurred expenses of \$100 (trash removal) and no billing for any actual mowing to date.
- Canada Road mowing is over budget by \$1,399 due to purchase of lawn mower.
- Worship support, which includes candle and liturgical supply cost was under budget by \$1,716 – mainly due to candle purchasing.
- Pastoral support and medical insurances were under budget by \$256.

Conclusion: Through November 19th 2017 we were budgeted to have a loss of \$6,850 whereas we had an actual loss of \$2,406 resulting in a positive variance of \$4,444.

Chemung Canal Trust	10/31/17	06/30/17	Change
Operating Fund	4,837.94	12,001.66	-7,163.72
Church Building Fund	32,677.33	38,188.10	-5,510.77
Cemetery Fund	25.00	25.00	0.00
Church School	2,513.97	2,157.38	356.59
Mission Fund	2,068.78	1,953.78	115.00
Total Value	42,123.02	54,325.92	-12,202.90

Charles Schwab	10/31/17	06/30/17	Change
Cemetery Account	61,578.24	58,980.78	2,597.46
Operating Invest. Acct.	58,032.85	56,573.10	1,459.75
Building Fund	135,869.32	214,205.82	-78,336.50
Altar Society Bldg. Fund	14,642.68	14,561.69	80.99
Total Value	270,123.09	344,321.39	-74,198.30

Rectory (Cost Basis)	145,000.00	145,000.00	.00
Sunset Dr. Church Prop	0.00	62,717.00	-62,717.00
Canada Rd. Property	300,000.00	0.00	
Grand Total	757,246.11	606,364.31	150,881.80

Transfer for 3^d Qtr. From Operating Account:

To Building Fund:	\$5,412.00
To Mission Fund:	45.00
To Church School:	155.49

July-December Birthday Bags:

July-December Food Pantry:

Total From Operating Fund: \$,5,612.49

Altar Society Report:

There was no Altar Society Report available. Meeting is scheduled for December 10th.

Old Business:

Relocation Update:

- Work on the Canada Road rectory still needs to be done. It should be done by February.
- Chatfield Place work should also be done by February or early Spring so that this property can be put on the market. Parishioners are asked to check with Chuck to see what needs to be done. We would like to have Chatfield done as volunteer work to save some money.

List of Items To Be Donated:

- A list of items to be donated such as shrubs, patio construction and furniture will be prepared. Nancy Gabel is preparing a list of items to be donated. Also there are items that may be cost effective to refurbish for example tabernacle, candle stick holders etc. as opposed to buying new. Parishioners should see Father Dan about items to be refurbished.

New Business:

Stipend to All Saints Parish:

- Chuck made a motion to give All Saints Parish a donation of \$1,000 for the five months that we spent there. The motion

was seconded by Nancy. All in favor. Father Dan will write a thank-you note on behalf of the parish and take the check to the parish office.

Annual Meeting Date:

- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2018. Chuck also noted that we will need two new council members. Nancy Gabel and Gloria Ewsuk have terms that are expiring.

Committee Reports:

- There were no Committee Reports.

There being no further business to discuss, Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Telehany, Secretary

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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; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Raphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Connie Miloro; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael 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; Art Gallant; Karen Kluchonic; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Timothy Wenck; Joyce Nissen, Chelsea Roman; Timothy Davis; Mary Dirnberger

Please remember Jonathan Share; Douglas Lindsey who are serving in the United State Navy; Tyler Colburn who is serving in the United State Army as well as all the Men and Woman serving our Country at home and abroad.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

December 1 Luke Mertus

December 9 Tezeru Birbirsu

December 11 Anna McKane

December 11 Katherine McKane

December 13 Mary Benyo

December 14 Nancy Coons

December 14 Stanley Lewek

December 14 Chase Mackiewicz

December 29 Myra Svyrydenko

O Lord, grant to your servants on their birthday good health, happiness and salvation for many blessed years! Mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

ACROD News



Diocesan Family Gathers To Celebrate Bishop Gregory's 5th Anniversary of Consecration

11/28/2017

<http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/10450>

On Monday November 27, 2017, our Diocesan Family gathered around our Archpastor, His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa to celebrate his fifth anniversary of Consecration to the Episcopacy.

The day began with a quiet celebration of Divine Liturgy at Christ the Saviour Cathedral where His Grace, assisted by the Cathedral Clergy, Seminarians and other clerics of the Diocese offered prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past five years.

In the evening additional prayers of thanksgiving were offered, followed by a banquet at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. A beautiful evening of thanksgiving and fellowship was enjoyed by His Grace and scores of Clergy and faithful from the Diocese. Special guests included His Grace's mother Antonia, sister Alexandra and nephew Nathan.

Calendar

December 3 to December 31, 2017

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Birthdays	Theotokos Entry into the Temple 9:00AM Divine Liturgy - Theotokos Entry into Temple					4:00PM Vespers / Confession
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:30AM Ladies Altar Society mtg.						4:00PM Vespers / Confession
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Pantry & Potluck		St. Nicholas	Listings for next month's calendar due to Helen R.			4:00PM Vespers / Confession
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30AM Divine Liturgy						4:00PM Vespers / Confession