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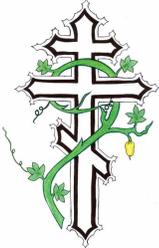


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Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

Newsletter



WEEKLY SCHEDULE



Sunday, July 15, 2018

*9:30am Divine Liturgy
Pantry/Potluck Coffee Social*

Saturday, July 21, 2018

5pm Vespers/ Confessions

Sunday, July 22, 2018

*9:30am Divine Liturgy
Panachida memory of +Paul Rodrigues offered by Gary & Carole Herrlich
Coffee Social*

Church Council Meeting

CAMPERS LEAVING FOR WEEK AT CAMP NAZARETH

Saturday, July 28, 2018

5pm Vespers/Confessions

Saturday, July 29, 2018

*9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social*

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Epistle Reading
The Reading is from
Romans 15:1-7

Brethren,

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you for the Glory of God.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from
St. Matthew 9:27-35

Let us attend,

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes saying, "According to your faith be it done for you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel."

But the Pharisees said, "He cast out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

Several weeks ago we had a small rummage sale at the Chatfield rectory and made \$250 to go to the Building Fund. We are in the process of planning one sale a month until early Fall.

*The next sale is planned for **July 27th and 28th from 9am to 1pm**. The rectory garage is already set up for a sale. All we need is more items to sell! So...be inspired to clean out your house and donate a box or two to help make the next sale a success.*

See Pani or Diane for additional information.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY JULY 22, 2018
After Divine Liturgy
ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers

By Stanley S. Harakas

Placing of Wedding Ring

Q: *Why are wedding rings placed on the right hand in the Orthodox Sacrament of Marriage. I understand that in many countries in Europe many people wear their wedding rings on their right hand as well. Why is it here in America people wear their wedding ring on the left hand?*

A: *I'll start with your last question first. There is a romantic medieval superstition which holds that there is a vein which goes from the left hand directly to the heart. The concept without doubt has a tinge of romance to it, which I suppose, is the reason that wedding rings are placed on the left hand in this country. My guess is that the Roman Catholic countries and the Protestant nations of Western Europe follow the medieval practice and brought it with them to this country. If some non-Orthodox Europeans do place the ring on the right hand, it is by reflection of the Orthodox practice. The Orthodox practice is based on biblical and the liturgical meaning of the rings. The rings were originally, and continue today to be, used only in the service of the Betrothal, or the "pledge" (arrabon). Originally, long before the wedding, a couple pledged their intent to marry eventually through the "Service of the Promise" or the "Service of the Pledge." The sign of the "arrabon" was the exchange of rings. Since this was a solemn pledge, or promise, the use of the so-called "strong hand," that is the hand of authority, (the right hand), was used. Here is the prayer of the Betrothal Service which is said while the marriage sponsor (Koumbaros or Koumbara), is exchanging the rings, I think it makes everything clear from the Orthodox perspective.*

O Lord our God, Who accompanied the servant of the patriarch Abraham to Mesopotamia, when he was sent to espouse a wife for his lord Isaac, and did reveal to him a sign by the drawing of water to betroth Rebecca; do You Yourself bless the betrothal of these Your servants (Name) and (Name) and confirm the word that has been spoken by them for You O Lord, from the beginning have created male and female, and by You is a woman joined to a man for assistance and for the continuation of the human race. Therefore, O Lord God, Who have sent forth Your truth to Your inheritance and Your promise to Your servants, our fathers, who were Your elect, do

You give regard unto this Your servant (Name) and Your servant (Name), and seal their betrothal in faith, in oneness of mind, in truth and in love. For You, O Lord, have declared that a pledge is to be given and held inviolate in all things. By a ring Joseph was given might in Egypt; by a ring, Daniel was exalted in Babylon, by a ring our heavenly Father showed compassion upon His prodigal son, for He said, "Put a ring upon his right hand, kill the fatted calf, and let us eat and rejoice." Your own right hand, O Lord, armed Moses in the Red Sea. Yea, by word of Your truth were the Heavens established and the earth set upon her sure foundations; and the right hands of Your servants shall be blessed by Your might word, and by Your uplifted arm. Wherefore, O Sovereign Lord, do You Yourself bless this putting on of rings with Your heavenly benediction; and may Your Angel go before them all the days of their life, for You are He that blesses and sanctifies all things, and to You do we send
⁴ *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages.*



Faith vs. Superstition

“At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus; and he said to his servants, ‘This is John the Baptist, he has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him.’ For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison, for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; because John said to him, ‘It is not lawful for you to have her.’ And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet.” (Mt 14:1-5)

St. John the Baptist falls on deaf ears, when he tells Herod that “it is not lawful” for Herod to have his brother’s wife. Because Herod had no “law” or concept of “lawfulness.” As far as we can see in this passage from Scripture, at this point his life, Herod’s “modus operandi” was determined by 1. his attachment to “Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,” and 2. his fear of the people. So it’s the chaos of his “own” lust and fear, rather than the divine stability of the “law” beyond and above him, which determines his actions. This chaotic “foundation,” if we could even call it that, of lust and fear, leaves Herod open to rather-wild superstition, like the belief that Jesus was actually John the Baptist, “raised from the dead.”

Herod’s state of mind reminds me of many of us today, who reject the Law of God, while readily believing in stuff like horoscopes, and fly-by-night “charismatic” gurus and teachers of various stripes. All that appears quite ridiculous, really, once we begin to step out of the bondage of our obsessions and addictions, of our own fears and lusts, and enter into the stability of God’s unchangeable, sane, and true love for us, which is outside of “us,” but there nonetheless, and available for us to embrace and receive, as our own. Lord, help me step outside of my obsessions today, and to accept Your stabilizing, dependable love, as my law. “Thy kingdom com, Thy will be done,” in my life today, “on earth as it is in heaven.”

This week’s bulletin & Eternal Light is sponsored by

Gary & Carole Herrlich

*In honor of Wedding Anniversary
of*

Stan & Nancy Lewek

***May God grant them many blessed
years of good health, happiness,
and salvation for
many blessed years!***

July Birthdays/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

July 16 Alexia H.
July 16 Elaine Kerrick
July 28 Jerry Leonard
July 30 Paul Topichak



*O God, grant your
servants celebrat-
ing their special
day good health,
happiness for
many blessed
years!*

ANNIVERSARIES

July 12 Stan & Nancy Lewek
July 15 Vlad & Myra Svyrydenko

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; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; Very Rev. John Baranik; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; 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; Vasyl & Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheat; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula; Art Gallant; Nancy Murphy-Teed; Joyce Nissen; Chelsea Roman; Gloria Ewsuk; Andrew Chudanic; Tammy Pierson; Jeanne Zimmer; Denise Topichak; Linda Sambursky; John Cowherd; Raymond Corbett; Erika Tibeau; Sylvia Serdula

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.

Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue

Shoe Drive



WOOFTRAX SHOES FOR SHELTERS SHOE DRIVE – THROUGH DECEMBER 2018

How it works: People donate their gently worn shoes to Rainbow of Hope. If we collect 2,500 shoes then Funds2Orgs will donate \$1,000 to our charity. If we collect more than 2,500 shoes they will give us 40 cents for every pound in excess of the 2,500. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in developing countries all over the world. Proceeds from the entrepreneur shoe sales in the developing countries are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school!

So by donating the gently worn shoes (please no holes or stains) that are crowding your closet, you are decluttering your home and helping both animals in our area and people in developing countries! It's a win win for everyone!

What kind of shoes can be donated? We can take any pairs of shoes including sneakers, dress shoes, work boots, heels, flip flops, and even slippers. We will take all sizes from infant to adult, large and small, but they must be matching pairs!

How do I donate? Simply collect the shoes you are no longer wearing! We have various drop off locations in the area but just call us at 607-562-8085 and we will come and pick them up! What could be simpler?

About Rainbow of Hope: Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue Inc. "ROHAR" is a 501(c)(3) not for profit animal rescue incorporated in 2004 and located in Big Flats, New York. We are entirely volunteer and assist people in PA and upstate New York who want to re-home their pets or need assistance in keeping their pets, but are struggling with a pet's behavior issue or with providing or affording veterinary care for their pet. We use foster homes for pets that must be surrendered or we simply have owners foster their own pets while we search for new "Furever" homes for them. We have helped rehome over 500 dogs since our inception in 2004! We mostly service dog owners but can provide some excellent referrals for cat owners too!

SAINT MARY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH July 2018

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| 9:30am Divine Liturgy Pan. Mem +Michael M Coffee Social/Birthdays | | | Independence Day | | 5pm Vesperal Lit Nativity of St John the Baptist | 5pm Vespers/Confessions | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | |
| 9:30am Divine Liturgy 40 th Day Panachida mem of +Paul R Coffee Social | | | 5:pm Vesperal Liturgy Ss Peter & Paul | Ss Peter & Paul Feast NO LITURGY | | 5:pm Vespers/Confessions | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | |
| 9:30am Divine Liturgy Potluck Coffee Social/Pantry | | | | | | 5pm Vespers/Confessions | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | |
| 9:30am Divine Liturgy Panachida mem +Paul R Church Council Meeting CAMPERS LEAVE FOR CAMP NAZARETH | | | | | | 5pm Vespers/Confessions Campers return from Camp Nazareth | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 9:30am Divine Liturgy Coffee Social | | | | | | | |
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