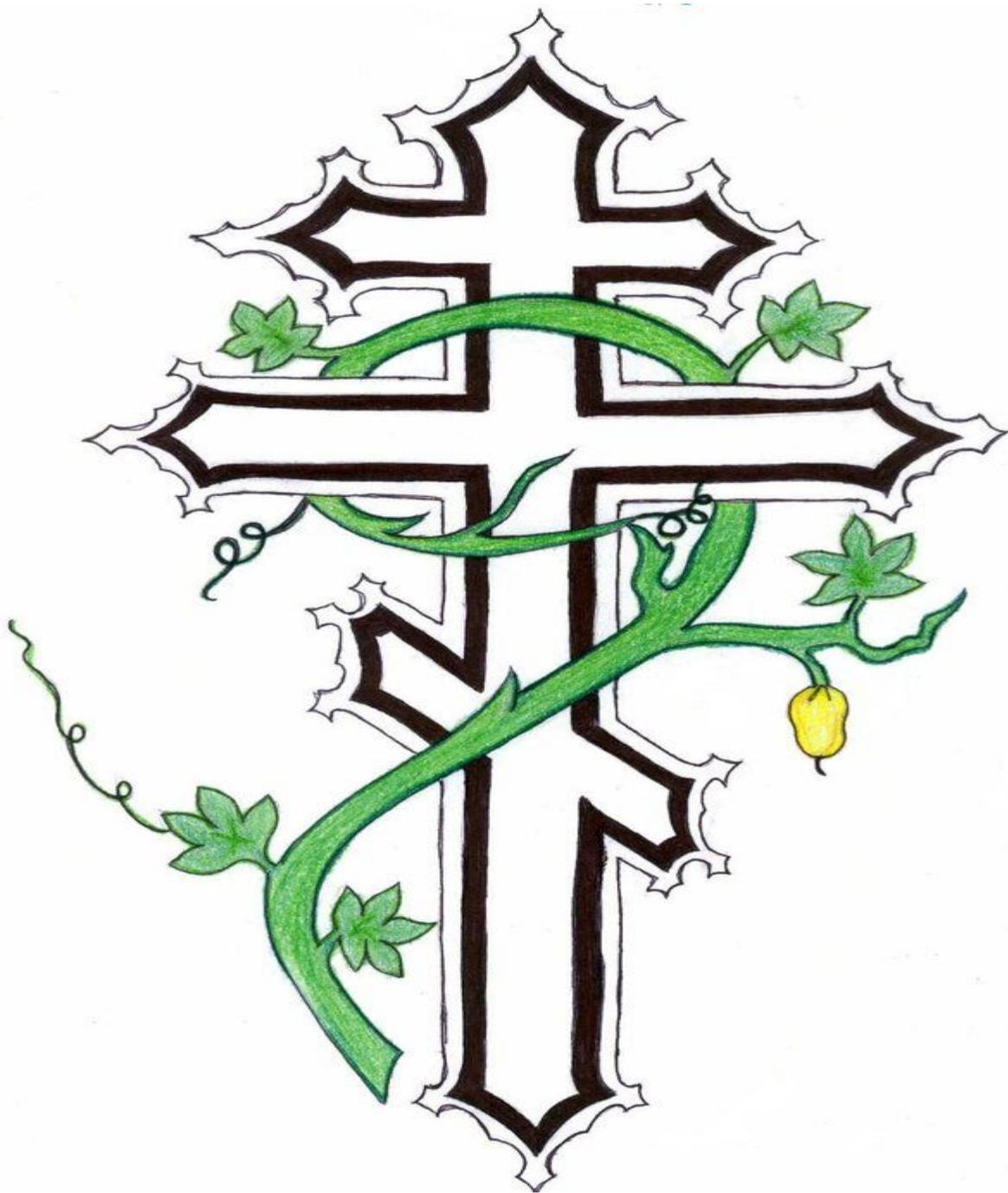


Your Cross we adore O Master



And Your Holy Resurrection we glorify!

Welcome Southern Tier Deanery

It is with great joy that our Saint Mary's Parish Family welcome the Clergy and our Brothers and Sisters of the Southern Tier Deanery along with visiting Clergy and friends from the Greater Corning area to our first Lenten Deanery Mission Service in our new home on Canada Road in Painted Post. It is a long standing tradition within the Southern Tier Deanery to visit one another during the Great Lent, to worship together, to pray together and to break bread together and enjoy good fellowship.

It is a pleasure to welcome our Dean, Protopresbyter Jim Dutko pastor of Saint Michael's Orthodox Church in Binghamton as main celebrant and my Altar Brothers as we celebrate Sunday Lenten Vespers on this magnificent day of third Sunday, the halfway marker of our Great Lenten journey.

Thank you for joining us on this most auspicious occasion.

In Christ,

Father Dan

Saint Mary's Orthodox Church

(Carpathian-Russian Orthodox Diocese of NA Ecumenical Patriarchate)
61 Canada Road Painted Post, New York

St. Mary's Newsletter

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Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Coffee Social afterward.

Service Information

Sunday Divine Liturgy
9:30am
Weekday/Holy Day
9:00am
Saturday/Holy Day
Vespers
5:00pm
4:00pm Winter Months

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Cross Veneration Sunday

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From the Prayer on the Amvon at the end of the Liturgy on the Third Sunday of Lent....

"O God and Father of glory, for our sake You gave Your only-begotten Son, and through Him have made us sons and worthy again of Your Spirit. Have compassion on us now, for we have broken Your commandments. Do not condemn us with those who have cut themselves off from You, nor leave us starved of Your spiritual gifts. Instead, make us worthy to draw near to You in our words and in our hearts, and to prove by our deeds that we are Your sons, as we imitate the conversion of the prodigal son. To him You made known Your love beyond expression for sinners. May we obtain everlasting happiness which You have made ready for all who do Your will, through the grace and mercy and love for mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom glory is due to You, together with Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen."

Tropar of the Cross: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, grant Orthodox Christians victory over their enemies, and protect Your people with Your Cross



"Your Cross we adore O Master and Your holy Resurrection we glorify!"



presbyter Frank Miiloro, Chancellor
Proto- 48 Days to the Great Day Vol. 7

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Cross Veneration Sunday

9:30am *Divine Liturgy*

*Panachida memory of parents +Julia, +Michael & brother
+Edward Brudnak offered by Mrs. Helen Verno; Panachida
memory of Father Deacon Robert Kuchta offered by*

Father and Pani

Coffee Social

4:00pm *Deanery Mission Sunday Lenten Vespers in
our Saint Mary's Church*

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

5:00pm *Moleben to the Holy Cross*

Friday, March 16, 2018

5:00pm *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts*

Saturday, March 17, 2018

9:00am *All Souls
Memorial Service*

NO VESPERS TONIGHT

Sunday, March 18, 2018

9:30am *Divine Liturgy
Saint John Climacus
Coffee Social*

Parish Contact Information

Rev. Father Daniel Mahler

Presiding Priest

Parish Office: 607-962-5285 Father's Cell: 607-377-0587

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Charles (Chuck) Coons

Council President/Cantor: 607-368-1309

March Birthdays/Anniversaries

March 12 *Vasyl Hayovy*

March 16 *Tom Cox*

March 19 *Paul Rodrigues*

March 25 *Noah Coons*

March 25 *Jason Cox*



 *od grant your servants
good health, happiness,
salvation for many blessed
years!*

Kissing of Icons

*In reverencing Holy Icons
please do not kiss an Icon if
you are wearing lipstick
because lipstick stains are
almost impossible to
remove. If wearing lipstick
only make a small bow and
bless yourself.*

The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions & Answers by Stanley Harakas

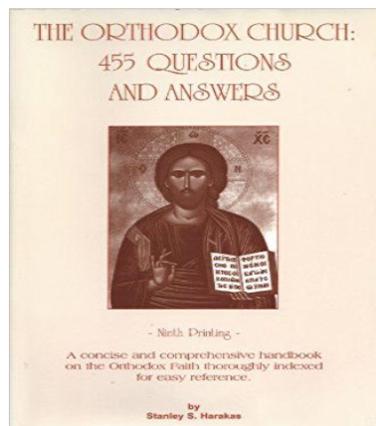
Q: What does communion with God mean?

A: Our communion with God is based on the truth that all human beings are created in God's image and likeness. While, on the one hand we are not divine in nature (we are creatures), on the other, God created us so that we are divine-like. Since we sin, breaking down that divine-likeness, God helps us not only to restore it, but also to grow in it. Our baptism broke down the wall between each of us and God, making us members of His household. In His love, God gives us other means, such as prayer and the other sacra-

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ments, to build up that union with Him. So, Christmation gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, and. . . "all who are led by the Spirit are sons of God." The sacrament of communion is communion with God in a special way. St. Paul asks rhetorically, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation (or, communion) in the blood of Christ? The bread which we

break, is it not a participation (or communion; Greek, "koinonia") in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:16. The church teaches that we do not commune with God's essence. But we do come into communion with God Himself through His energies, and in this way we become "partakers (communicants) of divine nature" 2 Peter 1:34.



The Orthodox Church 455 Questions & Answers



LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Potluck & Pantry – Spice of Life

Ever notice how the right combination of spices can take an otherwise bland dish and turn it into something exciting, especially during Lent. Now imagine skipping out on the pepper or basil or cinnamon because your funds are limited. Next week, as we celebrate Potluck & Pantry, think about bringing spices for the Corning Community Food Pantry. As you buy seasonings for your own dishes, pick up an extra jar for someone else.

Epistle Reading for the Sunday of Cross Veneration

Saint Paul's Letter

To the Hebrews

4:15-5:1-6

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading for the Sunday of Cross Veneration



The Gospel according to Saint Mark

Let us attend,

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Veneration of the Holy Cross Sunday

In the services for this Sunday the Holy Church glorifies the holy cross and the fruits of the death of the Savior on the Cross. She will carry out the holy cross into the middle of the temple for veneration, and is why the Sunday is called the Veneration of the Cross.

The purpose of instituting the Holy Cross in the service on the third Sunday will be revealed as a beautiful comparison by the Holy Church to the tree of life in paradise, the tree which sweetened the bitter waters of Marah, the tree with the canopy of leaves under whose shade tired travelers seeking the eternal promised land may find coolness and rest. Thus, the Holy Church offers the Holy Cross for spiritual reinforcement to those going through the ascetic effort of the fast, just as food, drink and rest serve as bodily reinforcement. God turned Himself over to death on the cross. It is especially necessary in the middle of our effort because now our ascetic efforts already have lost much of the freshness of its power and however yet cannot hopefully enliven itself for the near and successful ending of our ascetical effort. Having concentrated all that is the most severe and sorrowful in the worship services of the previous weeks, especially during the first, that may both frighten the sinner and apparently touch the hardest of human hearts, now in the middle of the large and difficult arena of the Holy Forty Day Fast the Holy Church offers the Holy Cross for great comfort and encouragement as needed for raising the flagging strength of those fasting. Wherefore nothing can both console, encourage, and inspire the fatigued, or perhaps even the Christian weakened in spirit so much as the presentation of the eternal divine love of the Savior who turned Himself over to the struggle on the cross for the sake of our salvation.

For such a purpose the Holy Church offers the cross on the third Sunday of Great Lent from of old. Many hymns of praise for this Sunday were composed by Joseph and Theodore of the Studite Monastery. Everything in the worship service of this day: the most Holy Cross, solemnly carried from the altar to the middle of the temple, the singing of the Stichera for venerating the cross, the Epistle, recounting the suffering of the Savior on the cross as the means of our reconciliation with God, the Gospel, reminding the Christian about everyone's duty to bear their cross in life, following the Crucified One on the cross, everything that promotes the deep stamp of the cross of Christ on the heart of the believer, as a sign of our salvation, as our mighty, God-given power, saving us on earth and opening to us the entrance to the high place of our fatherland, as the highest reinforcement of believers among the ascetics of the Forty Day Fast. If the Lord suffered on a cross for our sakes then we also should practice asceticism unceasingly in fasting, prayer and other efforts of piety for His sake discharging from ourselves and destroying in ourselves all that interferes with these efforts. With the aim of our greater enthusiasm for patience in efforts of piety, the Holy Church on the present day comfortably reminds us beforehand about coming nearer "to the light of the peaceful joy of Pascha", hymning in the troparia of the canon, the holy cross and the suffering of the Savior on it, together with His joyful resurrection and inviting the faithful "with pure mouths" to sing "the song of joyfulness. Excerpted from the Handbook for Church Servers (Sergei Gulgakov)

O God and Father of glory, for our sake You gave Your only-begotten Son, and through Him have made us sons and worthy again of Your Spirit. Have compassion on us now, for we have broken Your commandments. Do not condemn us with those who have cut themselves off from You, nor leave us starved of Your spiritual gifts. Instead, make us worthy to draw near to You in our words and in our hearts, and to prove by our deeds that we are Your sons, as we imitate the conversion of the prodigal son. To him You made known Your love beyond expression for sinners. May we obtain everlasting happiness which You have made ready for all who do Your, through the grace and mercy and love for mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom glory is due to You, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Veneration of the Holy Cross Amvon Prayer

The Corning
area session
will be held on
TUESDAY
MARCH 13,
2018 AT
6:00PM

STEBEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Citizen's Response to Active Shooter Training for area Clergy

Steuben County Sheriff, Jim Allard, reports that the Steuben County Sheriff's Office, in response to community concerns arising from nationwide events of catastrophic violence, will be conducting three CRASE trainings, primarily for clergy and lay-leaders, to assist in security concerns at area houses of worship. The Sheriff's Office will conduct three trainings in March 2018, in the Bath, Corning and Hornell areas, to meet the needs of our area clergy.

Any person interested in attending these classes, or willing to host a class in their area, please contact Terri Moir at the Steuben County Sheriff's Office at (607) 622-3930 or at moirtl@co.steuben.ny.us

The Corning area session will be held on TUESDAY MARCH 13, 2018 AT 6:00PM. Father Dan and Don Kraketz will be attending. In anyone is interested in attending see Don or Father Dan and let us know. A number of those attending must be given to the Sheriff's Office a.s.a.p.

Thank You!

Mary Leonard

*For decorating the Holy
Cross so beautifully
for commemorating
Holy Cross Sunday*

Decorated Cross

*The Decorated Cross on our Tetrapod for
Veneration Sunday was donated by*

Carol Telehany

In memory of deceased family members.

May their memory be eternal!

Vichnaja Pamjat!

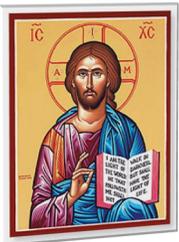
FROM FATHER'S DESK....



- If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**
61 Canada Road 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 for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285

The Church does not permit Cremation.

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; Father James Worthington and Family Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Raphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Vasyl & 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; Joyce Nissen; Chelsea Roman; Gloria Ewsuk; Andrew Chudanic; Tammy Pierson; Jeanne Zimmer; Denise Topichak

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.

MARCH 2018

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<p>18</p> <p>St. John of the Ladder (Climacus) 9:30am Divine Liturgy Potluck/Pantry</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Listings for Next Month due to Helen R</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2-4pm Church Open for Prayer/Confession</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO VESPERS HERE 7:00pm Feast of the Annunciation Vespers Annunciation GO Church Vestal, NY</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Saint Mary of Egypt 9:30am Divine Liturgy Coffee Social</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Lazarus Saturday 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Make Palm Crosses 5:00pm Great Vespers/Litija Palm Sun</p>