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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

Bulletin for Sunday, November 12, 2017

Scheduled Services

Sunday November 12, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Panachida memory of victims of Texas Church shooting

Coffee Social

Saturday November 18, 2017

Vespers/Confession

Sunday November 19, 2017

Divine Liturgy

Coffee Social

Church Council Meeting (All Council Members are urged to attend)

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the 6th Tone

Angelic powers were before Your grave,* and the guards became like dead men:* Mary stood at the grave* seeking Your most pure Body.* You captured death, but were not tempted by it.* O Giver of life, You met the Virgin.* O Lord, You arose from the dead.* Glory to You.

Saints and Feasts



October 30

The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia

These Saints were from Aegae in Cilicia, brought up in piety by their parents. Zenobius was a physician, and healed many freely by the power of God; because of his virtue he was consecrated Bishop of Aegae. With his sister he was taken by Lysias the Governor, and after many tortures they were beheaded, about the year 290, during the reign of Diocletian.

Wisdom of the Fathers

The example of the good Samaritan shows that we must not abandon those in whom even the faintest amount of faith is still alive.

St. Ambrose of Milan

Two Books of St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Concerning Repentance, Chapter 11

But you cannot be a neighbour unless you have compassion on him; for no one can be called a neighbour unless he have healed, not killed, another. But if you wish to be called a neighbour, Christ says to you: "Go and do likewise."

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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 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.*

Cemetery Committee Announcement

We'd like to remind everyone that it is time to remove all Summer decorations (fresh and artificial) including flowerpots from the cemetery grounds by NOVEMBER 22nd as the final trash removal barrel will be picked up by disposal company for the year.

Thank you for your cooperation! Carole Herrlich

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.

Myrrhstreaming Icon in Buffalo Trip

Travel to St. George Orthodox Church (OCA), 2 Nottingham Terrace, Buffalo, NY to witness, venerate and pray before the Miraculous, Oil-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God (Icon of the Annunciation) on the Iconostasis on Saturday, November 25. Leave here at 1:00 pm for Vespers at 4:00pm. Interested, please see Fr. Dan or Helen R.

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.

Upcoming Events

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Stewardship



On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life

- Part 125: Have We Discovered Our Gifts (12/18/16)

"But each has his own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another." (1 Corinthians 7:7 RSV)

We have talked a lot about the gifts God has given us. Have we unwrapped those gifts? I recently heard a sermon where the priest made the analogy of the gifts God gives us with those that may have been received at a wedding shower or marriage or some other celebration and forgot to open them until years later when they were discovered in the basement, still in the original wrapping. We say, "OH, that is where that has been!"

Do we do the same with the gifts that God has given us? Do we forget to unwrap them and wonder why God has forsaken us? I would submit that many of us are afraid to unwrap the gifts He has given us because we would then be committed to God, to do His will. Many of us do not want to do that, do we? We want to live our secular lives with all the luxuries that it brings and profess our religious life for two hours on Sunday or a feast day.

The gifts that God has so generously given to us is not for living in luxury. The gifts are to provide for the necessities of life and to use the excess to help those less fortunate. That means making a commitment to God! Isn't that what Orthodoxy is all about? I would challenge anybody to show me in Scripture or the writings of the Holy Fathers where it says, "Use all that God gives you to live in luxury and let the less fortunate worry about themselves!"

If you haven't discovered the gifts that God has given you to help others, dig deep into the basement of your soul. There you will find those gifts and say, "OH, that is where you have been!"

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!

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 & Jacqueline 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 Nisson, Chelsea Roman

Birthdays/Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

November 15 Joseph Topichak

November 25 John McKane

ACROD News



**Scholarships Available for Diocesan Students Attending
CrossRoad Orthodox Summer Institute**

11/07/2017

<http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/crossroads2018>

JOHNSTOWN, PA [Diocesan Chancery] -- The Diocesan Chancery is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2018 CrossRoad program.

CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach.

Historically, CrossRoad has been hosted solely on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross. This year, we are

excited to announce that CrossRoad is expanding to Chicago!

Bulletin/Eternal Light Sponsorship

Bulletin/Eternal Light sponsorship is once again available. If you would like to sponsor the bulletin or eternal light please give to Father, email or call Father by Tuesday of week desired.

Calendar

November 12 to December 10, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
12 9:30AM Divine Liturgy	13	14	15	16	17	18 4:00PM Vespers / Confession
19 9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Pantry & Potluck 11:30AM Council Meeting	20 Listings for next month's calendar due to Helen R. 4:00PM Great Vespers/Litya Archangels	21 Synaxis of Archangels Ss. Michael & Gabriel 9:00AM Divine Liturgy	22	23	24	25 1:00PM Trip to Myrrh-streaming Icon in Buffalo
26 9:30AM Divine Liturgy	27 5:00PM Bishop's anniversary dinner	28 Nativity Fast Begins	29	30	DEC 1	2 4:00PM Vespers / Confession
3 9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Birthdays	4 Theotokos Entry into the Temple	5	6	7	8	9 4:00PM Vespers / Confession