



St. Michael's Parish Bee

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The Sunday of Orthodoxy, Restoration of Icons, March 13

Sunday Antiphons and Beatitudes, Tropar, Tone 5

Kondak, Proimenon and Alleluia verses, 1st Lenten Sunday

Our Schedule of Activities this Week

Sunday: *Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
*Church School Lenten Outreach Project after Liturgy
*Parish Coffee Shop after Liturgy in Center
* Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 4 PM
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Elmira Heights
Reflections by Area Seminarians on Vocations and Visions!

Monday: *Grab and Go Community Meal, 5:30-7 PM

Wednesday: *Special Parish Luncheon, 12 Noon
All our Faithful are Invited
*Lenten Presanctified Liturgy, 6 PM

Friday: *Moleben to the Holy Cross,
with prayer for peace in Ukraine, 6 PM

Saturday: *All Souls Divine Liturgy, 8:00 AM
*First Confession Class, 11 AM-12 Noon
*Confessions, 4 PM, Vespers, 5 PM

2nd Sunday of Great Lent, March 20, St Gregory Palamas

*Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

*Church School and Coffee Shop, 10:30 AM

Southern Tier Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Sunday afternoon, March 13, 4 PM

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

140 Horseheads Blvd,
Elmira, NY 14903

*"And it shall come to pass in the last days says God that I will pour out
my Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your Young
men shall see visions, Your old men will dream dreams."
---Acts 2:17*

It is no secret that the Orthodox Church also has a need for priestly vocations.
At the conclusion of the Vespers, four area Seminarians will comment on why
each decided to enter seminary and what visions each has for the Church.
They include Dylan Kelemocz, Gregory Fedorchok,
Timothy Paproski, and Mark Solomon

*Area Choir Members who would like to sing are asked to arrive at the church
by 2 PM to participate in a short rehearsal before the start of this Sunday's service.*

A Lenten Reception follow with Q&A



Scripture Readings for the Second Week of Lent

Sunday:	Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32: 12:2		St. John 1: 43-51
Monday:	Isaiah 4: 2-6, 5: 1-7	Genesis 1: 1-13	Proverbs 1: 1-20
Tuesday:	Isaiah 5: 7-16	Genesis 1: 14-23	Proverbs 1: 20-23
Wednesday:	Isaiah 5: 16-25	Genesis 1: 24-2:3	Proverbs 2: 1-22
Thursday:	Isaiah 6: 1-12	Genesis 2: 4-19	Proverbs 3: 1-18
Friday:	Isaiah 7: 1-4	Genesis 2: 20-3:20	Proverbs 3" 19-34
Saturday:	Hebrews 3: 12-16		St. Mark 1: 35-44
Sunday:	Hebrews 1:10-2:3		St. Mark 2: 1-12

You can log onto the daily scripture: www.acrod.org

Today's Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Today's Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote; Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Pirohi Schedule for this 3rd Week of Work!

Tuesday, 4 pm – 8 pm

Prep potatoes, onions, haluski cabbage, butter, cheese

Wednesday 9 am – 3 pm

Soup, Run machine for 480 doz potato pirohi

Thurs 2pm – 7 pm

Cook haluski, cook pirohi, pack and refrigerate

Friday, 10 am – 4pm

Pick up Pirohi Orders



Young Adult Retreat March 25-27

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM and the Ukrainian Orthodox Young Adult Office invite Young Adults ages 18-35 to come retreat to Camp Nazareth from March 25-27, 2022 for a weekend with other Orthodox Young Adults from all jurisdictions.

The theme of the weekend event is *Forming Christ-Centered Relationships*, and it will feature presentations by Fr. Chris and Khouria Sophia Shadid. The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation!

Plan on attending and register now as spaces are limited! All Inclusive Registration Fee For Entire Weekend is \$95.00

[Click Here To Register Online](#)



Are You Interested in Joining the Camp Nazareth Summer of '22 Staff?

In you are looking for an incredible summer “job,” consider applying for a position at our little corner of Heaven, that is Camp Nazareth. Applications will be due March 15, so if you are interested, be sure to log onto the Camp Nazareth Web site and start the application process.

Log onto: <https://www.campnazareth.org/summercamp/register-for-camp/#staff>

The following positions are available for the Camp Nazareth Summer 2022 Camping Season:

- Maintenance
- Kitchen
- Lifeguard
- Counselor
- Head Counselor
- Athletic Director
- Technology Director
- Ropes Course Facilitator
- Ropes Course Director

Remembering Your Departed Loved Ones in the Saturday of All Souls Liturgies

The Commemoration of the departed members of your families will be included in the Saturday Liturgies of All Souls which will be celebrated on March 12, March 19, March 26 and June 12 at 8 AM.

Please add names of your loved ones that you would like included in these special Liturgies and then be sure to come and join us as we pray for one and all! Eternal Memory!



Requested by: _____

Why Do We Have All Soul Saturday – And Forty Days

· [Fr. Stephen Freeman](#)

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/glory2godforallthings/2009/10/23/soul-saturday-and-forty-days>

In my early exposure to Orthodoxy, I became intrigued with the term, “Soul Saturday.” My family would visit an Orthodox monastery not too far away from here for their annual pilgrimage that occurred on one of the weekends of a “Soul Saturday.” This is term from popular parlance – the more proper English title of the event is a “Memorial Saturday.” These occur at a number of times during the year, mostly during Lent. They are days set aside to pray for and remember the departed.

After becoming Orthodox in 1998 these Memorial Saturdays became supremely important in my life. Our congregation suffered two very unexpected deaths (both in car crashes) in the course of our first two years that left all the devastation that grief can wreak. For a congregation that was young, we were suddenly faced with that which faces the old with great frequency.

Had you told me we would have buried our first member within our first year I would never have thought of the young woman taken from us. But such is our power over our own life. We control virtually nothing.

My first two years as an Orthodox Christian I supported myself by being employed in the local home hospice program. Thus I was no stranger to death. Nor had I been in my last Anglican parish, where I had buried over 100 people in my years there. I knew the power of grief and how helpless people can be when it comes.

Thus it was that “Soul Saturdays” became times of deep importance for me. The population of my “grief world” was far larger than I would have expected by that time in life. Praying for the departed, and doing so with such frequency was a part of the Tradition of the Church that seemed in my first introduction – not only wise, but completely essential. I was no stranger to prayers for the departed (I had always prayed for the departed as an Anglican). But never had I prayed so much with such fervency.

The bright sorrow of the Russian tune, “Memory Eternal,” that closes a memorial service, took up a place in my heart that no other song will ever have. I often couple it with “Christ is risen from the dead,” lest I be lost in my own grief.

But in a world where so little is remembered it is of supreme comfort that the Church pauses these many Soul Saturdays and says: “Remember.” And not only to us but to God, “May their memory be eternal.”

There is no purgatorial teaching in Orthodoxy, just the simple assurance that our prayers “are of benefit” to those who have died. Of this I have no doubt. But I also know just how great the benefit is for those who are still remembering from here.

Grief is strange stuff. I was taught, when I was doing hospice work, that *each* grief is really *every* grief – that one small grief will open up the vast pool of grief that lies within us. Thus none of us is ever just grieving one person or event. Blessedly, it is all in the hands of the good God who loves mankind and who Himself bore our grief.

This weekend (on the New Calendar) is the weekend of a Soul Saturday, according to Russian usage. Saturday also happens to be the 40th day of my mother’s passing – an event that is always marked with a memorial service. Something is completed and something begun in that mystical number of forty days. I bought flowers today for this evening’s service, and immediately remembered the many occasions on which I gave my mother flowers (or failed to). And the tears of 40 days greeted the thought.

I know as well, that our feeble prayers here are joined to the mighty chorus that ascends to God from those who have gone before us and remember and pray for us. That “great cloud of witnesses” sustains the living though we too easily forget this. How is it that the living pass their days with no thought of those who stand witness before God?

Memory Eternal for us all, until the battle is done and everything has found its rest. It is this kind of rhythm, found in the liturgical life of Orthodoxy, that has been lost from so much of Christianity, where the grief is certainly as great. I know that I could not bear the weight of all I remember were I not able to stand with others and pray God’s eternal remembrance. There are times as an Orthodox Christian that I am not just grateful for the grace God has given, but wonder how I ever tried to live without it.



SPECIAL PETITION FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

O God, You are our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1) Hear our heartfelt supplication on behalf of the people of the country of Ukraine. Protect those in danger with your holy angels and grant them courage. Turn back all manner of attacks. May hostility fade away. Let Your peace descend upon the whole land, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to a swift end. Enlighten all civil authorities around the world with wisdom to diligently work for reconciliation. O Lord of hosts, we have no other help but You in times of distress: quickly hear us now and have mercy!



Our Venerable Father
Blows the Carapace
of the Great Levi

DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREATS



For All Orthodox Christians, Family & Friends

CENTRAL REGION

LOCATION: St Nicholas Church
Homestead, PA DATE: Sat March 19, 2022 TIME: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

TOPIC:

PRESENTER:

Adults/Teens *Getting the New Heart and New Spirit during Lent!* Fr. Stephen Loposky
Ezekiel 18:31

Ages 6-12 *Becoming Icons of Christ* Fr. Marc Witosky

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/11/22

EASTERN REGION

Co-sponsored By The Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA

LOCATION: St Francis Center For Renewal DATE: Sat April 2, 2022 TIME: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
395 Bridle Path Rd
Bethlehem, PA

TOPIC:

PRESENTERS:

Adults & Adolescents *Jesus remember me when You enter into Your Kingdom*
Focus on services of Holy Week Fr. Anthony Perkins

Ages 6-11 *We Worship Your Passion O Christ* Fr. Matthew Stagon

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/22/22

WESTERN REGION

LOCATION: Saint Alexis Church
Battle Ground, IN DATE: Sat April 9, 2022 TIME: 12:00 pm CDT

Turning our backs on the world to end up in Heaven!
Join our Chicago Deanery Clergy to discuss *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*.
This will be an interactive workshop where everyone will get an opportunity to
participate in discussions and to ask questions.

Come Escape From the
World For A Day and Be
Spiritually Renewed!



Sponsored By The
National
A.C.R.Y.



For peace throughout the whole world, let us pray to the Lord!

Lord have mercy!

In front of Binghamton City Hall, Sunday afternoon, March 6

Specials of the Day

*The more we get together the happier we will be,
for your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends.
The more we get together the happier we will be!*

You are Invited to attend
A Special Parish Luncheon!

Wednesday, March 16
12 Noon

St. Michael's Center
296 Clinton Street
Binghamton, NY 13905



Information on the Consecration of St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Painted Post, April 2

Dear Father, Church Council, Brothers and Sisters,

With thanks to Almighty God, Saint Mary's Orthodox Church, Painted Post, NY will be celebrating the consecration of our church building on Saturday, April 2, 2022, beginning with the Church consecration with His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa presiding.

Following Divine Liturgy and photographs, the Consecration Buffet Banquet will follow in the church hall. Reservations are now being accepted. Seating will be limited so please make your reservation as soon as possible.



BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

5 & Under -Free

6 ~ 12 Years Old - \$25

13 ~ Up -\$30

Saint Mary's Orthodox Church 61 Canada Road Painted Post, NY 14870

CHURCH CONSECRATION APRIL 2, 2022 BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____, Total \$_____

Please mail checks payable to Saint Mary's Orthodox Church
Mail Reservations to:
St. Mary's Orthodox Church
61 Canada Road, Painted Post, NY 14870

The Crisis in Ukraine: A Prayer of Intercession

We seek peace when others seek war.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

We seek hope when others seek destruction.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

We know that the land is rich in history and traditions from generation to generation while others seek a chance at power, prestige, and creating their own story for the next generation.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.



We call out in the wreckage on high to hear the stories of those who have been silenced while others seek to silence the stories that echo throughout the globe.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

We cheer on the Davids against the Goliaths with their stones and slingshots while the Goliaths laugh and trample everything in their sight with mass tools of destruction.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

We don't have the right words to say but we do have the right hearts to beat together while others hope to tear it apart.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

Like a sunflower seed, let us be planted in the ground. Let us germinate. Let us wait in the discomfort as the seedlings grow into tall buds of flowers opening towards the sun for all to see. And produces more seeds to grow and bring beauty facing the sun one seed at a time that turns into a valley of sunflowers.

[Silence]

One: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

All: Like a sunflower seed ground us.

One: Like a seedling let us take root.

All: Like a seedling let us take root.

One: Like a sunflower let us point towards the sun.

All: Like a sunflower let us point towards the sun.

One: And share the seeds of solidarity with everyone.

All: And share our sunflower seeds with everyone.

Amen.

All: Amen

With gratitude: Created by Reverend Rachel Helgeson for the Southern Tier Vigil for Peace in Ukraine.

The Archbishopal Encyclical on the Invasion of Ukraine

All of you are brothers and sisters. (Matthew 23:8)

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves in deep pain and sorrow of soul over the horror that has ensued from the invasion of Ukraine. I do not say, "Russia," because many thousands of the Russian People are protesting this unprovoked and unreasonable attack at risk to their own lives and freedom.

This attack must be squarely set upon the shoulders of Vladimir Putin, who is risking global peace for his own selfish political agenda. We are witnessing an immense tragedy of human suffering: the targeting of civilians, assassination and terror, and the deaths of innocents, especially children. Yet, we know that Ukrainians and Russians are children nourished from the same breast.

They are brothers and sisters in Christ. How is it possible that such a fratricide is taking place on the Holy Ground of Kyivan Rus'? As Orthodox Christians, we ask ourselves: what can we do? His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has been unequivocal:

"...end the war now! Immediately stop any act of violence, anything that spreads pain and death. Let reason prevail, love for fellow human beings, reconciliation and solidarity, the light of the Risen Christ, the gift of life." (February 27, 2022)

We join our spirit to the spirit of His All-Holiness and exhort all our Faithful: offer prayers and tangible support for all the Ukrainian People: those of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and those of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the Moscow Patriarchate, those of the Ukrainian Catholic and Jewish communities, and all who find themselves in the dire circumstances of war.

We are called not only to forgive our enemies, but to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44). But let us go one step further. Let us see no enemy in any of our brothers and sisters. The love of Christ can transform us into the one family that will be able to resist evil, and bring healing to the wounds that our Church is suffering at this very moment. For peace, my beloved, let us pray to the Lord.

With paternal love in the Lord Jesus Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS

Archbishop of America



His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory has asked all of our diocesan parishes to assist in providing assistance and supplies to the increasing number of refugees from the war in Ukraine.

A Special Offering will be taken here at St. Michael's today. These funds will be sent to aid the relief effort coordinated by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Bound Brook, NJ.

If you are not here personally, please send a check to: St. Michael's church office, 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY. In the memo line of the check, indicate:

"Ukrainian Relief Effort." We are grateful for your generosity

Orthodox priest arrested in Russia for decrying invasion of Ukraine

ROME – A Russian Orthodox priest who signed a petition calling for an immediate end to the war in Ukraine has been arrested by Russian authorities amid the country's ongoing crackdown on anti-war protesters. Father Ioann Burdin of the Resurrection Church in Russia's western Kostroma region was detained for allegedly discrediting Russian military forces in his March 6 sermon for "Forgiveness Sunday," the final Sunday before the beginning of the Russian Orthodox Lenten season.

In his sermon, Burdin spoke to his parishioners about "Russian troops in Ukraine shelling the Ukrainian cities of Kyiv, Odesa, Kharkiv and killing citizens of Ukraine – brothers and sisters in Christ," according to *Media Zona*, an independent Russian media outlet.

Burdin will be tried for anti-war sentiments, and for publishing the link to an anti-war petition of which he is a signatory on his parish website.

His parish reportedly posted a link to the petition last week along with a statement criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to invade Ukraine Feb. 24.

In the statement, Burdin said that "We, Christians, cannot stand idly by when a brother kills brother, a Christian kills a Christian. Let's not repeat the crimes of those who hailed Hitler's deeds on Sept. 1, 1939."

According to a police report quoted by Media Zone, Burdin was arrested for having "committed a public offense aimed at discrediting the Russian armed forces which are conducting a special military operation" in Ukraine, which is how Putin is describing the war.

Burdin is scheduled to appear in court this week in the Krasnoselsky District Court of the Kostroma region to answer to the charges against him.

He is number 77 of 286 Russian Orthodox priests to sign the petition, which was launched Feb. 27 and calls for "an immediate ceasefire."

In the petition, the priests said those responsible for the war will have to answer for their actions before God at the Last Judgement and said Ukraine ought to be free to choose decide on their future alone, "not at gunpoint." They also criticized the arrest and oppression of peaceful protests to the war, saying "no non-violent call for peace and an end to war should be forcibly suppressed and considered as a violation of the law, for such is the divine commandment: 'Blessed are the Notably, the first signatory of the petition is Father Igumen Arseny, the Patriarchate of Moscow's representative to the Patriarchate of Antioch, who recently accompanied Metropolitan Hilarion, president of the Patriarchate of Moscow's Department for External Ecclesial Relations, on a March 5 trip to Syria.

The second signatory of the petition is Father Hegumen Nektary, who is widely known and highly regarded amongst the Russian Orthodox for his writings.

In the last few days, however, there have been very few additional signatures added to the petition, which could be the result of a crackdown on critics of the war.

So far, over 13,000 people have reportedly been arrested in Russia since its military invaded Ukraine Feb. 24, with around 5,000 detained in protests last weekend in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and other cities, where demonstrators held signs and shouted slogans such as, "No to war!" and "Shame on you!"

Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny Sunday voiced support for the protests.

Although no metropolitans – the most senior figures in the Russian Orthodox hierarchy – have signed the petition, there has been pushback by the leaders of several dioceses within the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Since the beginning of the war, at least 15 dioceses have publicly given their blessings to priests to stop commemorating Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill, who has made several statements appearing to support the war, in their Divine Liturgy celebrations.

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Participating in a rally like this last Sunday in Binghamton in protest of the war in Ukraine could give you a 15 year prison term in Russia