

ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

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WELCOME to the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. We are the jurisdiction of the Orthodox Christian Church whose roots trace directly back to the first century Antioch, the city in which the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

The Orthodox Church is the oldest and second-largest Christian group in the world. We are called by God, our Creator, to worship and follow Him and to proclaim to the world His message of love, peace and salvation.

God loves all mankind and desires that all human beings should believe in Him, know Him, abide in Him, and receive eternal life from Him. To accomplish this God Himself came into the world as a man in Jesus Christ — becoming man that we might become like God.

The Parishioners of St. Mary Parish welcome you and are pleased that you have decided to worship Almighty God with our Parish family today. We encourage you to learn about our Orthodox faith and our Parish if you are not yet Orthodox.

Although the non-Orthodox may not receive Holy Communion, which may only be given to the Orthodox faithful, we invite you to come forward at the close of the Liturgy to receive a blessing from the Priest and blessed bread. Please also come downstairs to the Parish Hall join us for our fellowship hour.



Our Patronal Feast is the DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF THE THEOTOKOS, which is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church and is celebrated each year on August 15. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was "blessed amongst women," and she was chosen "to bear the Savior of our souls." Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels. Knowing she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for mankind, we pray for her love, guidance, and protection.

TO ENCOURAGE OUR WORSHIP IN A PROPER SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION, WE RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO ENTER THE SANCTUARY QUIETLY DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY. PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS (1) - the Clergy censures the Sanctuary; (2) - while the Congregation is standing; (3) - during the Little Entrance with the Gospel; (4) - during the Reading of the Epistle and/or the Gospel; (5) - during the Homily/Sermon; (6) - during the Great Entrance or (7) - during the Anaphora. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING CELL PHONES IN THE NARTHEX AND SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES WHILE IN THE SANCTUARY.

FOR THE SERVANTS OF GOD THAT THEY MAY HAVE MERCY, PEACE, HEALTH, SALVATION AND VISITATION, PARDON AND REMISSION OF SIN; THE LORD GOD REMEMBER THEM IN HIS KINGDOM ALWAYS: NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES . . .

Deacon John
 Subden William
 George Morrash
 Jami Yanchik
 Eileen Attar
 Lottie Everett
 Kim Yuhas Whitaker
 Tom Yuhas
 George Elias
 Rick Solomon
 Ben Austin
 Tom Raski
 Jim & Edna Wolfe
 James Hunter
 Jennie Elias
 Judith Muskauski
 Barbara Dorish
 Jack Witko
 Bill Shirk

Terry Thomas
 Bob Langan
 Sydney Cunningham

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dan & Marian Norman (6/25)
 George & Anita Cawley (6/26)
 David Amory (6/29)
 Drew Mamary, Jr. (6/29)
 Roberta Grish (6/30)
 John Moses, Jr. (6/30)
 Andrew & Christine Kuhl (7/1)

All members of the American Military and their families;
 All police, firefighters and others who protect us and their families;
 All innocent people caught in conflict and natural disasters throughout the world

FOR THE SERVANTS OF GOD DEPARTED THIS LIFE: THE LORD GOD REMEMBER THEM IN HIS KINGDOM ALWAYS: NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES

NEWLY REPOSED

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| Jillian Lynn Witko | 6/26/1989 |
| Sandra Abraham | |
| Isaac Abraham | |
| Anita Sartini | |
| George Elias | 6/26/1980 |
| Pauline Jacobs | 6/26/1980 |
| Josephine Malta | 6/27/2004 |
| Jennie Neddoff | 6/27/1990 |
| Louis Kasper | 6/27/2007 |
| Bertha Aed | 6/27/2016 |
| Joseph C. Kaminski | 6/28/1984 |
| George Malta | 6/29/1953 |
| Philip Cross | 6/29/1961 |
| Michael Cross | 6/29/2007 |
| Paul P. Sallitt | 6/30/1942 |
| John G. Audi | 6/30/1949 |
| Sarah Sallitt | 6/30/1973 |
| Michael Samuels | 6/30/1963 |

All members of the American Military reposed in service of our Nation;
 All police, firefighters and others who protect us reposed in the line of duty;
 All innocent people reposed in conflict and natural disasters throughout the world



CLERGY

Metropolitan JOSEPH,
Archbishop

Bishop THOMAS,

Bishop of Charleston, Oakland
& the Mid-Atlantic

Very Rev. Father David Hester,
Pastor

Very Rev. Father Herbert
Nahas, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Deacon John Karam

Subdeacon William Obeid

Subdeacon N.D. Namey

Subdeacon John Moses Jr.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, July 2

Orthros at 8:50 am ≈ Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

COMMEMORATIONS

Today Holy Bread and Bulletin offered in Loving Memory of Jillian Witko by Reba, Jack and Jackie Witko + Holy Bread and Bulletin offered in Loving Memory of the 2 Year Memorial of Sandra Abraham's Repose and in Loving Memory of Isaac "Zeke" Abraham by Kathy Adonizio and Family + Holy Bread and Bulletin are also offered in Loving Memory of the 1 Year Memorial of Anita Sartini's Repose by John & Betty Sartini and also Trisagion Prayers are for Anita Sartini's 1 year Memorial

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 25, 2017

- *Don't delay !!! Reserve your table now!* Reservations are being taken for Father David's Retirement Dinner. There are Flyers in the back of the Church. Please note all seats will be reserved (tables of 8). Please see Suanne, Joanne, or Norm to make a reservation. Please note the deadline for making reservations and getting your table is August 13.
- Please see the flyers in the back of the Church if you would like to place an ad with a special message for Father David and Anne. We are creating a wonderful booklet for the Retirement Dinner. The deadline for your special message is July 31. See Suanne, Norm or John to place an ad.
- REMEMBER..... Save The Date! We are planning a golf outing for Friday August 18, 2017. The tentative tee - time is 1 PM at the Sand Springs golf course. Please see any member of the Golf Committee with questions. Information is in the back of the Church.



PARISH COUNCIL

V. Rev. Fr David Hester

John Moses, Sr. Chair

Suanne Moses, Vice Chair.

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N.D. Namey, Sbdn. Treas.

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Diane Fort

John Moses Jr., Sbdn.

Richard Solomon

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Antiochian Women

Joanne Tenneriello

St. Mary Youth

K. Kasko & N. D. Namey

Fellow of St. John

John Moses, Sr.

Order of St. Ignatius:

Suanne Moses

Choir

N. Tenneriello

Parish Cemetery

Joanne Tenneriello, &

Suanne Moses

THE SYNAXARION

On June 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the commemoration of the Nativity of the Forerunner and Baptist John; and we commemorate the holy Venerable Martyr and much-suffering Febronia of Nisibis.

Febronia betrothed herself to Christ and was tonsured a nun in Assyria, in a convent where her aunt Bryaena was abbess. Lysimachus, the son of a nobleman, desired to wed Febronia, but since Emperor Diocletian suspected him to be a secret Christian, he sent Lysimachus to the east with his uncle Silenus to apprehend and kill Christians. Silenus did this everywhere without mercy. Lysimachus, on the contrary, spared the Christians wherever he could and hid them from his beast-like uncle. Silenus came to Nisibis and Febronia's convent. Hearing about her great wisdom and meekness, Silenus ordered that Febronia be brought to him. When the holy virgin refused to deny Christ, Silenus ordered her to be

cruelly beaten and killed. However, a horrible punishment and death from God befell Silenus the same day. Lysimachus ordered that Febronia's miracle-working body be honorably buried and he, with many other soldiers, were baptized. Febronia suffered and took up habitation in eternal blessedness in 302.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Prokopios of the Iviron skete on Athos; Venerable Dionysios the Hagidrite, founder of Forerunner Monastery on Athos; Venerable Dometios, abbot of Dionysiou monastery on Athos; and Prince Peter (David) and Princess Febronia (Euphrosyne), wonderworkers of Murom.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

✠ THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW ✠
APODOSIS (LEAVE-TAKING) OF THE FORERUNNER'S NATIVITY

— SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 —

✠ **THE EPISTLE** ✠

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS. (5:1-10)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

✠ **THE GOSPEL** ✠

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."



Save the Date!

When the Time Comes: Exploring Hospice and Palliative Care

**A conference examining options
for persons who are near the end-of-life
or have ongoing chronic care needs**

**Thursday, October 19, 2017
8:15 am to 4:00 pm**



150 Mundy Street, Wilkes-Barre Township, PA 18702

Brochure and further information forthcoming in September, 2017.

If you would like more information about any facet of this event or to receive a brochure, please contact Chaplain Marianne C. Sailus at (570) 830-2039 (option 1) or at jhchurchlady@gmail.com. This activity has been submitted to Pennsylvania State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Pennsylvania State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Chaplains may submit certificate (or info) to accrediting body for CEs. Also helpful information for counselors and other mental health professionals.

Please share with your colleagues and congregations!