



ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

905 SOUTH MAIN ST. ∞ WILKES-BARRE PA 18702

PARISH OFFICE (570) 824-5016 ∞ PARISH HALL (570) 824-1674

RECTORY 570-287-2049 ∞ PARISH EMAIL - stmarywilkesbarre@gmail.com

ARCHDIOCESE WEB PAGE ∞ www.antiochian.org ∞

PARISH WEB PAGE ∞ www.stmaryorthodox.com ∞

CLERGY

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop THOMAS, Auxiliary Bishop of Charleston, Oakland & the Mid-Atlantic

Very Rev. Fr. George Alberts, Pastor

Very Rev. Fr. Dr. David Hester, Pastor Emeritus

Subdeacon William Obeid + Subdeacon N.D. Namey + Subdeacon John Moses Jr.

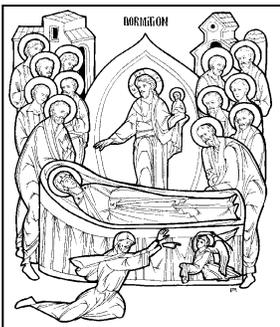
Subdeacon/Seminarian David Rayahin + Seminarian Mark Makarios

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.



SCHEDULE OF PARISH LIFE AT ST. MARY

Sat. Nov 2 No Vespers this Saturday
 Sun. Nov 3 Matins at 8:50 am & Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am + Parish Council Meeting following Liturgy

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY

Tues. Nov 5 through Fri. Nov 8 – Father George attends the Clergy Synaxis at the Antiochian Village
 Thurs. Nov 7 - Our next Spaghetti Dinner ...
 Fri. Nov. 8 – Sat. Nov. 9 – Ladies' Rummage Sale in Parish Hall
 Fri. Nov 15 Advent Begins !
 Wed. Nov 20 Matins at 6 p.m. & Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m. for the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos
 Sun. Dec. 8 St. Nicholas visits St. Mary today!
 Sun. Dec 15 Parish Christmas gathering at the Wyoming Valley Country Club

COMMEMORATIONS

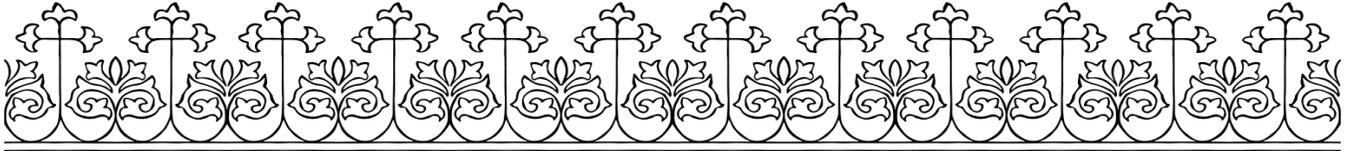
- ✘ Today - Holy Bread and Bulletin are offered/sponsored in loving memory of Amelia Brody by Jack, Reba and Jackie Witko
- ✘ Nov 3 – Holy Bread, Bulletin and Coffee Hour offered/sponsored in loving memory of Samuel, Najoum, George, Abraham, Mary and Naphie Solomon by the Solomon Family + Trisagion Prayers are offered for the same repose of the Solomon Family
- ✘ Nov. 17 – Holy Bread is offered in loving memory of Sam Moses and also Mike and Helen Moses by CJ Moses and Family
- ✘ Nov. 24 – Coffee Hour is sponsored in loving memory of Janine Saba for the 5th anniversary of her repose and for George Saba for the 6th anniversary of his repose by Jane Saba



PLEASE REMEMBER TO
 SILENCE YOUR CELL
 PHONES IN CHURCH



CONFESSION is one of the Sacraments of the Church & Is Important To Our Continued Spiritual Health The Church prescribes confession at least four (4) times a year Father George is available every Saturday before Vespers and Sunday after Liturgy or by appointment to hear your confession



DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA; PROCLA (CLAUDIA) THE WIFE OF PONTIUS PILATE; KYRIAKOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE NESTOR THE CHRONICLER OF THE KIEV CAVES

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION

In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity and thy repose thou didst not forsake the world O Theotokos, for thou art the mother of life and thou didst pass over into life. And through thine intercessions from death thou dost redeem our souls.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

☞ THE EPISTLE ☞

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

✠ THE GOSPEL ✠

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

THE SYNAXARION

On October 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the companion of Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica.

Having slain Lyaeus and his lying error, truthful Nestor lieth on the ground, beheaded.

On the twenty-seventh they took the head off of dear Nestor.

Nestor learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrios himself. At that time, Christ's enemy, Emperor Maximian, highly prized a Vandal fighter named Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. He defeated all challengers and threw them to their deaths onto a forest of spears. Christians were arrested and forced to duel with Lyaeus. Nestor's heart was torn with pain, and he decided to duel Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrios and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrios made the sign of the Cross on his chest and forehead and prophesied to him, "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor of David-like size went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a great crowd. Everyone pitied and feared for Nestor, but he crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrios, help me!" With God's help, he defeated Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him to his death onto the sharp spears. Then all the people cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" But the humiliated emperor commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrios run through with lances. Thus, both Christian heroes took up habitation in the Kingdom of their Lord in the year 306.

On this day, we also commemorate Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate; Kyriakos, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves.

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