



*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sat., Jul. 11 th	Holy Great Martyr Euphemia	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
		Great Vespers	7 pm
	Sun., Jul. 12 th	Holy Martyrs Proclus & Hilary	
Hours		9:45 am	
Divine Liturgy		10 am	
	Mon., Jul. 13 th	Synaxis of Holy Archangel Gabriel	
Hours		8:45 am	
Divine Liturgy		9 am	

Epistle

(Romans 6:18-23)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

(Matthew 8:5-13)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

And Jesus said to him, "**I will come and heal him.**"

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

"For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "**Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**

"And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

"But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "**Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.**" And his servant was healed that same hour.

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday's Liturgy.

Next Week Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Announcements:

HELP WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE or SPECIAL TRAINING NECESSARY, HOURS FLEXIBLE! Where could you find a help wanted ad like this? Help is needed in tackling the weeds that have been growing around the church with the recent rains. With the donation of some of your time to fill a plastic grocery bag with weeds you can put a tremendous dent into this project. Please consider stopping by the church whenever you can to lend a hand! It's a great opportunity to get out as well as maintaining social distancing! *Teamwork works wonders!* Thank you in advance. Please bring your own gardening equipment.

1. We will continue evaluating our opportunities as we move into the Green Phase. **Stay tuned for updates!**
2. A reminder that we still need to use masks in the Church as we come in and go out as well as when we are closer than 6 feet.
3. If you are not well, please contact Father so that he can let others fill the opening.
4. Father is no longer requiring parishioners to schedule for Saturdays or Mondays. We usually have a few openings on those days. Sundays, however, still need to be scheduled.

Update from Fr. Stephan:

Westmoreland and the surrounding counties have recently gone from red to yellow status. Archbishop Melchizedek has given the parishes in the yellow regions permission to increase the number of attendance from 10 to 25 providing that they meet all of the requirements set by the government as well as the OCA.

The parish council met "virtually" this past Tuesday to discuss how we can expand to 25 for services. Fr. Stephan shared this with Fr. Andrew, (our Dean) as well as Fr. Bill, (our Chancellor). They have given us permission to go to 25.

Precautions that are now in place include:

- a) We will *maintain social distancing*. Every other pew has been taped off. This provides 6'3" between rows. The center isle is 5' wide so available rows alternate from side to side. For right now we are asking that two people sit in each pew unless they are a family group. This may change as things open up further.
- b) *Masks are required any time that social distancing is compromised*. Example: when you come to communion Fr. Stephan will wear a mask so that you will be able to receive.
- c) Fr. Stephan will use an *individual spoon for each communicant*. Every spoon will be cleaned and sanitized by Fr. Stephan.
- d) *One of the parish council members will act as a greeter* opening the doors and help to facilitate activities.

- e) There will be ***NO congregating at the candle stand.*** The prayer/candle forms will be available in the pews. Fill them out at your seats. Drop in baskets at the candle stand.
- f) The ***doors are required to be locked at the start of service*** so please plan to be early! Signs will be posted on the doors.
- g) ***Fr. Stephan will continue to call to schedule.*** If you sign up for a day and are not going to be able to attend, let Fr. Stephan know ASAP so that someone else has the opportunity to attend. Fr. Stephan is required to keep a log of every one who attends.
- h) The Church is cleaned and sanitized after each service. Please be considerate and make our jobs easier. ***If you use a service book please leave it on the pew so that it can be sanitized.***