

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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Sunday December 10, 2017

Martyrs Menas the Most Eloquent, Hermogenes, and Eugephus, of Alexandria (ca.313); Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (Gemellus of Ancyra), cruelly tortured and crucified (361); Hieromartyr Theotecnus, by the sword; Martyr Marianus, by stoning; Martyr Eugenios, beaten to death; Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Mt. Kyminas in Bithynia (Thomas the Righteous) (10th c.); Saints Carpophorus and Abundius, a priest and his deacon who suffered under Diocletian (ca.290-300); Virgin-martyr Eulalia of Barcelona, the most famous virgin-martyr in Spain, burnt at the stake under Diocletian (304); Saint Julia of Mérida, a martyr together with St Eulalia, in Mérida in Spain under Diocletian (304); Saint Mercurius and Companions, at Lentini in Sicily, soldiers who were beheaded under the governor Tertyllus, in the time of Emperor Licinius (ca. 308); Pope Saint Miltiades, Pope of Rome, who condemned Donatism and was venerated as a martyr on account of his many sufferings during the persecution of Maximian (314); Saint Sindulf of Vienne (Sindulphus), the thirty-first Bishop of Vienne in France (ca.669); Saint Deusdedit of Brescia, Bishop of Brescia in Italy, played a leading part in the Councils against Monothelism (ca.700); Pope Saint Gregory III, who was much troubled by Iconoclasm and the raids of the Lombards (741); Saint Guitmarus, fourth Abbot of Saint-Riquier in France (765); Saint Hildemar (Hildemanus), a monk at Corbie who became Bishop of Beauvais in France in 821 (844); Blessed Jovan Branković, King of Serbia (1503), and his parents Stephen the Blind (1468) and Saint Angelina (Brancovic) (16th c.) Saint Ioasaph (Gorlenko) of Belgorod (1754) (see also September 4); New Hieromartyr Alexander (Shklaev) of Perm, Protospesbyter (1918); New Hieromartyr Jacob (Shestakov) of Perm, Priest (1918); Hieromartyr Eugephus (Pletnev) of Perm, Priest, and his son (1918); New Hieromartyrs of Ryazan: Protospesbyters - Anatolius (Pravdoliubov), Alexander (Tuberovsky), Eugene (Kharkov), and Constantine (Bazhanov) (1937), and with them: New Hieromartyr Priest Nicholas (Karasirov), - Martyrs Peter (Grishin), Michael (Yakunkin), Eusebius (Tryakhov), Dorotheus (Klimashev), Laurentius (Kogtyev), and Gregory (Berdenev), - Virgin-martyrs Alexandra (Ustiukhina) and Tatiana (Yegorova), - New Hieromartyr Priest Michael, and New Hieromartyr Sergius (Sorokin), Hieromonk of Sreznevo (Ryazan) (1937); Virgin-martyr Eudocia (after 1937); New Hieromartyr Protospesbyter Nicholas (Rozov) of Yaroslavl-Rostov (1938); New Hieromartyr Alexis, Priest (1938); Virgin-martyrs Anna and Tatiana, Confessors (1948); Virgin-martyr Thecla, Confessor (1954); Venerable New Nun-Confessor Anna, Schema-nun of Sreznevo (Ryazan) (1958); **Other Commemorations:** Synaxis of the Archangel Michael at the Adda River in northern Italy, before the Battle of Coronate(689); Commemoration of Blessed Juliana (Ulana), first cousin of St. Ioasaph (18th c.).

Services for the week of December 10

Tuesday, December 12: 7:00 pm Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska

Saturday, December 16: 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Parish News

WELCOME: to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael (Kerry) Bailey and Martha (Doris) Akers who have both graduated from the University of Charleston AND Nursing Program! They have both worked so hard for the past 16 months (it probably felt like years!) and they are now weighing career options. Glory to God that they finished such a difficult path! May God continue to help and guide them in everything.

MANY THANKS to all who worked so hard to make our St. Nicholas dinner last Sunday such a wonderful event. The food was magnificent, the decorated church and hall, gorgeous, and the atmosphere was exactly what we were striving for. There are pictures of the event on the parish website. Again, THANK YOU for a wonderful event.

OFFERINGS: December 3: \$809.00

PLEASE REMEMBER Janet Mikel and Martha Smith as well as Marin Sandu (Dr. Alina's stepfather) who are suffering from serious illness. May God continue to bless and strengthen them!

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES are offered to the Mounzer family on the repose of Karla's mother, Alice. May God comfort the family and grant the newly reposed rest in light, peace and joy.

HOLY CONFESSION is a must during the Fast of the Nativity. Please see the website for more information. Fr. Mark is available before and after all services and by appointment.

FR. MARK AND CATHERINE will be traveling to Russia immediately after the Nativity celebration. They will be away for two Sundays, December 31 and January 7. These two Sundays will be covered by Subdeacon James and Reader Stephen with Typika services. There is a chance that there will be one liturgy served by a visiting priest, but details will be announced later.