

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

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Sunday June 25, 2017

Leavetaking of the Nativity of John the Forerunner; Virgin-Martyr Febronia of Nisibis; Prince Peter and Princess Febronia (toured David and Euphrosyne), Wonder-workers of Murom; Virgin-Martyrs Leonis, Libye, and Eutrophia of Syria; Saint Symeon of Sinai; Saints Dionysius the Hagiorite and Dometius of the Monastery of the Forerunner on Mount Athos; Monk-martyr Procopius of the Iveron Monastery on Mount Athos, who suffered at Smyrna; New-Martyr Procopius of Varna; New-Martyr George of Attalia; Saint Adalbert, Deacon of Egmond; Saint Nikon of Optina, Confessor; Saint Moluag, monk of Lismore, Scotland; repose of Hierodeacon Serapion and Schema-archimandrite Heliodorus of Glinsk Hermitage

Services for the week of June 25

Wednesday, June 28: 6:30 pm Vigil for the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul

Thursday, June 29: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

Saturday, July 1: 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!

OFFERINGS: June 18: \$515.50

MANY THANKS to all the ladies who made our Fathers' Day Luncheon special. It was wonderful and all your work is much appreciated.

THE FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL will be held this Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Please mark the celebration of this feast by attending services and honoring the Holy Apostles.

PLEASE REMEMBER Janet Mikel, who has been in the hospital last week. Pray for her well-being and that of her family. May God bless them all!

HOMILY

About today's day and tomorrow's day

"Boast not of tomorrow, for you know not what any day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

Brethren, let us not boast of that which is not in our power. The Lord has placed the times and the years under His power and He disposes of them. Only God Himself alone knows whether tomorrow's day will number us among the living or the dead. Some have died on the eve of their marriage; again, others have descended into the grave on the eve of their coronation with a royal diadem. Therefore, let no one say that tomorrow will be for me the happiest day of my life; tomorrow, I enter into marriage! Or, tomorrow I will be crowned with a royal diadem! Or, tomorrow I am going to a great feast! Or, tomorrow a great gain is coming to me! O, let no one speak of the happiness of tomorrow's day. Behold, yet this night your soul may depart your body and tomorrow you will find yourself surrounded by black demons in the tollhouses [Mitarstvo]! And yet, even this night, a man can be separated from his relatives and friends, from wealth and honor, from the sun and the stars and find himself in a totally unknown company, in an unseen place and at an unexpected judgment.

Instead of boasting of tomorrow's day, it would be better to pray to God to "Give us this day our daily bread." Perhaps today's day may be our last day on earth. That is why it is better to spend this day in repentance for all our past days on earth rather than vainly fantasizing about tomorrow's day, about the day which perhaps will not dawn for us. Vain fantasizing about tomorrow's day cannot bring us any good, but repentance for one day with tears can save us from eternal fire.

O righteous Lord, burn up the insane vanity that is in us.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

