

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

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The great and holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal of the apostles; translation of the relics of the Hieromartyr Phocas, the bishop of Sinope; repose of the Venerable Cornelius of Pereyaslavl; blessed Cyprian, fool-for-Christ's-sake and wonder-worker; venerable Marcella the martyr; virgin-martyr Marcella of Chios; Martyr Agapias; Saint Zinon; Saint Wandregisilos, Abbot of Fontenelle.

Services for the week of July 22

Friday, July 27: 6:00 pm Akathist to St. Panteleimon in front of his icon and relics. Anointing with oil from the Shrine of St. Panteleimon (Hermitage of the Holy Cross, Wayne, WV) following service
Saturday, July 28: 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: July 8: \$697.00 July 15: \$1665.00

NO BULLETIN WAS OFFERED LAST WEEK because of a computer glitch. Many thanks to Mr. Georgiy Kolomiyets who repaired the problem in short order.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Very Rev. Michael Miklos, Wanda (Martha) Smith, John (Randy) Bailey, Janet Mikel, Alexander Shostko, the grieving members of the Budarin family (who lost their relative, +Timur) and Kenny Bamber. May God grant them the grace to bear the crosses of illness and sorrow. May His will be done in their lives.

DON'T FORGET our World Food Festival will be held on the third Saturday in September. It will be here sooner than you think!

THE FEAST OF ST. PANTELEIMON will be honored this year only with an Akathist on the Feast Day. Our plans for a Vigil and Liturgy have been changed as Fr. Mark needs to pick up his son, Elias at VMI around eleven am on the Feast. We have a wonderful icon of the saint as well as relics brought to the parish as a gift by +Metropolitan Nicholas. As we have a number of members who are suffering from serious illnesses, we should constantly turn to St. Panteleimon for his intercession. PLEASE attend this Akathist and light a candle for those who are suffering.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

(whose feast we keep today)

Mary Magdalene was one of the myrrh-bearing women and "equal to the apostles". She was born in the town of Magdala along the shore of Lake Gennesaret and was from the tribe of Issachar. She was tormented by seven evil spirits from which the Lord Jesus freed her and made her whole. She was a faithful follower and servant of the Lord during His earthly life. Mary Magdalene stood beneath the Cross on Golgotha and grieved bitterly and mourned with the All-Holy Birth-giver of God. After the death of the Lord she visited His sepulchre three times. When the Lord resurrected she saw Him on two occasions: once alone and the other time with the other myrrh-bearing women. She traveled to Rome and appeared before Tiberias Caesar and presenting him with a red colored egg, greeted him with the words: "Christ is Risen!" At the same time, she accused Pilate before Caesar for his unjust condemnation of the Lord Jesus. Caesar accepted her accusation and transferred Pilate from Jerusalem to Gaul where, this unjust judge, in disfavor with the emperor, died of a dread disease. After that, Mary Magdalene returned from Rome to Ephesus to St. John the Theologian whom she assisted in the work of preaching the Gospel. With great love toward the resurrected Lord, and with great zeal, she proclaimed the Holy Gospel to the world as a true apostle of Christ. She died peacefully in Ephesus and, according to tradition, was buried in the same cave in which seven youths were miraculously put to sleep for hundreds of years and, after that, were brought to life and then died (August 4). The relics of St. Mary Magdalene were later transferred to Constantinople. There is a Russian Orthodox convent dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene near the Garden of Gethsemane.

