



Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church



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Volume III

17th Sunday after Pentecost / Venerable Eumenes, bishop of Gortyna (7th c.) /

Sunday after the Universal Elevation of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 8

Liturgical Color: **Red**

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20; Gospel: Mark 8:34-39; 9:1

College Student Sunday /

Panachida for +His Grace, Bishop John (Martin) (9/30/84) and +Mary Clements (10/7/16)

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Friday, October 6 – 9:30am Akathist to St John the Baptist on the Feast of his Conception

Holy Mystery of Confession available following every service.

Monday	St. Theodore, prince of Smolensk & Yaroslav (1299)	Ephesians 4:25-32	Luke 3:19-22
Tuesday	Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael (1245)	Ephesians 5:20-26	Luke 3:23-4:1
Wednesday	Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (130)	Ephesians 5:25-33	Luke 4:1-15
Thursday	Prophet Jonah (9th c. B.C.)	Ephesians 5:33-6:9	Luke 4:16-22
* Friday	The Conception of the Honorable, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John	Ephesians 6:18-24	Luke 4:22-30
Saturday	Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1 st c)	1 Corinthians 15:39-45	Luke 4:31-36

** Let us imitate Christ and the Saints and fast as they did.*

Sunday, October 8 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Venerable Euphrosyne, nun, of Alexandria (445)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 1

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (*1st Lukan Sunday*)

Additional collection for our Capital Improvement Fund

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (Glory Be Forever!)

Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava na v'iki!)

We are happy that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr.

Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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This Bulletin is offered:

If you wish to sponsor a Sunday Bulletin, for specific prayers for someone or for their memory, please do so by signing up on the sheet on the table in the Vestibule of the Church or by contacting Fr. Dave. An additional stewardship offering is requested.

LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



Thursday, October 12 – 9:30am Akathist to the Theotokos, Healer of Cancer

Sat., Oct. 14 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos (*Pokrov*)

Sunday, October 15 – YOUTH Sunday / Annual Godparent-Godchildren Sunday

Wednesday, October 18 – 9:30am Moleben to the Theotokos

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)

Garage Sale – Thank you to everyone who helped this year's garage sale be such a success! We raised \$ 2,151 from the sale (*with \$554 coming from the kitchen*). Thank you again for your countless hours that were put into this form of community outreach!

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Congratulations! to Ryan and Sharon (Lorenzi) Dzaiony and their families on the birth of **Cora Loren Dzaiony** born on 9/28 at 8:48 am (9 lb 2 oz and 20 in). *Welcome to our Parish Family!*

"Preserve her and this child which she has borne.

Cover her with the shelter of thy wings from this day until her final end, through the prayers of the most Holy Theotokos and of all the saints. Amen" – from *Prayers for a Woman on the First Day after Childbirth*

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Akathist to St John – On Friday, October 6th, the Church Commemorates the Conception of Saint John, the Forerunner, and our Patron Saint. Let us gather at 9:30am to pray the Akathist Hymn in his honor.

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Annual Fall Bazaar – St. Michael's (146 Third Ave., Rankin, PA 15104) will hold its annual fall bazaar on **Sunday, October 8th** from 11am to 4pm. Food, crafts, raffles, bingo and fellowship!

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Prayers Answered – Gary Fall, Bob Fall's brother, had his prayers answered. He recently received his liver transplant! Thanks be to God, he is now in the recovery stages.

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Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials were offered last week by Melanie Shuster; Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Anastasia Dzambo; Pani Brancho; Deborah Brancho; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Jane Barrett; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Barbie Kirish; Melanie Paieski; Cindy Pavidonis; Patty Watson

***"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* - John 8:12**

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by John Gaydos, Sr., in Memory of Wife, Catherine; Anastasia Dzambo, in Memory of Mother, Anastasia Martin; and by Tim Martin, in Memory of Mother, Anastasia. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Akathist to the Healer of Cancer – October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our prayers continue to be needed. On **Thursday, October 12th** we will have the Akathist to the Theotokos at 9:30am.

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Godparents/Godchildren Sunday – Our Annual Godparents celebration will be **Sunday, October 15th**, a day to honor them and to encourage the growth of this spiritual relationship.

Personally invite your Godparents (or those of your children) and/or invite your Godchildren to come to Church and share this day with you. Please prepare yourself and join them in receiving the Eucharist (*Holy Communion*) on this day. *We need to keep the Spiritual bonds alive with our God-parents and God-children. Even more important, we need to keep our life united with our Lord, Jesus Christ. This unites us with one another.* Contact Fr Dave if you have ideas for the day or a desire to be involved in the planning of our Godparents Sunday.

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Fall Festival – St. Nicholas (903 Ann St., Homestead, PA 15120) will have their Annual Fall Festival on **Friday & Saturday, October 20th & 21st** from 11am to 7pm each day. There will be a variety of Pirohi, Soups, Haluski, Stuffed Cabbage, and Kolbasi to enjoy. There will also be a Bake Sale and Basket Raffles. Saturday includes: Bingo (Donation is \$15 with Early Birds at 1pm & Regular Bingo at 2pm) and the "Haunted School House". Please call Tom Pingor (412-462-8462) for more information.

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Ethnic Food Festival – From 11a to 5p on **Saturday, October 28th**, our Sister Parish of St. John's (211 Cable Ave., East Pittsburgh, PA 15112) will have Potato and Kraut Pirohi, Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage), Haluški, Kolbasi, Baked Goods, and Basket Raffle. Eat-in or Take-out. Call 412-829-2261 to order ahead.

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

October 8: **"Pot Luck"**
October 15: **Cindy Pavidonis**
October 22: **"Pot Luck"**

Thank you to all those who support this critical ministry of our Church!

Our Stewardship Gift To God

Dues/Stewardship:	\$ 1103
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 320
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 961
Community Outreach:	\$ 79
Total Collections:	\$ 2463
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 50

Collection for the Saints:

"On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper." 1 Cor 16:2

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****Stewardship Offerings** – Your donations to our Church assist in the ministries of our parish, to keep the lights on, and other expenses that we incur. Your commitment financially is needed for the financial health of our parish. Please consider this each month as you manage your budget.

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September Financial Report:

Donation Income = \$ 5,793

***Expenses = \$ 6,115.67**

Net Deficit = \$ 322.67

**details listed on the church hall bulletin board*

Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: **38**

Blessing of new Church Council & Curators –

Congratulations to our 2017-18 Church Council: *Matthew Peifer, John Radick, Timothy Martin, Reader, Patricia Watson, Theresa Sharpless, Lawrence Martin, Donald Gavulich, Jane Gaydos, Cynthia Pavidonis, Katherine Schrmack* and to our Curators: *Eleanor Sanger, Kenneth Dzadovsky, Gina Fall, Robert Fall, Jane Gaydos, Jillian Gaydos, Wendy Martellotti, Lawrence Martin, John Radick, Olga Radick, John Sharpless, Theresa Sharpless, Melanie Shuster, Michael Shuster, and Patricia Watson.*

Thank you! for your dedication to our parish! The blessing of the Council & Curators will be on **Sunday, October 29th** during the Divine Liturgy.

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Bishop Gregory's 5th Episcopal Anniversary

– The Diocese will honor His Grace, Bishop Gregory on the 5th anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate. Here is the schedule for **Monday, November 27th**: 5:00pm Prayers of Thanksgiving for His Grace at the

Holiday Inn (250 Market Street, Johnstown, PA); 5:15 Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres; 6:00 Dinner (Salmon or Filet Mignon: \$50; Kid's Meal (12 Years & Under): \$20) Register NO LATER than **November 6th** (necessary for memento ordering purposes). Make checks payable to ACROD, 312 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15906 ("Bishop's Anniversary" on Memo Line) If you wish to stay overnight, book at the Holiday Inn (814-535-7777) under 'ACROD' No Later Than Nov. 6th to get the special rate (\$94.99+tax).

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Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
You Tube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

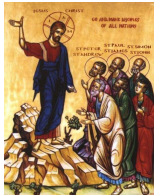


California Coffee Bar – About 6 months ago a new coffee shop opened down the street from our parish (3619 California Ave. - diagonally across the street from Kunsak's Funeral Home). They have a wonderful thing going! Take a coupon from the desk in the church hall and enjoy a bite to eat or a coffee when you are in the area! Here are some of their upcoming events:

- Thurs 10/12 6p-9p: Artists Appreciation Night
- Fri 10/13 5p-9p: Pumpkin Painting and Ghost Stories of Pittsburgh (for all ages)
- Sun 10/15 12p-2p: Paz & Ukulele Eddie – Live Music
- Wed 10/18 6p-9p: Open Mic Night (all ages)
- Tues 10/24 11:30a-1p: Lunch & Learn – Speaker Series: "Fall Plantings, Bulbs, and Dividing Perennials"

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH



Annual 7-K Walk/Run for Missions "Fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission" – will be **NEXT Sunday, October 8th** at South Park Children's Playground Pavilion (Corrigan & Brownsville Rd., South Park, PA 15129) sponsored by the *Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh*. Pre-register by Oct. 1st at www.holycrosspgh.org/events OR register at 1pm at South Park. Walk begins at 2pm. There will be complimentary refreshments before the walk and a light lunch following the walk. FREE T-Shirt for children 8 years and under who raise \$25 or others who raise \$50 or more. Bring your pledge forms and collected money to the event (make checks payable to "Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood"). Even if you are unable to be with us in person, your donation will be extremely helpful in carrying out this important and necessary work of the Church. For more information, email faith.williard@pittsburghmoves.com or stevekrakora@hotmail.com, or call 412-251-3207. Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Seminarians and Mission work of Fr. John and Presbyteria Sandy Chakos. Visit www.TheWordFromGuatemala.com to follow the blog of this mission!

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"Hawaiian" Iveron Icon – Here is the local Pittsburgh schedule of services for the 10th Anniversary Visitation Schedule of the Wonderworking and Myrrh-streaming "Hawaiian" Iveron Icon:

October 10, 2017, Tuesday

Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery (121 St Elias Ln., Saxonburg, PA 16056) 724-352-3999; Divine Liturgy, 8:00am (Visitation till 5:00pm)

St. Gregory Church (214 E 15th Ave., Homestead, PA 15120) 412-819-0915; Moleben with Akathist, 6pm



4002; Greeting of the Holy Icon, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:00; Akathist Service, 12:00noon; Paraklesis to the Mother of God, 4:00pm; Departure of the Holy Icon, 5:30pm

October 12, 2017, Thursday

St. Sava Church (901 Hartman St., McKeesport, PA 15132) 412-664-0820; Paraklesis, 7pm

October 11, 2017, Wednesday

Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration (321 Monastery Ln., Ellwood City, PA 16117) (724) 758-

The full schedule can be found at:

http://orthodoxhawaii.org/news_170925_1.html

"From thy Holy Icon, O Lady Theotokos, blessed myrrh has flowed abundantly. Thou hast thereby consoled those, in exile, faithful unto thee, and hast enlighten the unbelievers by thy Son's light. Therefore O Lady, with tears we bow down to thee. Be merciful to us in the hour of judgment. Lest having received thy mercy we be punished as those who have been contemptuous of it. But grant us through thy prayers to bring forth spiritual fruit, and save our souls" - Tropar to the Iveron Icon (Tone 7)

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All In Good Taste: Dark Rum & Cigar Tasting to Benefit IOCC – **Thursday, October 12th** from 7p~10p at Leaf and Bean (3525 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317). Tickets are \$50. Each guest will receive 3 cigars and 3 dark rums to sample. Light hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Advance registration required to guarantee availability. Kindly register at: www.iocc.org/pittsburgh or contact Kevin (724-344-5610 / kevinsreck@gmail.com) by October 10th. Sponsorships also available.

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Slavic Food Festival – St. Nicholas Orthodox Church (320 Munson Ave., McKees Rocks, PA 15136) will have all of your Slavic food favorites on **Saturday, October 14th** from 11a to 7p. Eat-in & Take-out.

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Fall Young Adult Retreat: "Trusting the Process" – will be held from **October 27-29** at Camp Nazareth geared towards those 18-35. Please see the flyer in our hall for more details or email YoungAdultRetreats@gmail.com The weekend event will feature Keynote addresses given by Mr. Jacob Saylor, the Pastoral Assistant at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Scottsdale, AZ. Mr. Saylor has worked extensively in the field of Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Ministry and will offer a unique perspective on the cosmic process of salvation. The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation! *If you ever struggle with "staying on track", or if you ever feel like you don't know where you're headed in your life, then don't miss out on this unique retreat! It will give you some great insight and tools to help you navigate even the roughest times. Register today!*

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FEAST DAY FEATURE

Tropar from the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance, grant victory to all Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and protect Your people by Your Cross!

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ST JOHN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting donations for the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**. The OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college students — and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith — to Christ and His Church. OCF realizes this mission by:

- Supporting fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith;
- Providing a variety of thoughtful and innovative programming including College Conference and Real Break domestic and international service projects; and,
- Training lay and clergy volunteers as well as our students for leadership roles on campus and beyond.

Visit <http://www.ocf.net> for more info. Our own Bishop Gregory is the Episcopal Liaison for the National OCF. *Thank you in advance for your prayers for our college students and offerings later this month!*

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

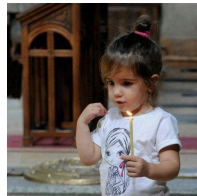
MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

From Coffee with Sister Vassa

"We bow down before Your Cross, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection we glorify!" (Byzantine Hymn, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross)

Why the cross? Why would God choose a "cross," of all signs, as the sign of His (and our) victory; as the instrument by which He trampled, and we, in Him, continue to trample, death and darkness?

For one thing, when I make the sign of the cross, I become bigger than myself. Because the cross branches out, extending beyond me. As Chesterton noted in his brilliant comparison of the (Buddhist) circle and (Christian) cross: "The circle returns upon itself and is bound. The cross opens its arms to the four winds; it is a signpost for free travelers."



Indeed, paradoxically, the "yoke" and "burden" of the cross-carrying Way make me "free." Free of what, exactly? Of the fear and anxiety of a life without meaning, which goes around in circles, closed in on itself without Christ, and without His Way. He teaches me and enables me to walk

through things, rather than avoid them; to face my responsibilities, my shortcomings, and my gifts not in self-centered fear, but in humble reaching out to Him and others, in "communion." So I move forward, and outward, toward God and others. Because, as Chesterton notes in that same context, "Christianity is centrifugal: it breaks out."

Thank You, Lord, for breaking us out, – out of hell, and out of the bondage of self. Glory, O Lord, to Your honorable Cross and Resurrection!

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Source: <http://www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar>

The Monk Eumenios

Commemorated on Oct 1/Sept 18

The Monk Eumenios from the time of his youth was noted for his virtuous life. He strove to serve the One God and therefore he shunned worldly temptations. Concerned about salvation of soul, he distributed all his substance to the poor. By the blessing of God the Monk Eumenios was chosen and elevated to the dignity of bishop of the Gortineia Church on the Island of Crete. The saint like a compassionate father comforted his flock in their



sorrows, and cared for the orphaned and indigent. His prayers were so strong before God, that once during the time of drought he called forth abundant rain upon the earth. Saint Eumenios wisely and zealously defended the Orthodox faith against the then arising Monophysite heresy. For his opposition to the heresy the saint was banished to the Thebaid, where he died in the VII Century. His body was then transferred and buried in Gortineia.

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

"The **cross**, a dreaded instrument of Roman punishment, is also a symbol of suffering by Christians in imitation of Christ. We practice self-denial for the sake of the love of God and the gospel. Accepting this suffering is not a punishment, nor is it an end in itself, but a means to overcome the fallen world for the sake of the Kingdom and to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires." – *OSB, Mark 8:34*

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"Wherever you go each day, leave behind a little trace of goodness." ~ Elder Paisius of Romania

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"Make merry, O barren woman, who before was unable to bear a child! For, lo! you have manifestly conceived the lamp of the Sun, who will enlighten the world which suffers from blindness. Dance you, O Zechariah, crying out with boldness: He who will be born is the prophet of the Most High!" - *Tropar (Tone 4) for the Feast of Conception of Saint John*

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"He who accepts present afflictions in the expectation of future blessings has found knowledge of the truth; and he will easily be freed from anger and remorse." +Saint Kosmas the Aitolos

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THINGS TO CONSIDER

Office Hours – Monday-Friday from 9am–4pm OR by appointment.

Online Community – Please email Fr. Dave at fr.sleepless@gmail.com to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave at 412-766-4691 to be added to our Phone Tree.

Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or having a procedure so he can pray with you and you may receive the Anointing to be fully prepared.

Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, Saturdays during fasting periods from 11:00am to 1:00 pm, OR by appointment.

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged by all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.

Baptisms – Please consult Father for details.

Marriages – Please consult Father ASAP for details (*before* arrangements are made for the hall).

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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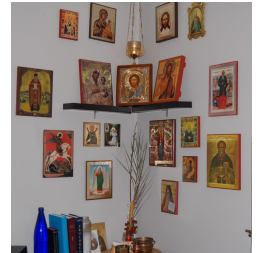
PRAYER CORNER

*Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs **



A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant name. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver him/her from sickness and bitter pain. Heal him/her so that he/she may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Health of... Ann, Eleanor D., Julie, Jane, Mildred, Mark, Viola, Juliana, Nathaniel, Katie, Kenneth, Michael, Teresa, Susan, Anna Mae, Roberta, Fr Shuster, Thomas, Fredrick, Iris, Helen B., Steven, Bruce, Wendy, Gary, Barbara, Valerie, Michael, Peter, John S., Matthew, John U., Regina, Pañi Connie, Maria, Eli ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Great-Martyr & Healer.*

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For the Special Intentions of... All those affected by recent hurricanes, Bishop Gregory, Stephen, David, Joshua, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Amee, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Olga, John, Sarah *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, John, Timothy, Patricia, Theresa, Lawrence, Donald, Jane, Cynthia, Katherine, Eleanor, Kenneth, Gina, Robert, Jillian, Wendy, Olga, John, Melanie, Michael, John, Richard, John, Margaret, Sarah, Patricia ...*through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Maj. Michael Repasky ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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For Expectant Mothers... Pañi Katie, Pañi Ileana ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Theotokos, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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Birthday Prayers for... Genevive Martellotti (10/3) and John Gaydos, III (10/7)...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

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Anniversary Prayers for... Allen & Anastasia (Martin) Dzambo (10/2) and Brian & Rhonda Gogal (10/5)...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For the soul of the newly departed... Stephen Dzuranin, Sr. ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Memory eternal!* (Stephen was 90 and most recently living in Columbus, OH. His parents, John and Mary (Evancho), were founders of our parish.)

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

A Prayer for Pañis (*Priest Wives, Presbytera (Gr), Preoteasa (Rom), Matushkas (Rus), Popadija (Ser)*)

(*On September 30th the Church commemorates St. Sophia, the Patron Saint of our Pañis*)

O Almighty and Sovereign Father, who have said that in quietness and trust we would find our strength (*Isaiah 30:15*) and who have given strength to the wives of Your servants in every age, from Elizabeth the wife of Zechariah in ancient days to Matushka Olga of Alaska in our own: bless Your handmaidens, the clergy wives of Your Church, and fill them with Your joy. As they wait upon You, renew their strength (*Isaiah 40:31*), and defend them from all assaults of visible and invisible enemies. Let them find refuge under the shelter of Your wings, that protected by Your love they may ever praise You. Give them courage and perseverance that they may pass victoriously through this age and finally receive their reward in the age to come. Grant this, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, we ascribe all might, majesty, dominion, and power, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.