



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH



A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

please wear masks as we follow the CDC guidelines

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Hieromartyr Hierotheus (1st c.)
Parish Council Blessing

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00am to Noon Fall Maintenance Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the
7th Ecumenical Council (787)
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Apostle Philip of the 70 (1st C.)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Holy Fathers*)
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospel: John 17:1-13 (*Holy Fathers*)
Luke 7:11-16 (3rd Sunday of Luke)
Tone 1; Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Future Services are listed on our online "Parish Calendar" which is continually updated at:
www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar
(Please ask Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

Live-Broadcast – If you are unable to attend church on Sunday morning, please pray along with our Cathedral's services online at **9:00 am.**
www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale -
The booklets are in the church hall. Orders will be due by Nov 8 and the candy will be delivered the week of Dec 6.

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Parish Council Meeting Highlights:
Turkey Bingo for 2021 is CANCELLED as we err on the precautionous side with the current state of Covid.

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Fall Church Maintenance Day will be on **Saturday, October 23rd** from 9AM to 12-Noon(ish). Please sign up on the sheet in the hall (which also has a "to-do" list on it). The idea is being explored to get a dumpster to finish clearing out the lot on Holbrook. Please plan to share the stewardship of your time and talents – the more hands the better!

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SJB 90th Anniversary – We will celebrate with Metropolitan Gregory on **Sunday, October 9, 2022.** (Mark your digital calendars now)

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

(responded with: Glory be forever!)

Slava Isusu Christu! (*Slava na viki!*)

We are happy that you have joined us today! 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 again soon! If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.

BULLETIN IS OFFERED:

In Memory Of
+Lawrence H. Martin
(*Birthday 10/17*)

May he be remembered in
God's Memory forever!

Eternal Memory!

Auditor – Jane Gaydos has been appointed as our 4th auditor (the position was left open at the meeting).

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship:	\$ 555
Candles/Eternal Lamp Stewardship:	\$ 147
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 532
Parish House Offering:	\$ 200
Total Collections:	\$ 1434
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 55
Relocation Fund:	\$ 50

In faith that God provides:

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'" – 2 Cor. 9:8-9

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Tim Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Lawrence Martin; Melanie Shuster; Eleanor Sanger; Mirilovich Family; Carol Lorenzi; Barth M.; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis; Andrea Urban
"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 Matthew Peifer in memory of his parents, +Jack and +Viola Peifer. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Weekly Offerings to God – During this time, if you are not yet coming to the church, we request that weekly donations be mailed to Tim Martin (2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143)



On-Line Giving is now available from our parish website! The best option is to come to church and give your offering to God in His Temple (2nd best is to mail it in). Now you can also donate from your home and set up a recurring donation to the:

General Stewardship Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and/or Relocation Fund.

If you miss coming to church for a week, this allows you another option to "catch up" on your weekly stewardship. For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

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Speaking With Your Priest - Please know you can call me anytime if there is something troubling you. It is not a sign of weakness to share something that may be heavy on your heart or mind. As a priest and Father to our parish, I am here for you. Please call if you need someone to listen or to pray with you. Every heart has a cross and you do not need to carry it alone. Please also call if you have an idea for the growth of our parish. I am praying for you and am grateful for your prayers. With love in Christ, *Fr. Dave*

ORTHODOXY AROUND THE 'BURGH
AND OUR DIOCESE

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Fall Festival – St. Nicholas (903 Ann Street, Homestead, PA 15120) will have their Fall Festival **October 22-23** with take-out only this year.

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VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddioocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
YouTube: youtube.com/acroddioocese

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

¹⁶What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean;

then I will welcome you,

¹⁸and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

⁷Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

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Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

³¹And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

LIVING ORTHODOXY

When It Comes To Halloween, The Orthodox Church Is Ambivalent.

By Father Jonathan Tobias

On one hand, it doesn't have much to say. It is a thoroughly Western, very un-Orthodox celebration. “Halloween” is the Eve of All Hallows (i.e., “saints”), or in more modern English, “All Saints Day,” which is celebrated in Western Christendom on November 1 (the next day being All Souls Day).

For us Orthodox, “All Saints” -- the day that we celebrate the entire gathering of those deified because they loved the Lord with all their heart and their neighbors as themselves -- is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, which is always in Summer.

There never was in Orthodoxy a tradition of celebrating monsters and devils the night before All Saints Sunday.

On the other hand, Orthodoxy is surprised at Halloween's reveling in not only the Night, but also the Fright of the Night. Judging by the sheer popularity of horror in American culture, it seems that people really like to be scared. Maybe it's like the thrill of a terror-filled rollercoaster.

Has ever anyone wondered why there ever was a wish for fear, for horror? Or was it, after all, a minimalization of the abject fear of sublimity, of enormity, of the mysterium tremendum. Is it but a defensive mechanism? This thrill, though, covers a darker reality. Even all the cute little monsters and devils who come trooping up to the door for treats mask, in their semi-innocent cute-ness, a very hard truth.

The powers of evil -- the demonic -- inflict real and horrible and un-diminishable fear upon the human subconsciousness. And this fear spreads like a virus into every nook and cranny of the fallen human psyche and culture.

We in the evangelical Holy Tradition should mourn for this.

Orthodox Christianity proposes a very different response to the horror of the real demonic. Instead of fear and panic, it advises confidence and outrageous repugnance. “Perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 1.18). “We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Romans 8.37).

When the Lord Himself confronted the demonic, there was no fear. There was no spectacle. Drama was minimized, if not avoided altogether. The Lord described these monsters and devils more as virulent infestations: “Lord of the Flies,” He called their chief. “Legion,” they once called themselves. There are no demonic names.

There is no demonic bureaucracy, no “Goetia,” no organized subterranean cult.

Authentic Orthodox exorcisms are never entertaining, never glamorous, never spectacular. No one wants to watch.

Contrary to popular opinion, Satan is not king in Hell -- he is, rather, its most confined denizen, bound and chained by Christ Himself. Depictions of Satan on a throne in Hell are simply errant and non-canonical.

The demonic and the entire antichrist spirit is being exorcised by the Ascended Lord: as they are scoured away, swarm by swarm, they are evicted from the world, never to return.

The Reigning Jesus Christ, Who is seated at the Right Hand of God the Father, will continue doing this until the Day of His Return.

Until then, light your fires outside on October 31st. Enjoy the autumnal revels. Wear pirate and princess costumes and duck for apples. Revel in the pumpkin spice and the leaves of Fall. Wander in the romantic mist of the mingling of gardens and forests sighing for the echoing Past and calling forth of the everlasting Dawn. Be old and young.

Scorn the devils and monsters in contempt and revulsion. In the Name of the Risen and Ascended King, Jesus Christ of the Resurrection, the Son of God.

Trust in the Lord, and do not be afraid: “To my delight the night shall shine -- for the darkness shall never be dark with You, O Lord: with You, the night shall be bright as day, darkness and light one and the same” (Psalm 139.12).

Halloween is only a cartoon.

The Reigning King is real.

The only Real.

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Priestmartyr Hierotheos, Bishop Of Athens

Commemorated on October 17/4

The PriestMartyr Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens, was a member of the Athenian Areopagia and was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul together with Saint Dionysios the Areopagite (Comm. 3 October). The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the dignity of bishop. By tradition, Bishop Hierotheos was present together with Bishop Dionysios at the funeral of the MostHoly Mother of God. Saint Hierotheos died a martyr's death in the 1st Century.

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Spiritual Vitamin:

“Let the virtues of the body lead you to those of the soul; and the virtues of the soul to those of the spirit; and these, in turn, to immaterial and principlial knowledge.”

+Evagrius the Solitary Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.69

PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs*

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A Prayer For The Sick:

O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant name(s).

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver him/her/them from sickness and bitter pain. Heal him/her/them so that he/she/they may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Health of... Trona, Robert, Gavin, Fr. Mark L., Florin, Robert, Anthony, Sheila, Annie, Katie, Lexi, Sophie, Douglas, Christopher, John, Joanne, Barbara, Brian, Kristina, Sean, Julia, Susan, John, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, and Roberta ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

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For the Special Intentions of... His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Metropolitan Gregory, Fr. Photios, Fr. Theodore, Deacon Charles, Laura & family, Carlene, Georgia, Eleanora, Mark, Michaleana, Dorell, Elizabeth, Donald, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin our diocesan seminarians: Nicholas, Dylan, Tom, Samuel, Timothy, Nicholas, Aydin and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee: Lawrence, Matthew, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Mary Jane, Katherine, Kenneth, John, Wendy, Margaret, John, Patricia, John, Todd and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches ...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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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): (contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Cameron Watson (10/17), Rhonda Gogal (10/19), Fr. Robert

Buczak (10/20), Alyssa Duray (10/23) ...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!

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Susan, Marilynn, John ...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, & St. John Maximovitch.

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For those preparing for Marriage... Nicole & Dustin ...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.

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Anniversary Prayers for... ...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!

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For Pregnant Mothers... Meredith (due in Dec) ...through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St. Irene Chrysovalantou.

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For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Thomas R. Dzadozsky and Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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For the souls of the newly departed... +Christopher Kurtz (10/3), +Lawrence Barriger, the Priest (10/2) ...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May they be Eternal in God's Memory.

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily

prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: it is good to pray for one another. Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

A Prayer for College Students

Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know. As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith. As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears. As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You. Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home. Amen.

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A prayer for our Neighborhoods

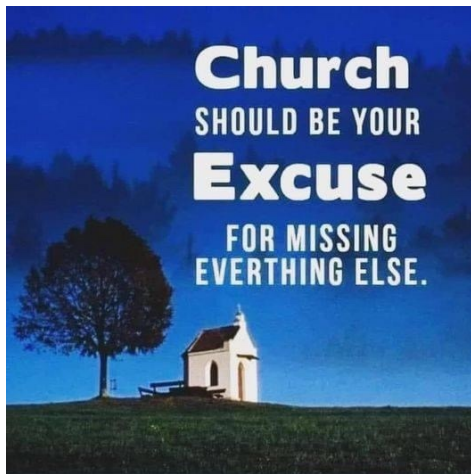
by Archbishop Demetrios of America I pray to you, God, for the families of my neighborhood. Visit them. Throw their troubles out of them and bring hope. Make the daily cares that devour the heart disappear. Present solutions to life's problems. Settle the disturbed relationships among members of different families whom I know or do not know. O Lord, remind the people of our area that You exist, that You are a strong and loving Protector. Keep away, Lord, anything that causes the disappearance of peace from souls, and the escape of sleep from our eyes. Stay a little while more tonight in our neighborhood. Spread peace along with the night. Let the harshness of the day and its struggles not spread over the night. Amen.

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A Prayer for our Diocesan Clergy

O Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of Your sheep, light the fire of ardent love in the hearts of all Your priests, that they may ever and in all things seek only Your glory. Remember especially, Lord, our Bishop (*name*), and our spiritual father (*name*), and all our diocesan clergy, who are laboring in Your vineyard for the salvation of all those whom You have entrusted to them. Make their lives as holy as the word they preach. Keep them from being discouraged. Hear their prayers for our salvation. Give them wisdom and courage to proclaim Your truth. Make them priests after Your own heart. For You are a merciful God Who loves us and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving- Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father is available to meet Monday thru Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm or by appointment.

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Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.

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, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for 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.

Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

Baptisms – Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith (and the other a practicing Christian). In the case of infants, the newly-baptized must have one name that is Christian in origin. Parents/grandparents/guardians must also promise to bring the child up in an Orthodox Christian way of life. Please consult Father for more details.

Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with

Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.

Marriages – are only solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. They are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Father ASAP for more 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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“The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning.” - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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8 ST PORFYRIOS OF KAVSOKALYVIA TIPS FOR THE UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

- 1 Pray for your children during pregnancy
- 2 Stop giving them advice unceasingly, rather talk to them through prayer
- 3 Be examples for your children
- 4 Teach your children to ask for God's help in every situation
- 5 When children make mistakes, talk to them seriously and firmly, not with anger
- 6 Do not overprotect them, but teach them how to take care of themselves
- 7 Raise your children in freedom
- 8 Be holy, so that your children may be holy

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