

“THE WEEKLY FORERUNNER” *Our Parish Weekly Bulletin*

O Holy John, Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptizer of the Lord, pray to God for us!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Glory to Jesus Christ! (*responded with: Glory 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! Please see Fr. Dave if you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Hieromartyr Dionysius
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

19th Sunday after Pentecost
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE
7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (787)
FOUNDING OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN 1932
9:30am 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 2; Liturgical Color: **Gold**
Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) Sunday
11:30 am Baptism
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Calendar - Future Services are updated online at:
www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar
(Please see Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

Live-Broadcast – If you are unable to attend church services, please pray along with our Cathedral online:
www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

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

RELOCATION UPDATE

The Allison Park Church is **has accepted** the offer of \$275,000 along with our properties for theirs at **2201 Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101** Exciting News! Contracts and timelines are being finalized as we are moving forward with the purchase and transition to our new home in the North Hills (Allison Park). Inspections of our properties will be happening in the very near future.

Glory to God, Slava Bohu, major progress has been accomplished!

May God continue to guide our journey!

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*As updates are available, they will be shared here.
Please contact Larry or Fr. Dave with any questions*

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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*** **Diocesan Website** – Please visit our diocesan website: www.acrod.org as it has been totally redone! A lot of nice improvements have been added.

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** **Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale** - The booklets are in the church hall. Orders will be due by **November 7** and the candy will be delivered the week of **December 5**.

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** **Sunday School Teachers are needed.** Please contact Fr. Dave or a Parish Council Member if you are interested in guiding our youth. Sunday School should begin next week, **Sunday, October 16** if we have the teachers. God-Willing, we will have a large First Confession Class this year. As of now we could have as many as 25 kids in our Sunday School...

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The **25th Diocesan Sobor** will be held in Johnstown from **October 16-19**. Please pray for a successful and worthwhile meeting!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*** **Turkey Bingo** – Our Turkey Bingo is back! We canceled last year due to Covid but we are ready to return. Please talk with Sharon Peifer if you are interested in being a steward of your time and talents. Here are the details:

St. John the Baptist (2688 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) will have their Turkey Bingo the Sunday before Thanksgiving, **November 20**. The doors will open at 2pm with the bingo games beginning at 3pm. Donation is \$10 for admission which includes 3 cards. Each bingo winner will receive a turkey to take home with them! For reservations or more information, please contact OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com or call/text 412-748-0148. Join us for fellowship, food, raffles, and more!

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“**From Death Unto Life: Building an Orthodox Pro-Life Movement in the Post-Roe Era**” – On **Saturday, October 22**, as part of the “Light From The Church On The Hill Lecture Series”, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church (601 Boone Ave., Canonsburg, PA) will offer Vespers at 6pm and a Talk (*title above*) led by Emily Wilkinson at 7pm. More information can be found at Orthodox Christians for Life www.oclife.org

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Fall Young Adult Retreat will be held on **October 28-30** at Camp Nazareth. Pres. Dr. Jenny Haddad Mosher will present on “Feet First into the Faith”. Register online at: www.tinyurl.com/YAFall2022

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** **Healthy Snacks** – The “grab-n-go” snack options for our coffee social are low. Please consider bringing in a box of something for everyone to share.

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* **LAST CALL for Home Blessings** – Our Annual Home Blessings began in August after the Lesser Blessing of Water. Fr. Dave is looking forward to visiting *every home* this Fall. Please schedule with him today.

*This Bulletin is Sponsored
In Memory of + Lawrence H. Martin
(Birthday 10/17)
May his memory be eternal!*

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* **Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD)** – We invite you to join with other St John’s faithful in giving to the annual DDD program. This program greatly supports our ministry at Camp Nazareth and other programs in our diocese. For more information, please get a brochure in the vestibule, see Larry Martin (our local ambassador) or Fr. Dave, or visit www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/ Checks payable to: Distinguished Diocesan Donors can be mailed to: Diocesan Chancery, 312 Garfield St., Johnstown, PA 15906.

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* **Donors Requested** – As the Anniversary luncheon is here, the parish will cover the costs for the clergy and their families coming to the luncheon. If you would like to be a sponsor towards this, please see the curator *on the door*. We are also looking for donations towards the flowers that will be used to decorate the church and the banquet hall tables.

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** **Altar Candles** – Thank you to the anonymous donor of new oil-filled candles that we began to use on the Altar this weekend. Your stewardship has blessed us all! May God Bless You!

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Mold remediation – Over the past couple weeks, Bactronix has been at the church a couple times to perform their 2-step mold remediation process around the church. All has been killed and removed.

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** **Fall Maintenance Day** – This year we will not have a Fall Maintenance Day due to the stewardship of less than a handful of folks who overly dedicated themselves getting ready for our anniversary weekend. Thank you for your generous offering of your time, talents, and treasures towards our parish!

OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 373
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 109
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 360
Total Collections:	\$ 842
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 45
Fundraising Account (Priority Tix):	\$ 2625
Relocation Fund:	\$ 50

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Lawrence Martin; Tim Martin; Eleanor Sanger; Melanie Shuster; Kathy Schrmack; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis

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CPR/AED Class – St. Nicholas (903 Ann Street, Homestead) will host a CPR/AED Class on Saturday, **November 19**. Class(es) will be at 8 am or 10 am. It will be limited to a total of 15 students. The cost is \$40 per person. The deadline to register is November 9. Call Michele at 412-389-4594 for more info.

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Bulletin Sponsor – If you wish to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (nameday, birthday, anniversary, etc.) or In Memory of someone, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or by contacting Fr. Dave (email, text, or call). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

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On-Line Giving is available from our parish website to donate to the: *General Stewardship Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and/or Relocation Fund*. The best option is to come to church and give your offering to God in His Temple (2nd best is to mail it in to Tim Martin, 2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143). If you miss coming to church for a week, online giving allows you another option to “catch up” on your weekly stewardship. You can also set up a recurring donation online. For our parish to continue it’s ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, your generosity and stewardship is needed.

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And 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. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

THE MONK DIONYSII, HERMIT OF PECHERSK

Commemorated on October 3

The Monk Dionysii, Hermit of Pechersk, called Schepa, was a presbyter. In the year 1463 at the time of the Pachal Matins, Dionysii made the rounds of the relics of each of the God-pleasing ones buried in the Antoniev Caves. When the monk cried out: "Holy fathers and brethren! Christ is Risen!", – like thunder there resounded the reply: "In Truth He is Risen!" On this very day the Monk Dionysii went into seclusion as an hermit and after many labours he expired to the Lord. The miracle involving Saint Dionysii is spoken of in the 8th Ode of the Canon of the Kievo-Pechersk Saints. His memory is observed also on 28 August and on the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent.

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Something to think about.....

Reasons to Go to Church

A Church go-er wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday... “I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he wrote, “and in that time I heard something like 203,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes

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Spiritual Vitamin of the week:

Why do we judge our brethren? Because we do not make an attempt to know ourselves. Whoever is busy trying to gain knowledge of oneself, such as one has no time to look at others. Judge your own self and you will cease to judge others.

We must look upon ourselves as the greatest of sinners and we must forgive our brethren for their bad deeds, while hating only the devil who has tempted them. It happens that someone’s deeds may seem to us to be bad, while in reality they are good because of the good intentions of the doer.

Moreover, the door of repentance is open to all, and you do know who will enter it first - you, who are judging, or the one who is being judged by you.

You may judge a bad deed, but do not judge the doer of it. If you pass judgment on your neighbor, teaches us the venerable Antioch, together with him you yourself will be judged for the very deed you are judging.

+Saint Seraphim of Sarov

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PRAYER CORNER

For the Health of... Stephen, Karen, Emily, Matthew, Thomas, David, Donna, Gregory, Gina, Joshua, Michael, Karen, George, John, Beverly, Kelly, Paul, Kathleen, Joanne, Marie, Barbara, Brian, Kristina, Sean, Julia, Susan, 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 souls of the newly departed...

+Anthony Joseph, the Priest (10/5)

...*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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ONLINE BULLETIN BONUSES

How We Speak Reveals Who We Are

October 18, 2022 · [Fr. Barnabas Powell](#)

It matters. It really does. The longer I live, the more I interact with others, and the more I grow older in life, the more I see HOW I say something is as important as WHAT I say. This is especially true when I'm dealing with people who have just met me. This is not easy for me because I am naturally sarcastic. I know, I know, I'm a priest, I'm supposed to be better than that. But what can I say? It doesn't do me any good to lie.

Wisdom demands that my speech be affected by that wisdom. Especially if I'm going to be one who bears witness to Christ and His love for everyone.

But how do you learn this wisdom? And what should motivate me to want to learn this wisdom and to practice this way of speaking to everyone?

Look at our lesson in Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18:

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place.

Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write

this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

Colosse was a city in Asia Minor and in the same area as the cities mentioned in the Book of the Revelation. St. Paul had planted that church during one of his missionary journeys and now he is writing the parish from prison. This is probably during his first imprisonment and during the same time he wrote Ephesians and Philemon.

What is so interesting is we get the names of several people connected to Paul and the sense that these relationships are vital to Paul's spiritual growth and leadership. But that is always the case. It is only after the West got captured by the exaltation of reason that we fell into the delusion that Faith can be merely a philosophical pursuit. This is where we get the secular world constantly telling us that our religion needs to be "private." But real faith is never "private." It always forms and shapes our relationships and our community. True faith will never be confined to a "private" matter and remain true faith. When you lock your faith away in your head, you stop being Christian and are now just one more "individual" instead of a real person.

That's why St. Paul ends his letter to the Church at Colosse with these practical instructions.

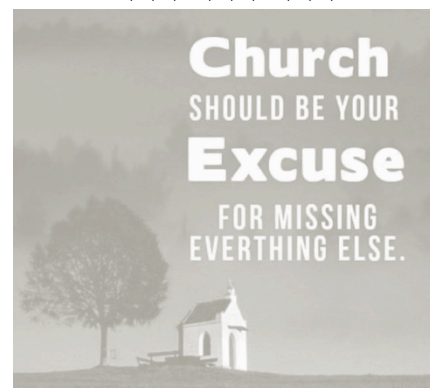
He really hits home when he tells them and us to conduct ourselves wisely among strangers. And, if we do that, we will be able to make the most of our time. What an interesting idea! But it really does make sense. There is nothing more of a waste of time than poor communication and having to constantly correct misunderstandings. If we take the time to communicate as best we can, we save ourselves tons of trouble and tons of time trying to explain what we meant. He even goes further and commands us to "season" our speech with salt! In other words, let your words make people "thirsty" for more and let your words be gracious, or "filled with grace" so that your answers really penetrate the hearts, minds, and lives of your hearers! Some of the best advice I've ever heard for anyone who wants to communicate well! St. Paul finishes up his wisdom to us with a display of his relationships around him. No one goes to heaven alone. But everyone goes to hell alone! The names of these persons in Paul's life display the power of

community to help shape us and grow the grace of God in our hearts!

Today, how are you at communicating? Do your words make folks want to hear more? Are they gracious and inviting? This spiritual discipline of communicating well and Christ-like is always worth the effort. And the best way to develop this discipline is to be Orthodox on Purpose!

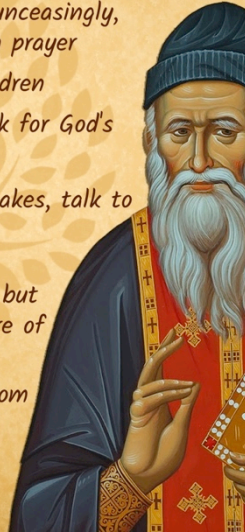
P.S. Dear Lord, put a watch at the door of my lips so that my speech is gracious, inviting, and loving. Help me stay awake and attentive to my words so that I truly share Your wisdom and care with those around me. And give me the grace to be grateful for the people You've put in my life to teach me this wisdom. Amen

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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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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Stewardship of Treasure Guide

Weekly offering to God through the Sunday Offertory - Will you take a step up?

Weekly Income	Beyond a Tithe	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$200	\$30	\$24	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2	
\$300	\$45	\$36	\$30	\$27	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$4	\$2
\$400	\$60	\$48	\$40	\$36	\$32	\$28	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4	
\$500	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	
\$600	\$90	\$72	\$60	\$54	\$48	\$42	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6	
\$700	\$105	\$84	\$70	\$63	\$56	\$49	\$42	\$35	\$28	\$21	\$14	\$7	
\$800	\$120	\$96	\$80	\$72	\$64	\$56	\$48	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8	
\$900	\$135	\$108	\$90	\$81	\$72	\$63	\$54	\$45	\$36	\$27	\$18	\$9	
\$1,000	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	
\$1,100	\$165	\$132	\$110	\$99	\$88	\$77	\$66	\$55	\$44	\$33	\$22	\$11	
\$2,000	\$300	\$240	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20	
\$3,000	\$450	\$360	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30	

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE% would be.

SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

Parish 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. He will pray with you and you will receive the Mystery of Holy Anointing (Unction) 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.

Parishioners in “good standing” are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John’s Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular attendance of services, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these Mysteries no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and share their stewardship of their time, talents, and treasures which includes financially supporting the parish.

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 Fr. Dave 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 Fr. Dave ASAP for more details (before arrangements are made for the hall). It is critical that marriages are blessed in our church.

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual responsibilities and their stewardship. 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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A SECOND 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 Special Intentions of... His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Metropolitan Gregory, Fr. David S., Fr. Myron, Dcn. Michael L., Laura & family, Carlene, Georgia, Eleanora, Mark, Michaleana, Dorell, Donald, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our diocesan seminarians:* Nicholas, Dylan, Thomas, Samuel, Timothy,

Nicholas, Aydin, Subdeacon Seamus, Nicholas, 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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October Namedays:

John Kirish - Venerable John Kukuzelis the Singer (10/14)

Kenneth Parks - Venerable Cainnech (10/24)
...May God grant them many and blessed years!

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October Birthdays:

Genevive Martellotti (10/3), Matthew Mirilovich (10/6), John Gaydos, III (10/7), Sophie Jesko (10/7), Father’s sister, Melissa Ditmore (10/11), Father’s mother, Andrea Urban (10/11), Kevin Anton (10/12), Sheila Jesko (10/13), Frank Martellotti (10/15), Cameron Watson (10/17), Rhonda Gogal (10/19), Fr. Robert Buczak (10/20), Alyssa Duray (10/23), Fr. Daniel Vaskalis (10/24), Paula Watson (10/25), Doloris Bowser (10/26), Kaitlyn Duray (10/26), Fr. Mark Leasure (10/26), Mareena Shuster (10/29), Ryan Schrmack (10/30), Noah Winkler (10/31)
...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... Tyler, Susan ...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, & St. John Maximovitch.

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

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October Anniversaries:

Rich & Renee Mirilovich (10/1)

Allen & Anastasia Dzambo (10/2)

Brian & Rhonda Gogal (10/5)

Chi-Wing & Deborah (Brancho) Chow (10/08)

John & Jane Gaydos (10/9)
Meredith & Ryan Blobner (10/12)
...through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas

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For Pregnant Mothers... Caitlin (due in September), Mallory (September), Carly (December) ...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. Dzadovsky and Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St. George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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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.*

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

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.

A Prayer for Peace

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom.

Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise. Amen.

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The Jesus Prayer

(Inhale) O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
(Exhale) have mercy on me, a sinner!

(Repeat until your heart is calm...)

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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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