

## “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, NOVEMBER 27

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip (1<sup>st</sup> C.)  
Panachida the Priest, +Protospesbyter John Gido (1-yr),  
+Kelly Leone (3-yr), the Priest, +Protospesbyter  
Michael Hanas (26-yr), and the newly departed.  
Additional offering requested for IOCC

#### MONDAY, NOV. 28

NATIVITY FAST (*PHILIP’S FAST*) BEGINS  
\*\*\* TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 #NATIVITY FAST  
9:30am Moleben for the Nativity Fast

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 #NATIVITY FAST

9:30am Nativity Fast Paraklis to the Theotokos

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 #NATIVITY FAST

11 am to 1 pm Confessions Offered  
4:00 pm Feast Day Vespers

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#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30 Divine Liturgy  
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6  
Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 (*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*)  
Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7 (*Theotokos*)  
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (*Theotokos*)  
Tone 8; Liturgical Color: **Blue**  
Church School (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month*)

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**Mystery of Confession** – Father is available to hear  
Confessions after every service

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### RELOCATION UPDATE

Due to the sales contract requirement concerning the parish house not being met, our closing has been postponed.

This also postpones our  
Last Liturgy on the North Side.

No additional information on our timeline  
is available at this time.

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The address of our next church is:

**2201 Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101**

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What has been talked about for over a dozen years is  
going to happen! Let’s work together!

Remember: Many Hands Make Light Work!

Contact Fr. Dave or Larry Martin if you are interested  
in being added to the *Construction Committee*.

**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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### VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)  
Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
FB: [www.facebook.com/acroddioocese](https://www.facebook.com/acroddioocese)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
YouTube: [youtube.com/acroddioocese](https://youtube.com/acroddioocese)

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**Calendar** - Future Services are updated online at:  
[www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar](http://www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar)  
(Please see Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

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**Live-Broadcast** – If you are unable to attend church  
services, please pray along with our Cathedral online:

[www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/live/](http://www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/live/)

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### BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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\*\*\* **Nativity Fast begins Tomorrow, Monday, November 28** - This fasting period in the church is referred to as the Nativity Fast, Philip’s Fast (*Filipovka*), or sometimes by its Latin roots, Advent. It runs for 40-days until the Eve of the Nativity on Monday, January 6. As in Great Lent, you should establish for yourself a rule of fasting and stick to it. It is often said that the Nativity Fast is so much more difficult because of the nature of society around us. We can enjoy the season with our extended family & friends and still witness to our Faith and keep the spirit of the Fast! Everyone should try, at a minimum, to keep Monday, Wednesday & Friday as fast days, no matter what is happening on the ‘new calendar’. Also, Metropolitan Gregory has offered a ‘Prayer Challenge’ to all of the faithful and especially the youth and young adults of the Diocese to strengthen their spiritual lives. The challenge is to pray *specifically* for special intentions, ‘40 Days – 40 Prayers’, during your evening prayers of the Nativity Fast. For more info, visit:

[www.acrod.org/metropolitan/prayerchallenge/](http://www.acrod.org/metropolitan/prayerchallenge/)

If you have any questions, please talk with Father Dave as we **prepare the Manger of our Soul for the coming of the new borne Messiah!**

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\*\*\* **Para-Liturgical Services** – During the Nativity Fast, Para-Liturgical Services will be offered through the week for us to increase our prayer during this fasting season. The Moleben, Paraklis, and Akathist services do not have Communion, so no fasting is necessary. These services range from 25 to 45 minutes. Come and pray with us!

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\* **Sr. ACRY NEWS: Lots-O-Luck Calendars** – The National ACRY Lots-O-Luck Calendars are available. \$25 per ticket gets you a years worth of prizes totaling \$10,000! Please see Theresa Sharpless for tickets.

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\*\* **St Nicholas Charity Dinner** sponsored by the Pittsburgh Deanery to benefit our Christ the Saviour Seminary will be on **Sunday, December 11** at The Wooden Nickel (4006 Berger Ln, Monroeville, PA 15146). Doors open at **4:30 pm** with a Buffett Dinner at 5:00. Adults - \$35; Teens - \$25; Ages 2-12 - \$10 (*make checks payable to “Pittsburgh Deanery”*). If anyone (or organization) would like to “sponsor a seminarian” (or part of their family), please see Father. Our parish has been asked to bring 3 baskets (*minimum \$25 value*) to be raffled off at the dinner. Come meet the seminarians, enjoy the fellowship, carol sing-a-long, and a special guest! \*\*\* *Please order your tickets from Fr Dave by Sunday, December 4* \*\*\*

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#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated the Tuesday following Thanksgiving after the widely recognized shopping events *Black Friday* and *Cyber Monday*, #GivingTuesday (Nov. 29) kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. If you will be donating online, please consider supporting the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops or one of its official affiliates (such as IOCC, OCF, OCMC, OCPM, EOCS, OCEC, OCN, OCAMPR, OFT, etc. To see their full names visit: [www.assemblyofbishops.org/news/news-archive/2020/giving-tuesday-2020](http://www.assemblyofbishops.org/news/news-archive/2020/giving-tuesday-2020))

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\*\* **19<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Matrona Cooke Walk** will be on Saturday, December 10, 10 AM – 2 PM, or until sold out at Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie. Come experience the “WALK” and start a new family holiday tradition! A variety of Eastern European holiday cookies, traditional favorites, homemade nut rolls, & gluten-free cookies available. Most cookies sold by the pound. No online orders. For questions, Email: [smladiessociety@gmail.com](mailto:smladiessociety@gmail.com)!

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\*\*\* **Modified Icons** – Recently, roughly 50 of our paperboard Icons were mounted on ½” board so that they can be hung on the walls. Thank You to John Dziak and the folks at Printscape Imaging & Graphics who did this and generously donated their time and supplies! May God grant them many years!

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\*\*\* **St Nicholas Breakfast at St. John’s** – Our parish St. Nicholas Breakfast will be on **Sunday, December 18** following the Divine Liturgy. Please plan to stay for this wonderful fellowship tradition that we have!

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\* **Sunday School Teachers are needed.** Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested in guiding our youth. **Our Sunday School program this year will be on the first and third Sundays of the month**, but we need more teachers. As of now we could have as many as 20 kids in our Sunday School...

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\* **Neighborhood Resilience Project Volunteers Needed** – If you have time available to help pack weekend meals for children in local schools and the Hill District. All ages are welcome! Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 am to 2 pm (or contact them for a different time). Call 412-261-1234 or visit [www.neighborhoodresilience.org](http://www.neighborhoodresilience.org).

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**OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD**

Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 717
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 324
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 534
<b>General Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1575</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Nelson Family; Larry Martin; Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Kathy Schmack; Donald Gavulich; Andrew Mirilovich; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis

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**Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Tim Martin in memory of his Grandparents, +John and +Helen Kailyar. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

**A REMINDER TO MAKE TIME FOR YOUR NATIVITY FAST CONFESSION**

*“Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” (Lk. 5:12)*

Fr. Dave will be available for confessions after ALL services, from 11-1 on Saturdays December 3 and 10, or by appointment.

As we prepare for the Feast of the Nativity, it is time to prepare the “Manger of our soul” for the coming of the Messiah.

*“There is more mercy in God than there are sins in us. Confess your sins at once, whatever they may be.” +St Tikhon of Zadonsk*

**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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**SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22*

<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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*Gospel: Luke 10:25-37*

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, <sup>34</sup> and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

**THE HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP**

*Commemorated on November 28/14*

Born in Bethsaida beside the Sea of Galilee, Philip was so well versed in the Holy Scriptures that he immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah upon seeing him the first time. After Pentecost, St. Philip preached in Asia and Greece. In Greece, the Jews hated him and the high priest even ran at him to club him to death, but miraculously this Jewish priest was blinded and turned completely black. Then the earth opened up and swallowed him. Many of the sick were healed, and many pagans believed.

St. Philip found himself in the company his sister Mariamma, the Apostle John and the Apostle Bartholomew while preaching in Hieropolis. Through prayer he killed a giant snake that the pagans worshipped, which angered the unbaptized so much that they crucified him and St. Bartholomew upside-down. Again, the earth opened and swallowed his judge along with many pagans, and being terribly afraid the people rushed to bring the Apostles down from their torment. But St. Philip had already reposed. St. Bartholomew then ordained Stachys—whom St. Philip had healed of a forty-year blindness and baptized—as bishop for those who were baptized in that area. Later, St. Philip's relics were translated to Rome. He is numbered among the Twelve Great Apostles.

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**PRAYER CORNER**

*For the Health of...* Waylon, Matthew, Emily, Thomas, David, Donna, Gregory, Joshua, 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...*  
+Steven Fucsko, Sr (11/5), +Mary Ann Kirish (11/4)  
...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May they be Eternal in God’s Memory.*

## LIVING ORTHODOXY

**“Lord, it is good to be here!”**

*Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemenn, the late Dean of [Saint Vladimir's Seminary](#), celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the last time on Thanksgiving Day 1983. Two weeks later, on December 13, he fell asleep in the Lord. As is well known, Father Alexander had devoted his entire life to teaching, writing and preaching about the Eucharist—the Greek word eucharist means thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Father Alexander took from his pocket a short-written sermon, in the form of a prayer, which he proceeded to read. This was uncharacteristic of Father Alexander, since he never wrote his liturgical homilies, but delivered them extemporaneously. These were his words, which proved to be the last ever spoken by him from the ambo in Church. It is a beautiful reflection as we close the Thanksgiving Day weekend.*

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### **Thank you, O Lord!**

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the “one thing needed;” Your eternal Kingdom.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to Worship You.

- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for this school (and all Orthodox Seminaries), where the name of God is proclaimed.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.
- ❖ Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here!

Amen.

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## ONLINE BULLETIN BONUSES

### **The Need to Mourn**

#### **God is with us in the intimacy of grief**

The recent massive deaths that have taken place in the horrible fires that have engulfed California has brought together whole communities in need of mourning. During times like this, we need to mourn.

One of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of the priesthood is comforting people in their darkest moments of sorrow. Do not be mistaken, and think that priests are exempt from the pain of those whom they try to comfort, or that we have magical words that somehow ease the pain or bring order to the chaos of grief. Platitudes are useless in dark days of mourning. The one who has lost his life may very well be “in a better place,” but it is oddly of little comfort to say those words. In a powerful witness of human behavior, Christ “does not say, ‘Well, now he is in heaven, everything is well; he is separated from this difficult and tormented life.’ Christ does not say all those things we do in our pathetic and uncomfoting attempts to console. In fact he says nothing—he weeps.”

In like fashion, we need to embrace the grief we feel following at the senseless loss of lives. We need to honor the bereavement process, because just as God gave life to people whom we grew to love, so too God has blessed those

left behind with the grief that they feel at their loss. Grief is confirmation that these persons were of value, that they were a beloved son, a cherished brother, a treasured friend. Grief is how we honor a well-lived life. Their deaths were grief-worthy. In grieving, we do their memory justice, and follow in the example of Jesus, who wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus. Like martyrs of the ancient church, like Lazarus in the New Testament, their departure from this world before their time was up makes their deaths particularly galling for those left behind to wonder how they are going to fill the space that their loved ones once occupied. The mystery of a future without them is a daunting, as is the mystery of death itself.

As a priest and monk of the Russian Orthodox Church, I am comfortable with this mystery, as all Christians should be. Death can be a mystery precisely because the triumph over death is not a mystery. As the Russian Orthodox theologian Alexander Schmemann wrote, “in essence, Christianity is not concerned with coming to terms with death, but rather with the victory over it.” In the light of everlasting life, in the name of Jesus Christ, the dreadful threat and dark mystery that is death is transformed into a happy and victorious event for the believer, and “Death is swallowed up in victory.” (1 Cor. 15:54)

So mourning is an ancient ritual, one in which Jesus participated, and those before him. For all of us, all people, death is a common element of humanity, the common trait that we share, and the common enemy of our loved ones. And like grief, victory over death binds people together in a larger, more powerful community, the community that is found in the Christian faith. People accuse Christians of being members of a “death cult,” obsessed with a dying savior and focused on the afterlife to the exclusion of the present; but they are wrong.

Christianity does not deny life, Christianity affirms life. Christianity affirms life even in death, because for Christians, death does not remove the relationship that exists. In death, as in life, our parent, our son, our brother, our friend, is

honored and loved. In death, as in life, we love and honor them, and death cannot take them from us. Death may have taken them, but it has also provided those left behind with the opportunity to live with the hope of one day joining them. And a life with hope is a good life.

So for us, the death of our loved ones is the beginning of the true life that also awaits us beyond the grave, if indeed we have begun to live it here. Christ, “the resurrection and the life,” (John 11:25) transformed death. Christ assumed human flesh, Christ was crucified, resurrected, ascended to heaven and waits for us there, and Christ ushers us into new life both now and after our death. Therefore, even as death exposes our frailty and our grief, death does not reveal our finiteness; instead it reveals our infiniteness, our eternity. To this end, the Christian does not ponder the mystery of death in a way that is paralyzing, negative and apathetic, but in a way that is productive, positive and dynamic.

God, to whom you have entrusted your soul, is a good and perfect God. This God will do what is right with your child, what is just with your brother, and what is honorable with your parent or friend. There is no saying, no claim, no scripture that will give us peace in our loss right now or even calm our troubled souls; but we can find comfort and peace in God who is present with us, and in us, and through us, in the intimacy of grief, as we mourn the death of our friends.

With love in Christ,  
Abbot Tryphon

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**NATIVITY FAST  
PRAYER CHALLENGE 2022**

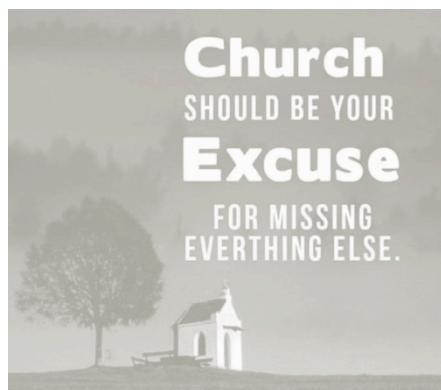
*Metropolitan Gregory asks each member of our Diocese, either as a family or individually, to pray this every evening of the Nativity Fast.*

O Master and Creator, You have made us to know You, to love You, and to serve You in this life, and to be happy with You forever in heaven.

You desire all to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth. For this reason, You sent Your Only-Begotten Son to be born in Bethlehem as our King and Redeemer. As we fast and prepare to celebrate His Nativity, we offer prayers and supplications for all people, and most especially at this time for...

*(Now include the daily prayer intention found on the handout, or at [www.acrod.org/metropolitan/prayerchallenge/](http://www.acrod.org/metropolitan/prayerchallenge/) and then continue below.)*

Look down with merciful eyes upon Your servants. Pardon all their sins committed deliberately or because of human frailty. Protect them against all enemies, visible and invisible, and from every misfortune, distress, and affliction. Keep them in peace, tranquility, and health. We entrust them and ourselves to You, O Lord. Amen.



**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

**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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**November Namedays:**

Urban Family – Holy Disciple Urban of the 70 (11/13)

Makaela Kirish - Archangel Michael (11/21)

Cindy Pavilonis - Saint Cyntianus (11/28)

Matthew Mirilovich - Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew (11/29)

*...May God grant them many and blessed years!*

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**November Birthdays:**

Fr Joseph Birthisel (11/2), Subdeacon Ryan Ferko (11/4), Jason Shelpman, Jr (11/4), Nicholas Kubis (11/6), John Sharpless (11/13), Fr. James Blomeley (11/14), Cindy Pavilonis (11/14), Fr Michael Rustick (11/21), *Father’s sister,* Suzanne Verbanick (11/25), Stephen Brancho (11/26), Fr. Michael Ellis (11/26), John Gaydos Sr. (11/26), Pañi Peggy Teklinski (11/26), Victor Zerby (11/27), Pañi Ileana Bennett (11/28), Chi-Wing Chow (11/29), Liam Kovats (11/30) *...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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**November Anniversaries:**

Doug & Elizabeth (Radomsky) Delaney (11/1)

Thomas & Harmonie Torchia (11/12)

*...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 ...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 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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#### 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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#### 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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### 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			Tithe			Upper Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Lower Range Giving		
	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	\$3			
\$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.

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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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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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