

# “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.

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, SEPTEMBER 3

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
After-feast Of The Dormition  
Blessing of Flowers & Herbs

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:30 pm Moleben to St. Nectarios with Anointing

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Venerable Moses the Black of Scete (400)  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
Epistle: 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14  
Tone 5; Liturgical Color: **Gold**  
SJB Yearly Meeting following the Divine Liturgy  
**NOON OR 6:30 pm** Feast Day Vespers

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Confessions after every service or by appointment.

## SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24*

### Final Messages and Greetings

<sup>13</sup>Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. <sup>14</sup>Let all that you do be done in love.

<sup>15</sup>Now, brethren, you know that the household of Steph’anas were the first converts in Acha’ia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; <sup>16</sup>I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. <sup>17</sup>I rejoice at the coming of Steph’anas and Fortuna’tus and Acha’icus, because they have made up for your absence; <sup>18</sup>for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men.

<sup>19</sup>The churches of Asia send greetings. Aqu’ila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. <sup>20</sup>All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

<sup>21</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. <sup>22</sup>If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! <sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup>My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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*Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42*

### The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

<sup>33</sup>“Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; <sup>35</sup>and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will

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he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

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## BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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\* **Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery Feast Day** - Gerontissa Theophano and the Sisters warmly welcome you to the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery’s Feast Day on **Saturday, September 9** beginning at 9 am at 121 St. Elias Ln, Saxonburg, PA 16056. “Please come with family and friends and spend the day at the Monastery. Browse our icons and handiwork for sale, pastries, as well as frappes at our cafe.” Please RSVP (email [info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org](mailto:info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org) or call 724-352-3999) so that the Monastery can prepare adequate hospitality. Visitors should be modestly dressed; women are asked to wear long skirts and men are asked to wear long pants.

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\* **SJB Yearly Parish Meeting** will be on **Sunday, September 10** following the Divine Liturgy. New Proposals for the Meeting need to be submitted to Larry Martin or Ryan Ferko. All proposals are much appreciated! Anyone interested in being an officer on the Parish Council, also please see Larry or Ryan. This is the **3<sup>rd</sup>** Official Notice for the meeting. LET’S HAVE A HUGE TURNOUT FOR OUR MEETING THIS YEAR! (THE COFFEE SOCIAL WILL BE HOSTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.)

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\*\*\* **Moving Help** – Could anyone with a truck or van help move a sectional and chair from South Park to Bradford Woods? If so, please contact Fr. Dave.

*This Bulletin Is Sponsored*

For the health of

Timothy Martin, the Reader (for his birthday)  
Many Years!



\*\*\* **Home Blessings** – Our Annual Home Blessings began on **Sunday, August 14** after the Lesser Blessing of Water. Fr. Dave is looking forward to visiting *every home* this August, September, or October. **Please schedule with Fr. Dave today.**

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\*\*\* **LAST CALL For August Coat Drive** - Do you have a clean coat or two that you have not worn since before our last coat drive but it is still in good condition? This is the last call for clean coats and jackets to donate to the Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) Please place your clean coat(s) on the coat rack in the hall during the month of August.

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\*\*\* **Ride Share** – Would you be able to help give a ride to someone who lives in Oakland when they want to come to Allison Park? If so, please contact Fr. Dave.

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\*\* **Godparent Sunday** – Our Annual Godparent Sunday celebration will be on for **Sunday, September 17**. It is a day to honor them and to encourage the growth of this spiritual relationship. 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.

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\*\* **Parish Council Leadership Workshop** will take place on **Saturday, September 30** at St. Nicholas (903 Ann St., Homestead). Please RSVP to Fr. Dave by September 24 if you will be able to attend this great opportunity (which is not limited to our current Parish Council members!

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**\*\* The Pittsburgh Deanery Family Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, September 17** in Schenley Park at the Veterans Pavilion (10345 Overlook Dr., Pittsburgh, PA) from Noon (after church) to Dusk. Plan to come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with our brothers and sisters from our sister Deanery Parishes. Get together with old friends and family! Make new friends! Come enjoy God's creation in one of the best parks in Pittsburgh! \*\*\* Our parish has been asked to supply the drinks for the afternoon

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**\*\* Ukrainian Relief Dinner** – On **Sunday, September 24**, the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) is holding a second prayer service and fundraising dinner to benefit our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. It will be held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland. Tickets are \$50. RSPV by September 19. If interested, please contact Fr. Dave for a ticket.

Future upcoming IOCC events include: \* **Oktoberfest - October 19** (Rusty Gold Brewing Co – Canonsburg) and \* **Bourbon Tasting - November 2** (McMurray)

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**\*\*\* Basket Raffle** – We will once again have a basket raffle at our **Annual Parish Picnic** (to be held on **October 8** at the Cabin at North Park). If you have a basket idea in mind, please sign up on the sheet in the hall or contact Mary Jane Hudak.

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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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**\*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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**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/acroddioecese](https://www.facebook.com/acroddioecese)  
 Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
 YouTube: [youtube.com/acroddioecese](https://youtube.com/acroddioecese)

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD	
Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 719
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 59
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 115
Community Outreach:	\$ 5
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 898</b>

**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by the Nelson Family; Tim Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Eleanor Sanger; Julia Clemente; Cindy Pavilonis

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\* **Church School Teachers** are needed. Please contact Fr. Dave or a Parish Council Member if you are interested

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COFFEE SOCIAL STEWARDS	
<i>Please sign up in the multi-purpose room or by contacting Fr. Dave</i>	
September 10 (yearly meeting):	Parish Council
September 17:	_____
September 24:	_____

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**MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

In the month of September, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting donations for the **Seminarians and Christ the Saviour Seminary.** (The St. Nicholas Charity Dinner, a fundraiser for the seminary, is scheduled for **December 10.**) Please continue to pray for our Diocesan Seminarians: *Nicholas, Dylan, Thomas, Samuel, Timothy, Nicholas, Aydin, Subdeacon Seamus, and Nicholas.* Thank you in advance for your prayers for our seminarians and offerings for the seminary!

**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

**The Disciple From The Seventy, Thaddeus**  
*Commemorated on Sept 3 / Aug 21*

The Disciple from the Seventy, Thaddeus, was by descent an Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. (The holy Disciple from the Seventy Thaddeus must needs be distinguished from the Apostle from the Twelve, Jude, also called Thaddeus

or Levi, Comm. 19 June). Having come to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner and, having received from him baptism in Jordan, he remained in Palestine. In beholding the Saviour, he became His follower, and was chosen by the Lord amidst the number of the Seventy Disciples, which He sent by twos for preaching to the cities and locales, which He intended to visit (Lk. 10: 1). After the Ascension of the Saviour to Heaven, the Disciple Thaddeus preached the good-news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted to Christ king Abgar, the people and the pagan-priests. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses); he established there priests and built up the Edessa Church. Prince Abgar wanted to reward the Disciple Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian faith. Having arrived preaching in the city of Berit (Beirut), he founded there the Church, and it was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (This place for his death is indicated in the Slavonic Meneion, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, the Disciple Thaddeus after various tortures was beheaded by the sword on 21 December in the Artaz region in the year 50).

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**PRAYER CORNER**

**For the Health of...** Allison, Sophia, Jason, Kevin, Mary Jane M., Thomas, Marianne, Kellie, Carlene, David, Donna, George, Beverly, Kelly, Marie, Brian, Sean, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, and Michael ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarious the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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**September Namedays:**  
*Pañi's grandmother* Maria Alexa – Nativity of Mary (NC 9/9)  
 Cora Dzadony - Martyr Coralia (9/14)  
 Penelope Maruscak - Martyr Penelope (9/14)  
 Maria Urban - Nativity of Mary (9/21)  
 Sharon Peifer - Righteous Anna (9/22)  
 Sophia Urban - Martyr Sophia (9/30)  
 ...*May God grant them many and blessed years!*

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**September Birthdays:**  
 Samuel Mainolfi (9/1), Dexter Torchia (9/1), Timothy Martin, Reader (9/2), Ruth Herbert (9/2), Ashley Wertz Andrekovich (9/2), Fr. Bob Teklinski (9/3), Danielle Yakemawiz (9/5), Pañi Deborah Zak (9/7), Tina Scherer (9/11), Pañi Andrea Cochran (9/14), Pañi Daria Lopusky (9/16), Cindy Morrison (9/17), Fr. Vincent Dranginis (9/19), Fr. Kenneth Ellis (9/19), Fr. Dave Urban (9/19), Fr. Matthew Moriak (9/20), Fr. David Smoley (9/20), Mark Martellotti (9/22), *Father's brother-in-law*, Brian Verbanick, Sr (9/22), Margaret (Peggy) Rusnak (9/24), Fr. R. Michael Zak (9/24), AJ (Matolyak) Ferraz (9/26), Cora Dzadony (9/28), Andrew Mirilovich (9/28), Shane Yakemawiz (9/28), Juliana Anton (9/29), Wendy Martellotti (9/29), Fr Dcn Art Steinstra (9/30) ...*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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**September Anniversaries:**  
 Melanie & Michael Shuster (9/5/82)  
 Marianne & Steven Kubis (9/6/14)  
*Father's sister*, Suzanne & Brian Verbanick (9/8/01)  
 Barbara & Richard Gedid (9/17/83)  
 Thomas & Carol Lorenzi (9/19/70)  
 Ken & Paula Watson (9/24)  
 Charles & Allison Kretchek (9/26/15)  
 John & Barbara Kirish (9/28/96)  
 ...*through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas*

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**For the souls of the newly departed...**  
 Cecelia Urban (8/12),  
 Susan (Kostelnik-Winters) Waugh (7/28)  
 ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May they be Eternal in God's Memory!*

**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.

## ONLINE BONUSES



### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD IN 2023

- Sep/Oct - Home Blessings Continue
- Sep 17 - God-Parents/God-Children Sunday
- Sep 17 - Pittsburgh Deanery Picnic
- Oct 6 - Feast of the Conception of St. John
- Oct 8 - Parish Picnic at The Cabin in North Park
- Oct 14 - Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos
- Oct 23 - Founding of St John's Parish in 1932
- Oct 26 - Carpatho-Rusyn Day in North America
- Nov 8 - Feast of the Great Martyr Demetrius
- Nov 21 - Feast of the Holy Archangels
- Nov 23 - Moleben of Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - Nativity Fast begins
- Dec 4 - Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos
- Dec 10 - Seminary Benefit Dinner
- Dec 19 - Feast of St. Nicholas

**Please, Save the Dates!**

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\*\*\* **Holy Trinity Consecration** – Join the Holy Trinity Family and Friends to celebrate the Consecration of their Church and the Centennial of their Parish on **November 3, 4 & 5, 2023**. Tickets and Centennial commemorative items are now available at [HolyTrinityPgh.org/centennial](http://HolyTrinityPgh.org/centennial), with more information to come over the summer.

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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

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## CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

*When we purchased the property on Duncan Ave. in March, we knew certain jobs needed to be taken care of right away.*

*Here is a brief update on a few things:*

- ✘ Multiple trees had been taken down in May *(donated by a parishioner)*
- ✘ The roof was replaced the week of August 14 *(donated by an anonymous donor)*
- ✘ Work on the AC units will begin Monday, August 28 *(donated by an anonymous donor)*
- ✘ Work in the Sanctuary will begin Tuesday, August 29 *(cost is To Be Determined)*
- ✘ The Soffit & Facia will be completed by the end of September *(donated by an anonymous donor)*
- ✘ A new boiler will be installed in September *(donated by an anonymous donor)*
- ✘ A design for a sign to be placed near the street is being designed and will be proposed to Hampton Township soon *(cost is TBD)*
- ✘ The non-profit *Tree Pittsburgh* will be working with us to add trees to the property *(for free)*
- ✘ Estimates are being received for new windows in the nave, vestibule, & basement *(cost is TBD)*
- ✘ An 11-foot Outdoor Wall Cross has been donated by our sister parish in Hermitage
- ✘ Installing the Kitchen Stove is being explored *Through your generosity and dedication, all of this will come together – one thing at a time! Glory to God for All Things!*

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## 2022-23 SJB PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Lawrence Martin  
 Vice-President: Subdeacon Ryan Ferko  
 Treasurer: Timothy Martin, Reader  
 Financial Secretary: Rich Mirilovich  
 Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Radomsky  
 Chief Auditor: Robert Fall  
 Auditors: Gina Fall, Mary Jane Hudak, Kathy Schrmack, *(the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions are vacant)*

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## 2023 Home Blessings

**How to prepare for your home blessing?**

1. See Fr. Dave, email him ([fr.sleepless@gmail.com](mailto:fr.sleepless@gmail.com)), call or text him (412-748-0148) today with your preferred windows of time for him to visit.
2. Have a white cloth placed on the dining room or kitchen table, an icon and/or a cross, and a candle to be lit. *(Fr Dave will provide the Holy Water for the blessing.)*
3. Have a list of names of those who live in the home *(including your pets)* and a list of the departed members of your family and friends you wish to have prayed for during the service.
4. Have all TVs, radios, and cell phones turned off.
5. Have on the table anything to be blessed (such as an Icon, Cross, etc.).
6. Participation is important! Have everyone in the family gather around the table and join in the blessing. Invite neighbors and friends over to be a part of this beautiful tradition as well!
7. If you need to discuss a personal matter, this is a good time to do so!

**Home blessings will take place from August 14 through October 14**

It would be ideal if Father could come on a weekday between 8:30am and 3:30pm. IF this is not possible, certain evening, Saturday, and Sunday times will be available. Fr Dave looks forward to spending this time with your family!

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## SPIRITUAL VITAMINS

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### TITLES OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

#### PANAGIA (“MOST-HOLY”)

The Mother of God is named Most Holy because she is the perfect example of cooperation between God and man's free will: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to their word.”

#### MOST-PURE

She was sinless, except for the inherited sin of all humanity, of which she was purified through the conception of the Son of God.

#### MOST-BLESSED, GLORIOUS LADY

The Church honors the Mother of God, because she made possible the coming of God the Son into the world, which means salvation would have been impossible without her obedience to God's will.

#### THEOTOKOS (“BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD”)

Theotokos is the Greek word meaning “Birth-Giver of God”. This name was approved at the 3rd Ecumenical Council in Ephesus (in 431) in order to combat the heresy of Nestorius.

#### EVER-VIRGIN

The Mother of God is Ever-Virgin, more precisely she remained a virgin before, during, and after giving birth to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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6:30 pm Feast Day Vespers

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS  
9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 pm Feast Day Vespers

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - *A day of strict-fasting*

FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

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## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

As summer is here and many will be taking much deserved time away, please do not forget your parish church. Just like at home, the bills still need to be paid whether you are here or not. If you are going to be away from the parish for a week or more, please either mail your stewardship offering in, “catch up” the next time you come, or use the online button on the parish website. Your continued support of the parish is appreciated!

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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. *Remember, sponsoring a bulletin in memory of someone does not replace having a Panachida (Memorial Service) for them.*

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**Giving at the Church** – The “flow of traffic” is a little different in Allison Park, but the ways to give your stewardship treasures has not changed. One can:

- ✘ hand their offering to the curator who sits at the desk in the vestibule (to the right after you enter from the parking lot),
- ✘ there are multiple baskets around the church for you to drop your offering in, or
- ✘ when lighting your candles, put your donation in the box in the candle stand.

We will continue to not “*pass the basket*” which interrupts our focus on our prayers.

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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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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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## FEAST DAY FEATURES OF THE MONTH

Coming next week...

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## 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 prepared or not of the Orthodox Faith may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.

**How to receive** - Please remember the following helpful hints aimed at helping to preserve the solemnity and safety of the Holy Mystery. Anyone wearing lipstick should remove it before receiving. Be sure to offer your baptismal name to the priest before receiving. Please take great care that the red cloth held by the acolytes (servers) is fully under your chin (*you should not hold it*), then use the centuries-old practice of receiving: please fully open your mouth, tilt your head back, receive the Holy Gifts, wait until They are securely in your mouth and so that none of the holy and precious Body and Blood of Christ is accidentally spilled. Thank you for your cooperation, and may God have mercy on us all!

**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 in the church. 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 the 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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### 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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## PRAYER CORNER #2

*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. Dean, 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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### September Namedays:

Pañi's grandmother Maria Alexa – Nativity of Mary (NC 9/9)

Cora Dzadony - Martyr Coralia (9/14)  
Penelope Maruscak - Martyr Penelope (9/14)  
Maria Urban - Nativity of Mary (9/21)  
Sharon Peifer - Righteous Anna (9/22)  
Sophia Urban - Martyr Sophia (9/30)

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

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### September Birthdays:

Samuel Mainolfi (9/1), Dexter Torchia (9/1), Timothy Martin, Reader (9/2), Ruth Herbert (9/2), Ashley

Wertz Andrekovich (9/2), Fr. Bob Teklinski (9/3), Danielle Yakemawiz (9/5), Pañi Deborah Zak (9/7), Tina Scherer (9/11), Pañi Andrea Cochran (9/14), Pañi Daria Loposky (9/16), Cindy Morrison (9/17), Fr. Vincent Dranginis (9/19), Fr. Kenneth Ellis (9/19), Fr. Dave Urban (9/19), Fr. Matthew Moriak (9/20), Fr. David Smoley (9/20), Mark Martellotti (9/22), *Father's brother-in-law*, Brian Verbanick, Sr (9/22), Margaret (Peggy) Rusnak (9/24), Fr. R. Michael Zak (9/24), AJ (Matolyak) Ferraz (9/26), Cora Dzadony (9/28), Andrew Mirilovich (9/28), Shane Yakemawiz (9/28), Juliana Anton (9/29), Wendy Martellotti (9/29), Fr Dcn Art Steinstra (9/30)

*...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 *...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 *...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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### September Anniversaries:

Melanie & Michael Shuster (9/5/82)  
Marianne & Steven Kubis (9/6/14)  
*Father's sister*, Suzanne & Brian Verbanick (9/8/01)  
Barbara & Richard Gedid (9/17/83)  
Thomas & Carol Lorenzi (9/19/70)  
Ken & Paula Watson (9/24)  
Charles & Allison Kretchek (9/26/15)  
John & Barbara Kirish (9/28/96)

*...through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas*

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Ashley (*due in December*), Lauren (*December*) *...through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the Theotokos, 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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### A Prayer to the Theotokos

*(Strive to pray this ten times a day during the Dormition Fast)*

Hail Mary, full of grace, O Virgin Birthgiver of God, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have given birth to Christ, the Savior and deliverer of our souls.

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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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### **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.