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Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Viola Peifer; Kathy Schrmack; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Barbara Kirish; Carol Lorenzi; Joanne Nelson; Pani Branco; Cindy Pavilonis; Patty Watson.

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

The **Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Olga Radick, In Memory of Husband, Richard; and John Radick, In Memory of Father, Richard. May His Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Congratulations! to Fr. Matthew and Paňi Kathryn Dutko and their families on the birth of **Lazarus John** born on 10/21 (7.8 lbs.). Thank you for your prayers throughout her pregnancy!

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

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Thank You! to the recent generous anonymous donor of \$5,000. As you give in 'secret' – remember that God is paying attention ☺

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Monthly Calendar – Our parish calendar is constantly updated on our website, but if you wish to receive a monthly paper calendar of upcoming services and events at the church, please let Father know.

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Thank You! to everyone who brought in a coat over the recent months for FOCUS Pittsburgh. The coats were delivered this past week and they were ever so grateful for your stewardship generosity towards the surrounding community!

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Annual Turkey Bingo – will occur on **Sunday, November 19th**.

Donation is \$10 for admission with 3 cards. The doors will open at **2 pm** and the games begin at **3 pm**. All Bingo winners will receive a turkey as a prize. Plan to have supper at the church hall as the *Ethnic Kitchen* will be open and plenty of refreshments will be available.

In conjunction with the bingo we will also have a raffle of sporting tickets, Auction, Food Raffle, and baked goods available.

We ask you to help by offering some prizes for the Auction (formal request letters are available from Father to take to restaurants and businesses), to **donate unexpired food and/or paper products to be a part of the food basket raffle**, and to prepare some homemade baked goods to be sold on the afternoon of the bingo. Thank you in advance for your support!

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Purchasing Turkeys – Speaking of the Turkey Bingo... If you would like to assist in paying for the turkey prizes that will be used at the event, please see Tim Martin as he will be purchasing them soon. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Our Stewardship Gift To God

Dues/Stewardship:	\$ 513
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 341
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 458
Community Outreach:	\$ 20

Total Collections: \$ 1,332

Capital Improvement Fund: \$ 20

Anonymous Trust Fund Donation: \$ 5,000

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

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Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy – Our Christmas Candy Sale has begun! Order forms are in the Church Hall. Orders will be due by the Turkey Bingo (**November 19th**) and will be delivered in mid-December. Please see Tim Martin with any questions.

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Bulletin Sponsor – Please contact Fr Dave to sponsor a bulletin *In Memory* of someone or *In Honor* of (anniversary, birthday, etc.). Additional stewardship offering is kindly requested.

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

November 5: **Theresa Shapless**

November 12: **Steve Branco**

November 19: **Steve Branco**

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



St Nicholas Charity Dinner for the Pittsburgh Deanery will be on **Sunday, December 3rd** at a different location this year: **Edgewood Country Club** (100

Churchill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235). Doors open at 2:30pm (Dinner at 3:00). This annual dinner benefits our *Christ the Saviour Seminary*. Adults are \$30 and Children under 12 are \$10. (Please make checks payable to "Pittsburgh Deanery".) Please see Fr Dave by November 29th for your ticket(s). *Donations of any prizes to be raffled off at the dinner can be given to Father.*

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Winter Church Clean Up – will be on Saturday, December 9th. More details to come...

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Parish Stewardship Opportunities...

- As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)
- Take a Coffee Social week
- Attend an additional service at Church

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Pirohi Fest – St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (3455 California Avenue) will be having their Fall Pirohi Festival on **Saturday, November 4th** from 11a-6p. For more information on this event please call the parish office at 412-766-8801. Here is the menu that I have come across: **7 Varieties of pirohi:** potato and cheese, sauerkraut, half and half, loaded potato, jalapeno, farmer's cheese, lekvar (prune plum); **3 Kinds of Soup:** borscht, chicken noodle, mushroom barley; and **Baked goods**

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Walk To End Alzheimer's will be on **Saturday, November 4th** (Registration @7:30am; Ceremony @9:30; Walk Begins @10) at Stage AE on the North Shore. There is a 1 mi. or 2.5 mi. route. Please see Fr Dave if you are interested in walking or donating to this great cause!

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH

Fall Youth Encounter – will be on **November 10-12** at Camp Nazareth. **All youth of the diocese, ages 8-18 are invited to spend a weekend at Camp Nazareth, enjoying the fall weather and each other's company.** Please note, you do not have to be a Jr. ACRY member to attend! The weekend will consist of a religious talk, sports, fellowship, and some surprise activities. The cost for the weekend is \$90, and reservations should be made via e-mail (rachelprib@gmail.com) ASAP - with the Encounter participant's name, age, and any food allergies - with all forms mailed in by **November 1st**. Please visit <http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/encounter-2017> for additional information and to download all registration forms. *Never been to Camp before? This is the perfect opportunity to have a first exposure to camp if you are thinking of attending next summer for the first time!* Please feel free to contact Rachel Pribish, National Jr. ACRY Advisor at rachelprib@gmail.com or [\(908\)-247-2269](tel:(908)-247-2269) with any questions. Space is limited, and available on a first come first serve basis.

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Orthodoxy on Tap – The Pittsburgh Orthodox Young Adults (POYA) will host their next "Orthodoxy on Tap" on **Sunday, November 12th** at 6:30 pm at the Sharp Edge Beer Emporium (302 S St Clair St., Pgh., Pa 15206). Special guest speaker will be His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek who will speak on "Monastic Spirituality for Everyday Life". Come and learn about your faith!

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Evangelist Luke, "the Beloved Physician"

By Archbishop Lazar Puhalo

It has become a commonplace of critics to suggest doubts about the authorship of Luke's Gospel and the Book of Acts. Such doubts are, however, clearly unfounded. The evidence is conclusive that both treatises were written by a physician, and Luke was "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14) who wrote them. Both books demonstrate a knowledge of medicine and in both there are clear signs of medical diction.



It is Luke's Gospel that gives us a clear picture of Christ as the Divine physician, and redemption as a healing process. The reign ("kingdom") of God is proclaimed through the healing of the divisions and wounds in the fallen human nature. The human person is treated as a "whole being," as body and soul together, with no hint of any enmity between the two. Christ's activity as the healer of body and soul is accentuated in the Luke's Gospel where a distinction is clearly made between healing the body of organic illness, and exorcising demons, both mental and spiritual. The symbolism of God as a physician is carried still further in the concluding passages of Luke's Acts of the Apostles, where Paul illuminates the book's dominant note by paraphrasing God's proclamation to Isaiah (6:9-10) that His healing activity will henceforth be directed no longer exclusively to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Acts 28:25-28). Salvation is directly linked to healing in this passage.

The distinctive character that Luke, as a physician contributed to the New Testament by his writings is well established and has been discussed by many writers. We will add nothing

new, but only invite your attention to what has already been expressed many times.

Luke is sometimes referred to as, "the recorder of Christ's gentleness," and one might suggest that Luke was called to be an evangelist, as well as a scribe for Apostle Paul, because he was best equipped to understand the healing ministry of Christ.

Luke's training as a physician may be detected in his concern for the weaker and disenfranchised elements of society, the lowly, the poor, and women — a concern which reflects the nature of redemption itself. Apostle Paul tells us directly that Luke was a physician (Col. 4:14). Passages from his writings containing elements of his scientific knowledge and awareness of the principles of medical diagnosis have been examined by many qualified writers, and scholars have identified places in Luke's writings where language shaded with medical phraseology has been used. Where Luke speaks as an eye witness to an event, he employs not only medical diction, but medical metaphors.^[2] Apostle Luke was, therefore, well equipped to establish the concept of the healing process of redemption and demonstrates that healing and redemption pertain to the whole psychophysical being that is man. This concept would be reflected later in the words of St Basil the Great, who himself established medical clinics and hospitals:

This is foremost in the Saviour's incarnate ekonomia: to gather human nature to itself and to Himself and, having abolished this evil cleavage, to restore the original unity, as the best of physician binds up a body that has been broken in many places, using healing ointments.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787)

Commemorated after October 24/11



The Seventh Ecumenical Council, convoked by the Empress Irene and met at Nicaea from September 24 to October 13, 787. Patriarch Tarasios (commemorated February 25) presided. The council ended almost fifty years of iconoclast persecution and established the veneration of the holy icons as basic to the belief and spirituality of Christ's Church. As the Synaxarion says, "It was not simply the veneration of the holy images that the Fathers defended in these terms but, in fact, the very reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God."

"The second Council of Nicaea is the seventh and last Ecumenical Council recognized by the Orthodox Church. This does not mean that there

may not be ecumenical Councils in the future although, in holding the seventh place, the Council of Nicaea has taken to itself the symbol of perfection and completion represented by this number in Holy Scripture (e.g. Gen. 2:1-3). It closes the era of the great dogmatic disputes which enabled the Church to describe, in definitions excluding all ambiguity, the bounds of the holy Orthodox Faith. From that time, every heresy that appears can be related to one or other of the errors that the Church, assembled in universal Councils, has anathematized from the 1st until the 7th Council of Nicaea." (Synaxarion)

In practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 24/11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 24/11.

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion

Commemorated on October 29/16



The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, saw service in Judea under the command of the procurator, Pontius Pilate. During the time of the execution of the Saviour it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus, which stood watch around Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eye-witnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events jolted the soul of the soldier. Longinus believed then in Christ and before everyone confessed that, "in truth – this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27: 54). (according to Church tradition, Longinus was that soldier, who with a spear pierced the side of the Crucified Saviour, and from the outflowing of blood and water received healing from an eye affliction).

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Saviour, Longinus with his company stood watch at the Sepulchre of the Lord. Here the soldiers were given to behold the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews persuaded them with a bribe to bear false witness that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. Having believed in the Saviour, the soldiers accepted Baptism from the apostles and decided to forsake military service. Longinus quit Judea and set out preaching about Christ Jesus the Son of God in his native land, in Cappadocia. His two comrades also followed after him. The

fiery words of actual participants of the great occurrences in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread about in the city and the surrounding villages. Having learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to dispatch a company of soldiers to Cappadocia, to kill Longinus and his comrades. The dispatched company of soldiers arrived in the native village of Longinus; the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers told about the purpose of their arrival, not knowing – that the master of the house – was that very selfsame man, whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his fellows identified themselves and asked the surprised soldiers, unperturbedly, to do their duty of military service. The soldiers wanted to set free the saints and advised them to flee, but the saints refused to do this, shewing firmness of will to accept suffering for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried there where the saints made their final witness, and the cut-off heads were sent on to Pilate. Pilate gave orders to cast the martyrs on the trash-heap outside the city walls. After a certain while a certain blind woman arrived in Jerusalem to pray at the holy places. Saint Longinus appeared to her in a dream and said, that she should find his head and bury it. They led the blind woman to the rubbish heap. Having touched the head of the martyr, the woman was granted sight to her eyes. She reverently conveyed the venerable head to Cappadocia and there gave it burial.

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

"We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope."

+St. Nektarios of Aegina

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"Do not be ashamed to enter again into the Church. Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance. However, sin has the shame and repentance possesses the courage." +*St. John Chrysostom, Homily 8, "On Repentance and Almsgiving"*

SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am–4pm OR by appointment.

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

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

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

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

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the

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

Baptisms – Please consult Father for details.

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

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

PRAYER CORNER

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

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



For the Health of... Mildred, Anna Mae, Julie, Jane, Eleanor D., Mark, Viola, Juliana, Nathaniel, Katie, Kenneth, Michael, Teresa, Susan, Roberta, Fr Shuster, Thomas, Fredrick, Helen B., Steven, Bruce, Wendy, Gary, Barbara, Valerie, Michael, Peter, John S., Matthew, John U., Regina, James, Patricia, Denise, Lino, Alyssa, Pañi Ann Kozar ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

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

For Expectant Mothers... Pañi Ileana, Amee ...through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.

Birthday Prayers for... Mareena Shuster (10/29), Ryan Schrmack (10/30), Noah Winkler (10/31), Fr Joseph Birthisel (11/2), and Viola Peifer (11/4/31)...*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! Na Mnohaia I Blahaia L'ita!*

Anniversary Prayers for... Doug & Elizabeth (Radomsky) Delaney (11/1) ...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!

For the soul of the newly departed... the Priest, Very Reverend +Charles Sunderland ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Memory eternal!*

* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you would 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 and sisters in Christ. Those whom we add to the list do **NOT** need to be Orthodox Christians.

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

A Prayer in Time of Need

Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, come to my help and deliver me from this difficulty that besets me. I believe Lord, that all trials of life are under Your care and that all things work for the good of those who love You. Take away from me fear, anxiety and distress. Help me to face and endure my difficulty with faith, courage and wisdom. Grant that this trial may bring me closer to You for You are my rock and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.