



# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church



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## A Two Week Bulletin

Volume IV

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 6 Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 20: 16- 18, 28- 36; Gospel: John 17: 1- 13  
additional collection for our Capital Improvement Fund



## SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, June 15** – 9:30am All Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy and Panachida (final for the year)  
The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

Monday	St. Ignatius, bishop and wonderworker of Rostov (1288)	Acts 21:8-14	John 14:27-15:7
Tuesday	Virgin-martyr Theodosia of Constantinople (730)	Acts 21:26-32	John 16:2-13
* Wednesday	Martyr Natalius	Acts 23:1-11	John 16:15-23
Thursday	Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.)	Acts 25:13-19	John 16:23-33
* Friday	St. Mertius the Farmer of Myra in Lycia (912)	Acts 27: 1- 44	John 17:18-26
Saturday	St. Nicephorus the Confessor (829).	Acts 28: 1- 31	John 21:15-25

\* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

No Kneeling in Prayer till after Sunday's Liturgy; Replace "O Heavenly King" with the Ascension Prokimen

### June 16 – Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost / Rusalja) "Green Sunday"

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Tone 7 Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Acts 2: 1- 11; Gospel: John 7: 37- 52; 8: 12

YOUTH Sunday / Father's Day / Kneeling Prayers following the Divine Liturgy / Panachida

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**Pentecost Monday, June 17** – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for Holy Spirit Day with Gospel Procession

**Saturday, June 22** – 4:05 Pittsburgh Pirates' Faith "Night" at PNC Park

Monday	St. Metrophanes, first patriarch of Constantinople (325)	Ephesians 5:9-19	Matthew 18:10-20
Tuesday	Venerable Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt (466)	Romans 1:1-7,13-17	Matthew 4:25-5:13
Wednesday	Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303)	Romans 1:18-27	Matthew 5:20-26
Thursday	St. Theodore, bishop of Rostov and Suzdal (1023)	Romans 1:28-2:9	Matthew 5:27-32
Friday	Venerable Cyril, abbot of White Lake (1427)	Romans 2:24-29	Matthew 5:33-41
Saturday	Hieromartyr Timothy, bishop of Prusa (362)	Romans 1:7-12	Matthew 5:42-48

A FAST FREE WEEK \* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Feast (in moderation) as they did!

### June 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of All Saints

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Tone 8 Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33,37-38,19:27-30

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## A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

**Glory Be To Jesus Christ!** (responded with: **Glory Be Forever!**)  
**Slava Isusu Christu!** (Slava Na Viki!)

We are happy that you have joined us today! Please join us downstairs for coffee and a bite to eat. 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 in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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### This Bulletin Is Offered:

In Honor of the  
Birthday of  
Anthony Horbal  
(6/17).  
May God grant  
him many and  
blessed years!



## LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



**Monday, June 24** – Apostles' (Peter and Paul) Fast Begins / 9:30am Akathist to Saints Peter and Paul

**Saturday, June 29** – 11-1 Mystery of Holy Confession offered

**Sunday, June 30** – Graduate Sunday / Additional Collection for our Community Outreach

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## PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)

**P** Faith "Night" at PNC Park – will be on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **4:05** (Pgh Pirates vs. SD Padres). We are organizing a group of tickets in **sections 130/132**. Tickets are **\$25 and**

**you get a \$5 concessions voucher** with it. Please contact Wendy Martellotti at 412-583-6254 or [martellotti11@verizon.net](mailto:martellotti11@verizon.net) to reserve your tickets today. (Please plan to pre-pay.) And Let's Go Bucs!

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**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Eleanor Sanger; Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Mary Jane Hudak; Rich Mirilovich; Joanne Nelson; Cindy Pavilonis.

***"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

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Our annual garage sale is **not finalized**. We need to get a sense of who is willing to offer some time in the prep for or actual garage sale. **Please sign up on the sheet in the church hall.**

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**Garden Blessings** – How's your garden coming along? Time to get it blessed! *(The format of the blessing is similar to our annual house blessing.)* Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested.

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**34 Days Till Camp!** – **Have you registered your kids yet?!!?** Please talk with Fr Dave before registering to get the online code that you will need. Information regarding registration is available at: [www.CampNazareth.org](http://www.CampNazareth.org). Our ACRY is offering a partial 'Campership' for assistance and additional assistance is also available if needed. *If you have never been to Camp Nazareth, you do not know what you are missing!* Our Deanery Camping week is **July 14-20** with the theme "Being Believing". Please talk to Fr Dave if you have any questions.

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**Science & Nature Week** will be **August 4-10** at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA). Registration is available online.

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**Exploring Orthodoxy** – *reservations have been made so please mark your calendars for this fall's Exploring Orthodoxy on the 5 Wednesday's from **October 23 thru November 20** from 7pm ~ 8pm at Eat'n Park (2650 Brandt School Road, Wexford). What's Exploring Orthodoxy you say? Please ask Father Dave...*

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## ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

### Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **June 10-15** – Koimissis (2111 Davidson St., Aliquippa) *Greek*
- **June 11-14** – Holy Cross (123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **June 23-30** – Holy Dormition (12 Washington Ave., Oakmont) *Greek*



Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church hall for times and more information or visit [holytrinitypgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide](http://holytrinitypgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide)

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**Diocesan Sobor Essay Contest** – We are inviting all high school juniors and seniors as well as college students to participate in writing an essay, maximum 1,500 words, about the Orthodox Christian perspective on one of the following topics: *Abortion; End of Life Issues; Same-sex Marriage; Wealth and Poverty; or Violence, Conflict and War.* All submissions will be printed in the Sobor Journal which will be issued at the XXIV Council. Students are asked to submit their essays as a WORD document to the Chancellor at: [fpmiloro@atlanticbb.net](mailto:fpmiloro@atlanticbb.net), no later than **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please note: applicant's names should not be included on their essays so that essays can be judged without bias. Three monetary awards will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- \$400; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$300. Please contact Father Dave with any questions

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### Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 66
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 205
Envelopes:	\$ 656
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 927</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>

*Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3*

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**Legacy Gift to our Parish** – *We have been blessed with the generosity of the Potoski Family as we have received \$10,000 in memory of +Julie Potoski and +Jane Barrett. May their memory be eternal! And may God bless Jim Potoski in his journey! Many Years!*

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### Reader of the Third Hour:

June 16: John Kirish

June 23: Available to you

June 30: Available to you

*This should begin by 9:15 and can be read or chanted. Please contact Fr Dave if you are interested in participating in this wonderful stewardship prayer opportunity!*

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### Coffee Social Steward Schedule

June 16: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

June 23: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

June 30: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

*The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!*

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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)

You Tube: [youtube.com/acroddioocese](https://youtube.com/acroddioocese)

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## ST JOHN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting donations for **The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration**. This drive is in preparation for their patronal feast day celebration later this summer. *This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Monastery!* Please place your physical donations on the bar in the Church Hall. We will also take up our monthly community outreach monetary collection at the end of the month for them. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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### The Priest-Martyr Therapontos, Bishop of Sardis

Commemorated on June 9 / May 27

The PriestMartyr Therapontos, Bishop of Sardis suffered for Christ during the III Century (the city of Sardis, or Sarda, was situated in the Asia Minor district of Lydia). In fulfilling his priestly service, Saint Therapontos enlightened with the light of the Christian faith and baptised many of the pagan-Hellenes (Greeks). For this, he was brought to trial before the governor Julian and fearlessly declared himself a Christian bishop. They threw him into prison, where for a long time he languished with hunger and thirst, and then they gave him over to cruel tortures, but the torments did not break the saint's valiant confessing of faith. In chains they led



off the saint to the city of Sinaion in Phrygia, and thence to Ancyra. In these cities they again tortured him. They took him to the River Astala, where they stretched him cross-form and bare upon the ground, fastened to four posts driven into the ground, and they beat him fiercely. After this torture, they took the passion-bearer of Christ off to the outskirts of the Satalia diocese, part of the Sardis metropolitanate, and here after long beatings Saint Therapontos ended with his martyr's deed. The dry posts, to which the saint had been tied, and having soaked up his blood, gave forth green shoots and grew into large trees, the leaves of which were found to have curative powers through which many people received graced healing.

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## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures."* +Saint John Chrysostom

**Epistle:** Acts 20:16–18, 28–36

<sup>16</sup>For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

### Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

<sup>17</sup>And from Mile'tus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>28</sup>Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

<sup>36</sup>And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**Gospel:** John 17:1–13

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, <sup>2</sup>since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; <sup>5</sup>and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; <sup>8</sup>for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; <sup>10</sup>all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

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**Next Sunday's Epistle: Acts 2: 1- 11**

**The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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**Next Sunday's Gospel: John 7: 37- 52; 8: 12**

**Rivers of Living Water**

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. 38 He who believes

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**LIVING ORTHODOXY**

**Submitting: Do we think ourselves wiser than the Church?**

In an age of unbelief it can be a struggle to submit to the laws of the Church. When the society around us regards the Church's laws and traditions unfavorably, we can easily give in to thinking the same thing, and disregard the canons and statutes of the Church of Christ. If our work associates and friends, or even family members, think our adherence to the periods of fasting is extreme, we can find ourselves giving in to peer pressure, just as children are known to do. If our taking time out from work to attend special feast day services is criticized by co-workers as being excessive, do we decline to ask for the day off for the next feast day?

If we allow ourselves to choose the traditions and societal structures of those around us, in preference to the Church's traditions, canons and laws, we will soon find ourselves betraying our Christian faith. Christianity was not meant to be easy, but is by nature compared to doing battle. If we desire the easy comforts and pleasures of this world, we will eventually lose the battle, and we will perish. If we prefer the laws of this world over the laws of the Church, in the end we will have lost that which is most essential and eternal in value.

In times of turmoil and earthly hardship will we find we have not built up the spiritual strength

in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Division among the People**

40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee?" 42 Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

**The Unbelief of Those in Authority**

45 The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" 46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" 47 The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also?" 48 Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." 50 Nicode'mus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

**Jesus the Light of the World**

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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and fortitude to stand strong against the winds of destruction that lay hold our lives, and we will have lost the battle. Submitting to mere human traditions and authority, we will find that a thief will have taken the very treasure that is the Kingdom of God, and we will be left by the wayside, the Gates of Heaven having been closed to us.

If we revile the laws of the Church we will have reviled Christ Himself, Who is the Head of the Church. This is true because the laws of the Church were given by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles, and are therefore not simply the traditions of man.

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon



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## SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

“A Christian is one who, wherever he looks, finds Christ and rejoices in Him” - Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, from his book For the Life of the World

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“Every man on earth is sick with the fever of sin, with the blindness of sin, is overcome by the fury of sin; and as sins mostly consist in malice and pride, it is necessary to treat every- one who suffers from the malady of sin with kindness and love. This is an important truth, which we often forget. We often, very often, act in opposition to this truth; we add malice to malice by our anger, we oppose pride to pride.” +St. John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

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“And so it is incumbent upon us to strive, rather, to correct our faults and to improve our behavior.” +St. John Cassian

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## 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.

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**For the Health of...** David, John, Patricia, John, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Steven, Doug, Joanne, Lynn, Mary, Kathy N., Emily, Anthony, Eleanor ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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**For the Special Intentions of...** Metropolitan Gregory, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Michael, Daniel, and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Donald, Jane, Margaret, Eleanor, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Melanie, Michael, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach, Vision for Life ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):** *your name here* – Saint \_\_\_\_\_. *(Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Christina (Brancho) Chow (6/12), Makaela Kirish (6/12), Fr. Nicholas Mihaly (6/13), Kylee Winkler (6/14), Rebecca Zak (6/15), Julia Lanick (6/16/27), Aaron Zak (6/16), Anthony Horbal (6/17), Katherine Chow (6/20), Donna (Lanick) Staub (6/20), Pañi Melissa Chendorain (6/20) ...*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 Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

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**For our Catechumens & Inquirers...**

Dustin, Stephen, Peter, Anthony, Sheila, Anna Marie, Katie, Alexis, Sophie ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

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**For those preparing for Marriage...** Andrew & Davina, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** Pañi's Parents, Stelian & Alexandrina Popescu (6/9), Father's Parents, Dave & Andrea Urban (6/16) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Faith, Hayley, Alisha

...*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, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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**For the souls of the newly departed...** Pañi Charlotte Conjelko (6/5) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal be their Memory!*

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\* 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 & sisters in Christ. This prayer list is NOT limited to Orthodox Christians.

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## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

**Prokimen from the Feast of Ascension**

Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth.  
*Voznesisja na nebesa Bože, i po vsej ze mi slava tvoja.*